

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

<p>1. DATE</p> <p>21 April 1955</p>	<p>2. LOCATION</p> <p>New Orleans, Louisiana</p>		<p>12. CONCLUSIONS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown</p>
<p>3. DATE-TIME GROUP</p> <p>Local _____</p> <p>GMT 21/2200Z</p>	<p>4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar</p>		
<p>5. PHOTOS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>6. SOURCE</p> <p>Military</p>		
<p>7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</p> <p>1 to 1½ minutes</p>	<p>8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</p> <p>one</p>	<p>9. COURSE</p> <p>SW</p>	
<p>10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING</p> <p>One object with the appearance of a delta wing a/c was observed by the source while flying over New Orleans as an observer. Object appeared to be bright silver in color.</p>		<p>11. COMMENTS</p> <p>Investigated by Flight 2-C with the conclusion that the object in question was probably a/c.</p>	

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: UFOB

AREA REPORTED ON: NEW ORLEANS, LA. (GEORGE-ER405558) FROM (Agency): FLIGHT 2-C, 4602d ATSS

DATE OF REPORT: 26 April 1955 DATE OF INFORMATION: 21 APRIL 1955 EVALUATION:

PREPARED BY (Office): RICHARD C. VAUGHN, 1ST LT., USAF SOURCE: SGT LOUIS PONTICELLI

REFERENCES (Cite number, directory, previous report, etc., as applicable): FT NSG (UFOB 2123074) APRIL 1955, RFD SV CEN, MAXWELL AFB, GA.

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one sentence paragraph. List instances of losses left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part 2.)

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- PART TWO: Supplementary Investigative Efforts
- PART THREE: Comments of Preparing Officer

II. SUMMARY: Report of UFOB sighting by SGT LOUIS PONTICELLI on 21/2200Z April 1955

III. INVESTIGATORS: 1ST LT RICHARD C. VAUGHN AO 1860325
M/SGT WILLIS B. MINOR AF 6937008

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Officer in Charge

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I. SOURCE: Sgt Louis Ponticelli

Address: 1542 St. Bernard Avenue, New Orleans, La

Age: Unknown

Occupation: Instructor, Army Senior Air Instructions Office,
New Orleans Airport, La

Education: Unknown

Qualifications: Served a tour in Korea as an aircraft
observer

II. RELIABILITY: Sgt Louis Ponticelli has completed 9 1/2 years active service in the Regular Army. Most of his service has been in connection with army aviation. His duties have included a tour in an airborne organization, and a tour as an aircraft observer in Korea. In view of his familiarity of known flying objects, he is considered reliable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: OBSERVER was flying in a north-westerly direction 5 miles N-E of MOISANT AIRPORT, NEW ORLEANS, LA (Geographic HQ 460) at an altitude of 5,000 feet and an airspeed of 95-100 MPH. OBSERVER was acting as safety observer for pilot, Lt Melach, who was doing instrument work under the hood in an L-19 aircraft Serial No. ANA 112034. Object was first sighted when the pilot started into a 90 degree turn to the left. At first, OBSERVER thought the object was a large jet aircraft but when it appeared to be stationary he assumed it to be something else. It appeared to be shaped like a delta wing, bright silver in color, and about the size of a B-17 tail when viewed from short distance. OBSERVER continued to watch the object through the turn and for a period of 1 1/2 to 2 minutes. Object appeared to be hovering over MOISANT AIRPORT at an altitude of approximately 15,000 feet. OBSERVER stated that there was broken clouds at 5,000 feet but during the sighting the object remained in sight and was much brighter than the sky. Sight of the object was lost when OBSERVER'S aircraft flew into a cloud and could not be located again when the aircraft emerged from the cloud. OBSERVER radioed MOISANT AIRPORT TOWER to locate the object on radar but the radar station was busy tracking aircraft and made no attempt to locate the object.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE MEMORANDUM

1. A check was made with the Naval Air Station, New Orleans, La for possible aircraft in the area at the time of the sighting. Negative results.

2. Information from the Flight Service Center, Maxwell AFB, Ala revealed the following:

a. Weather balloons were released by the Moisant Airport Weather Station, New Orleans, La at 21/2100Z April 1955.

b. The Naval Weather Station, New Orleans, La, AWC Weather Station, New Orleans, La, and other weather stations south and west of New Orleans, La revealed that no balloons were released that would account for the sighting.

c. Numerous aircraft were in the New Orleans, La area at the time of the sighting.

(1) One USAF T-6, Serial # AF 5106, out of Hondo, Texas arrived New Orleans Airport at 21/2420Z April 1955. Possible over-flight.

(2) One USAF C-45, Serial # AF 11574, departed Keesler AFB, Miss at 21/2135Z April 1955 en route to Bergstrom AFB, Texas.

(3) One USAF B-25, Serial # AF 30073, departed Dallas, Texas at 21/1911Z April 1955 for Eglin AFB, Fla.

(4) One Navy SNB, Serial # 05554, departed Corpus Christi, Texas at 21/2048Z April 1955 for New Orleans, La.

(5) One USAF C-45, Serial # AF 93606, departed Ellington AFB, Texas at 21/1830Z April 1955 arriving at Tyndall AFB, Fla at 21/2218Z April 1955.

(6) One Navy F6F, Serial # 79347, departed New Orleans, La at 21/2129Z April 1955 en route to Pensacola, Fla.

(7) One USAF RB-36, Poddler 23, departed Travis AFB, Calif at 21/0652Z April 1955 on a training mission and due over New Orleans, La at approximately the time of the sighting.

(8) One USAF B-47, Purdue 32, departed Pinecastle AFB, Fla at 21/1640Z April 1955 on a training mission and due over New Orleans, La, altitude 35,000 feet, at approximately the time of the sighting.

(9) One USAF C-46, Serial # AF 07346, departed Stillwater, Okla at 21/1815Z April 1955 en route to Florida using New Orleans as a check point.

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FLIGHT 2-6 46020 AASS

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. In the opinion of the Preparing Officer, this sighting was probably caused by an USIA aircraft for the following reasons:

a. Balloons released by the Moisant Weather Station at 21/2100z April 1955, one hour prior to the sighting, would have been carried out of the Moisant airport area by prevailing westerly winds.

b. Check with weather stations south and west of New Orleans by Flight Service Center, Maxwell AFB, revealed no weather balloons released that would account for the sighting.

c. Numerous aircraft could have been in the New Orleans area at the time of the sighting.

d. Only one person reported the sighting.

e. Source observed the object from a moving aircraft which could have been traveling in the same direction, therefore, giving the object the appearance of hovering.

f. Duration of sighting could have been less than observed reported as he only estimated the time.

Richard G. Vaughn
RICHARD G. VAUGHN
1ST LT., USAF
Officer in Charge

COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Concur with the opinion of the Preparing Officer that this sighting was probably caused by an aircraft.

James

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INFORMATION

CORRECTED COPY OF MESSAGE
PREVIOUSLY RELEASED

JEDWP/AIR TECHNICAL INTEL CEN WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB /ATTN AT1AA-2C/
INFO BEPW/DNI
ZEN/COMNAVEASTCONAD

Y 212246Z

FM CMDR FLTT SVC CNTR MAXWELL AFB ALA
TO JEDEN/COMMANDER ADC ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLO
JEPHQ/CHIEF OF STAFF USAF WASHINGTON 25 DC
BEPC/COMNAVEASTSEAFON

/CIRVIS/

ANG 034

PILOT OF ANG 034 SIGHTED LARGE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT
COLOR SILVER RESEMBLING DELTA WING OVER THE CITY OF
NEW ORLEANS AT 1600C ESTIMATED 15000 FT

OBJECT MONTIONLESS

NONE

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1. Atia
2.
3. Atimg-2
4. Rfile

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RE135

WPD125 TYC137 TDC138BT138

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DO JEPHQ JEDWP BEPW ✓

DE BEGC 24A ✓

O 220436Z ✓

FM COMEASTSEAFRTN ✓

TO ZEN/EADP STEWART AFB

JEPHQ/DIRINTEL USAF WASHDC

JEDWP/AIR TECHNICAL INTEL CEN WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB ATTN AT1AA-20 ✓

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1. Atea
2.
3. Omega-2
4. R file

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TO JEDEN/COMDR AIR DEFENSE COMMAND ENT AFB COLO SPRINGS COLO

INFO / CHIEF OF STAFF USAF WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

INFO/COMNAVEAST SEAFRTN

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REFERENCE CI

VIS REPORT OF SIGHTING OVER NEW ORLEANS AT 1630C

AIRCRAFT WAS ANG 112234, AN L-19 . THE PILOT, LT. WELSH, WAS DOING

RADAR WORK UNDER AMOOD, AND HIS SAFETY OBSERVER,

SGT. PONTICELLI SIGHTED THE OBJECT. THE L-19 WAS 3 MILES

NORTHEAST OF MOISANT AIRPORT AND THE OBJECT APPEARED TO BE OVER

MOISANT AIRPORT. OBJECT WAS IN VIEW 1 AND 1/2 TO 2 MINUTES THE L-19

DROPPED INTO CLOUDS AND OBJECT WAS NOT SEEN AGAIN

SIGNED GOLINSKY

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JEPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HDQS USAF, WASH, 25 D.C.

JESKB/CMDR 35TH AIR DIVISION (DEF) DOBBINS AFB MARIETTA GEORGIA

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INFO/ 212307Z/

1. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT

A. DELTA WING SHAPE

B. UNK

C. SLIVER

D. ONE

E. N/A

F. UNK

G. UNK

H. UNK

1. Atta
2.
3. Atamp-2
4. R file

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1. UNK

2. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT

1. UNK

2. UNK

3. UNK

4. STATIONARY

1. UNK

5. 1 1/2 TO 2 MINUTES.

6. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

1. N/A

2. N/A

3. ANG 12234 L-19

7. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

1. 212238Z

2. DAY

8. LOCATIONS OF OBSERVER

OVER NEW ORLEANS

9. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBSERVERS

1. CIVILIAN N/A

2. MILITARY

UNK

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1. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING

2. UNK

3. SURFACE	DEGREES/213	KNOTS 13
0000 FEET	DEGREES/200	KNOTS 10
10,000 FEET	DEGREES/300	KNOTS 20
15,000 FEET	DEGREES/280	KNOTS 20
20,000 FEET	DEGREES/250	KNOTS 40
30,000 FEET	DEGREES/270	KNOTS 100
50,000 FEET	DEGREES/280	KNOTS 60
60,000 FEET	DEGREES/270	KNOTS 60

4. CEILING 4500 BRKN 50000 OVCST

5. VISIBILITY 10

6. CLOUD COVER 10/10

7. THUNDERSTORMS NONE TURG CB IN VCTY

8. NONE

9. UNK

10. UNK

11. OPERATIONS OFFICE, MAXWELL FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER , MAXWELL
AFB ALABAMA.

12. NONE

SIGNED GOLINSKY EMB

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FORM 201 105 STANDARD RECORDING SYSTEMS 1 2400 0 2 10

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