

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 30 April 1955	2. LOCATION Rome, Georgia		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 01/0110Z May	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION approx two minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS two	9. COURSE to northwest	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Father and nine year old son observed aircraft of conventional type passing overhead. As plane flew away two flaming objects appeared to separate from the a/c, one in each direction from the wing tips.		11. COMMENTS Investigation by flight 3-C reveals there was a flight of four a/c practicing break-ups over Rome during the time of sighting. Probably the observers noted the above mentioned a/c.	

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SUBJECT: UFOB

AREA REPORTED ON: ROME, GEORGIA (GRID 5016) FROM (Agency): FLIGHT 2-C, 4602d AFS

DATE OF REPORT: 3 MAY 1955 DATE OF INFORMATION: 1 MAY 1955

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REFERENCE(S): AF SEC INT 2402 DTS 010452 MAY 1955 35th AD JMB, D/L 35th AD JMB, D/L 35th AD JMB, D/L 35th AD JMB

SUMMARY (Only when necessary):

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II. SUMMARY: Report of UFOB sighting by [redacted] 010402 1955

III. INVESTIGATORS: 1ST LT RICHARD C. VAUGHN AG 186022, USAF W/Sec WINGS B. JENOR AF 697008

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I. SOURCE: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Rome, Georgia

Age: Unknown

Occupation: Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, Marietta, Georgia

Education: Unknown

Qualifications: Familiar with present day conventional aircraft

II. RELIABILITY: Due to the conflicting reports Source gave Base Operations, Dobbins AFB, D/I 55th AD, Dobbins AFB, and Flt 2-0, reliability is questionable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: Shortly after nightfall at 010110Z May 1955, SOURCE and his small boy, age 9 years, were working in the back yard of their home at [REDACTED] ROME, GEORGIA (GJEE 5016) when an aircraft flew over heading N-W at an altitude of 1500-2500 feet. SOURCE stated that the aircraft was definitely of conventional design, had a reciprocating engine or engines, was displaying running lights, and traveling at rather slow speed as compared to a jet aircraft. After the aircraft passed over, SOURCE continued with his work as there was nothing unusual about the aircraft.

Shortly thereafter, SOURCE stated his son called his attention to the aircraft again and what appeared to be a fireball, about the size of a shooting star without a tail, departing from the left wing or the left side of the aircraft and traveling in a westerly direction at the same speed as the aircraft, which continued on N-W. The fireball seemed to climb slightly as it continued in a straight path to the west. The fireball was fairly bright for 30 seconds and faded out of view in about 1 1/2 minutes but never lost altitude. After the fireball disappeared, SOURCE stated his son spoke of a second fireball which departed from the right side of the aircraft and disappeared to the north in the same manner. SOURCE stated that he did not see the second fireball because of a tree in his line of vision. At first SOURCE thought the aircraft was practicing some sort of night maneuvers but the fireballs seemed to be unusual so he reported the sighting to Base Operations, Dobbins AFB as he thought the aircraft would probably be from there. About one hour after the sighting, SOURCE stated that what he thought was the same aircraft came back over flying in a S-E direction at the same altitude, speed, and displaying running lights.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. A check with the 4674th G.O.S., Dobbins AFB, revealed that no reports of any unusual aerial activity had been received through any of their filter centers.

2. Flight Service Center, Maxwell AFB, Ala made the following checks with negative results:

- a. McChesney-Tyson Airport, Tenn.
- b. Donaldson AFB, S.C.
- c. Sewart AFB, Tenn.
- d. Berry-Nashville Airport, Tenn.
- e. Memphis Naval Air Station, Tenn.
- f. Memphis Municipal Airport, Tenn.

3. Base Operations, Dobbins AFB revealed that the observer, Mr. [REDACTED] first reported the sighting to Base Operations. The report of the sighting given to Base Operations differed considerably from the report Source gave F2C Investigators. Observer reported to Base Operations, DAFB that the aircraft was 4000-5000 feet altitude flying North, and the aircraft appeared to drop a smaller aircraft which flew West. Mother aircraft continued North.

Base Operations, DAFB stated that no local aircraft was in the Rome, Ga area at the time of the sighting and that no other information on the sighting was received from any other source.

4. A check was made with the Municipal Airport, Atlanta, Georgia. No unusual activity reported.

5. Information received from Bradley Observatory, Atlanta, Georgia indicated that no unusual observations were made or were reported to the Observatory during the past week.

6. Operations Officer, Naval Air Station, Chamblee, Georgia revealed that two flights of four aircraft each were practicing tactical formation flying and tactical break-ups in the Rome, Georgia area between 010100Z and 010100Z May 1955.

Operations Officer described these aircraft as Navy P404's a single engine aircraft, having a collector ring exhaust system with the single exhaust port at the bottom section of the collector ring. Also during these tactical break-ups all aircraft would display running lights. Before the tactical break-up the all aircraft may or may not display running lights.

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COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. In the opinion of the Preparing Officer, this sighting was probably caused by one of these flights of Navy F4U aircraft when the wing man in the flight dispersed to the right and left in a tactical break-up for the following reasons:

a. Source first reported that a small aircraft departed from mother aircraft. What he probably first saw was the flight of four aircraft and thought they were one aircraft. When the left wing man peeled off, it took on the appearance of a small aircraft departing from a larger aircraft.

b. Source's report to F2C Investigations was considerably different than he first reported to Base Operations, Dobbins AFB. The fireball he described could have been the exhaust flame from the aircraft or may have been the running lights.

c. The sighting was made shortly after nightfall, therefore several persons in the Rome, Georgia area must have witnessed the same sighting but didn't see anything unusual about it.

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COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Concur in the opinion of the Preparing Officer that sighting was caused by a flight of conventional type aircraft as explained in this report.

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3. Have AF pilots ever shot at, or
 ever been ordered to fire at UFOs?
 A. No case on record.

Recorded facts: On April 8, 1955, AF
 jets fired on a UFO circling a balloon
 near Rockford, Ill. Missing the UFO,
 the jets set the balloon on fire.
 (Confirmed by GOC spotters, including
 J.C. Gregory, Rockford Civil Defense
 official.) On Dec. 30, 1949, the
 following statement was made by
 [unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
 [unclear], with the approval of General
 Cory Smith, Director of AF Public In-
 formation, who was present: At first
 the AF was so anxious to bring down
 a UFO for examination that pilots
 were told to get one by any means
 possible. Some pilots, being added,
 had fired at UFOs for this reason.

Rockford, Illinois
8 April

Nuclear Test Today

LAS VEGAS, Nev., April 5 (AP). —Atomic scientists changed their minds today and rescheduled for 9 a. m. tomorrow the highest nuclear test made in the United States. An earlier announcement said there would be no test tomorrow because of unfavorable weather. However, a later re-evaluation apparently indicated improving wind conditions aloft. The shot, designed to wipe out an enemy air fleet, is to be touched off six miles above the proving ground at Yucca Flat.

1 - 15 MAY 1955 SIGHTINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
May	Miami, Florida	[REDACTED]	Other (UNRELIABLE RPT)
3	New York City, New York (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Insufficient Data
4	Keflavic Airport, Iceland	Military	UNIDENTIFIED
4	Fellows, California	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
7	Baltimore, Maryland (FOLDER) ^{IN SEPARATE FOLDER}	[REDACTED] (PHYS S)	Other (VALVE WHEEL)
7	Glenburnie, Maryland	[REDACTED]	Balloon
7	29 Palms, California	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
8	Klamath Falls, Oregon	[REDACTED]	Balloon
8	Long Beach, Mississippi	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
9	Ukiah, California	[REDACTED]	Astro (JUPITER)
10	Terryville, Connecticut	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
11	Thurmon, Colorado	Civil Airlines	Aircraft
11	Yonkers, New York	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
11	Munday, New York	[REDACTED]	Astro (JUPITER)
11	Tinker AFB, Oklahoma	Military	Astro (METEOR)
13	Bear Island, Maine	[REDACTED]	Other (AIRCRAFT FLARES)
13	Charleston, Maine	[REDACTED]	Other (AIRCRAFT FLARES)
13	Duluth, Minnesota	Air (RADAR)	Aircraft
13	Old Town, Maine	[REDACTED]	Other (AIRCRAFT FLARES)
13	Hollister, California	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
14	Fargo, North Dakota	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
14	Syracuse, New York	[REDACTED]	Balloon
15	Little Falls, New Jersey	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
15	New York City, New York	[REDACTED] (PHOTO)	Other (HOAX)

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TO JEDEN/COMDR ADC INT AFB COLO SPRCS COLO

JEDWP/COMDR ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

JEPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HDQRTS USAF WASH 25 DC

INFO JEPNE/COMDR EADF STEWART AFB NY

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UNCLASSIFIED/INT 2409 PD UFOB PD (1) (A) ROUND (B) SIMILAR
TO A SHOOTING STAR (C) FIERY BALL (D) TWO HOWEVER OBS SAW ONLY ONE
CMA HIS EIGHT-YEAR-OLD SON SAW TWO (E) NONE (F) NEG (G) NEG (H) NEG
(I) THE TWO FIERY BALLS APPEARED TO COME FROM AN AIRCRAFT FLYING
OVERHEAD AT THE TIME OF SIGHTING, ONE BALL FROM EACH SIDE OF THE ACFT
(2)(A) OBSERVERS EIGHT-YEAR-OLD SON POINTED THEM OUT (B) ACFT EST AT
2000 TO 2500 FEET (C) SUBJECT APPEARED TO MOVE 5 TO 10 DEGREES UPWARD
SLOWLY (D) ACFT CAME FROM ESE CMA DEPARTED TO W CMA ONE OBJECT FLEW
OFF TO NNE CMA THE OTHER TO THE SSW CMA BOTH IN A GRADUAL UPWARD PATH
(E) OBSERVER CAME INTO HOUSE TO REPORT SIGHTING (F) ONE AND ONE-HALF TO

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THREE MINUTES (3)(A) GROUND VISUAL (B) NEG (C) NEG (4)(A) 1 11 Z
MAY 55 (E) NIGHT (5) ROME GEORGIA CMA GREGG GJEE 4910 (6)(A) CIVILIAN:
[REDACTED] CMA [REDACTED] CMA ROME GEORGIA EMPLOYED
AT LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT CORP MARIETTA GA AND HIS SON [REDACTED]
ACID 3 (E) NEG (7)(A) CLEAR (B) 35/11 AT SURFACE; 1 /3 AT 3000;
4 /15 AT 10000; 1 /42 AT 16 00; 35/54 AT 20 00; 35 /9 AT 3 00;
34/53 AT 5000; UNK AT 8000 (C) NEG (D) 15 MILES (E) NEG (F) NEG
(G) NEG (9) NEG (10) UNK (11) DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE 35TH AD (D)
DODDINS AFB GA MIGHT POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN INADVERTENT DISCHARGE OF
ARMAMENT OR PYROTECHNIC PD MAXWELL FLT SVC MAXWELL AFB ALA IS ALSO
FILING REPORT ON THIS SIGHTING (12) NEG END

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1/045Z MAY JESKE

- C. CELING NONE
- D. VISIBILITY 15 MILES
- E. CLOUD COVER NONE
- F. THUNDERSTORMS NONE

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3. NONE

9. NONE

10. LNK

11. OPERATIONS OFFICER MAXWELL FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER MAXWELL AFB ALABAMA
CPAT K.A. SNYDERS FLT SERVICE CLNV OFF OBJECT VERY POSSABLY WAS INAD
VERTENT ROCKET FIRING

12. NONE

SINGED GOLINSKY END

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01/0530Z MAY JESYC

A. CIVILIAN

[REDACTED]

ROME GA [REDACTED]

LOCKEED EMPLOYEE

B. MILITARY

7 WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING

A. CLEAR 15

B. SURFACE	38	DEGREES	8	KNOTS
6000 FEET	36.2	DEGREES	15	KNOTS
10000 FEET	36.9	DEGREES	30	KNOTS
16000 FEET	35.3	DEGREES	25	KNOTS
20000 FEET	35.5	DEGREES	40	KNOTS
30000 1335	35.0	DEGREES	70	KNOTS
50000 FEET	34.8	DEGREES	50	KNOTS
80000 FEET	D	REES	KNOTS	

C. CELING NONE

D. VISIBILITY 15 MILES

E. CLOUD COVER NONE

F. THUNDERSTORMS NONE

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3. NONE

4. NONE

10. UNK

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12. NONE

WINGED GOLINSKY END

11/05002 MAY JESYO

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2. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT

- A. ACFT FLYING SSE NNW OBJECTS CAME FROM BOTH WINGS
- B. SEEMED TO BE AT APPROX 2500 FT ABV SFC
- C. UNK
- D. SEEMED TO CLIMB ON ANGLE OF 35 TO 45 DEGREES ONE PROCEEDED TO WTB TO WEST OTHER TO EAST
- E. FADED OUT
- F. 30 SECONDS

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

- A. SOUND VISUAL
- B. NONE
- C. N/A

4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

- A. ^{01/}~~01/~~ 0111Z
- B. NIGHT

5. LOCATIONS OF OBSERVER

BACK YARD OF HOME IN ROME GA

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6. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBSERVERS

- A. CIVILIAN

MR [REDACTED]

ROME GA PHON [REDACTED]

LOCKHEED EMPLOYEE

- B. MILITARY

7 WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING

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JEDEN/CMDR AIRDEFENSE COMMAND ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLORADO

JEDUP/CMDR AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WRIGHTPATTERSON AFB OHIO

JEPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS USAF WASHINGTON 25 D.C.

JESKP/COMMANDER 35TH AIR DIVISION (DEFENSE) DOBBINS AFB MARLETTA GEORGIA

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F O B/ 1. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT

A. BALL OF FIRE

B. UNK

C. FIREY RED

D. 2

E. SIDE BY SIDE AT FIRST THEN SEEMED TO DIVERGE

F. NONE

G. TAIL

H. NONE OTHER THAN ACFT FROM WHICH IT CAME

I. NONE

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C. UNK

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TO JEDEN/CMDR AIR DEF COMD COLO SPCS COLO

JEDWP/CMDR AIR TECH INTEL CEN WP AFB OHIO

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JESDB/COMDR 35TH AIR D V (DEFENSE) DOBBINS AFB AG

UFCE CORRECTION

ERROR NOTED IN UFOB REPORT TRANSMITTED BY THIS CENTER 010443Z.

CORRECT AS FOLLOWS: THIS PARAGRAPH 4A (TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING)

NOW SHOWS 33211Z SHOULD READ 2111Z. SGD GOLINSKI

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