PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 5 June 1956 3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local GMT 05/1437Z 5. PHOTOS Tyes XXII No	2. LOCATION Birmingham, Alabama 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual Ground-Radar X Air-Visual D Air-Intercept Rada 6. SOURCE Military		Was Balloon Probably Balloon Possibly Balloon Probably Balloon Probably Aircraft Probably Aircraft Probably Aircraft Probably Aircraft Probably Astronomical Probably Astronomical Possibly Astronomical Possibly Astronomical Possibly Astronomical Possibly Astronomical Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 29-30 seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	9. COURSE South	O . Other Insufficient Data for Evaluation Unknown
One round circular & approximately 40-50 fe 6-8 ft thick. Color all silver, no unusual man appeared climbing to 3	eet in diameter, Luminum or neuvers. Dis-		alloon sighting.

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19-7. UFOB INFO SUBMITTED IN ACCORD WITH AFR 200-2. 1. (A) CIRCULAR AND FLAT. (B) APRX 40 TO 50 FT IN DIAMETER AND 6 TO 8 FT THICK.

(C) ALUMINUM OR SILVER. (D) ONE. (E) NOT APPL. (F) NONE. (G) NONE.

(H) NONE. (I) NONE. 2. (A) OBJECT WAS TRAVELING DIRECTLY TOWARD CESERVERS AT AN ALT APRX 3,000 FT. (E) BELOW AND NORTH OF OBSERVERS.

(C) CLINEING. (D) OBJECT TRAVELLED IN SOUTHERLY DIRECTION

TOWARD ACFT OF OBSERVERS NO UNUSUAL MANEUVERS. (E) OBJECT VEERED WEST OF OBSERVERS AND DISAPPEARED CLINEING TO THE SOUTH. (F) 20

TO 30 SECONDS. 3. (A) AIR TO AIR. (P) NONE. (C) E-25 44-31470, 6,000

FT, NORTH, 195, MAXWELL AFE, ALA. 4. (A) 051437Z. (E) DAY. 5. DIRECTLY OVER MUNICIPAL APRT, EIRMINGHAM, ALA. 6. (A) NONE.

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MAJOR AC & SC, MAXWELL AFE, ALA.

RELIABLE. 7. (A) FAIR. (B) NONE. (C) UNLIMITED. (D) APRX 10 MILES.

(E) NONE. (F) NONE. 8. NONE. 9. NONE. 10. NONE. 11. WG OPERATIONS OFF NO COMMENTS. 12. NONE.

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5 June 1956 3. DATE-TIME GROUP 05/1437Z June 1956	Birmingham, Ala		Was Balloon Probably Balloon Possibly Balloon
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5. PHOTOS O Yes No	6. SOURCE		Was Aircraft Probably Aircraft
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Thirty (30) Seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	9. COURSE	Other
O. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING	One (L)	11. COMMENTS	
One (1) circular and flat of 40 to 50 feet in diameter at thick, silver (or aluminum directly towards the observed 3,000 feet. The object was of the a/c traveling south a	nd 6 to 8 feet in color, traveling ers' aircraft at below and north	releases in the	ent to the originator of questing that all balloon e area of the sighting and this headquarters sults.

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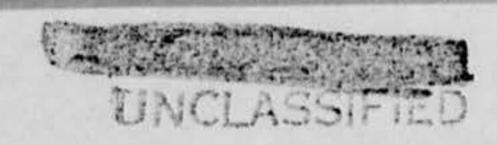
. UDJUCT: Late Receipt of UPO Reports

- 1. This igthe of six (6) UFC reports submitted under one cover letter by the 4602d AISS, who received them from the OSI. Reference "4602d AISS File," letter dated 26 December 1956, subject: "OSI UFOB Reports."
 - 2. Received by AFIC on 3 January 1957.
- 3. Reports range from almost two years (February 1954) for the oldest, to over 7 months for the newest (august 1956). It appears that the ONI had "pigeonholed" the reports for some unknown reason before submitting them to the 4602d AIMS.
- 4. The very late date of receipt makes investigations or conclusive analysis difficult, if not impossible. A preliminary evaluation made of each and entered in UFO files.

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Ltr f. l4th Dist OSI (IG) USAF file 24-0 subj: Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object over Birmingham, 5Jun 56 to Cmdr ADC:

"b. Course of Object

At the time the object was sighted, Major Zimmerman was flying practice instruments under the hood and Major Celker was acting as Safety Pilot. The heading of their aircraft was to the north at 6000 feet and the location was directly over Birmingham, Alabama airport. Major Celker first noted the object coming directly toward his aircraft at an altitude of approximately 3000 feet. He observed the object some 20 to 30 seconds during which time it climbed approximately 2000 feet and when it passed his aircraft it was, in his estimation, approximately 2000 feet west of his position. At this time Major Celker banked his aircraft very sharply in an attempt to follow the object, at the same time calling the matter to the attention of Major Zimmerman. Major Zimmerman claims to have seen the object for approximately 4 or 5 seconds. The object, according to both officers, contined to climb in a southerly direction and disappeared from sight.

"c. Weather Conditions

Both officers described the weather as CAVU with the visibility of approximately 10 miles. Since they were on a local clearance, they had no knowledge of a thunderstorm or other electrical activities in the area.

"d. Unusual Characteristics

The object was described as spinning at all times it was under observation and although the officers were in a B-25 aircraft at cruising speed, they did not feel qualified to estimate the speed of the object. However, it is noted the object readily pulled away from their view.

"Although Major Celker claims to have had a camera in his possession at the time of the sighting, he stated that since he first thought the object was an aircraft, no attempt was made by him to take a picture thereof.

"Both officers complete their course of instruction at Maxwell AFB on Ih June 1956, at which time they will be reassigned as follows:

"Major Celker: James Connally AFB, Waco, Texas.

Major Zimmerman: Headquarters, Air Weather Service,

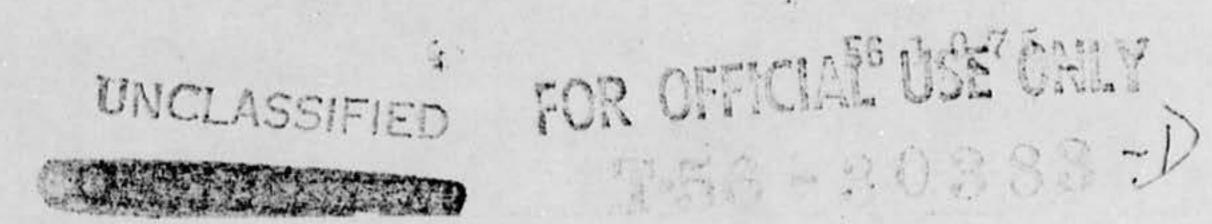
Andrews AFB, Maryland."

- 2. The above information has been previously furnished to the Commander, 3800th Air Base Wing, Maxwell AFB, Alabama by District Office Nr. 8, OSI.
- 3. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to authority contained in par 30c(2)(a) AFR 205-1.

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District Commander



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14TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
LOWRY AIR FORCE BASE, DENVER, COLORADO

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SUBJECT: (UNCLASSIFIED)

Sighting of Unidentified Flying

Object over Birmingham, Alabama, 5Jun56

SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commander

Air Defense Command

Ent AFB

Colorado Springs Colorado

1. The following is for your information and any action warranted:

"On 5 June 1956, Major Robert L. Oelker, AO 829539, and Major Arnold E. Zimmerman, 12385A, both students, Wing L, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama, advised S/A Barnidge that at 1437Z hours, 5 June 1956, they had sighted an unidentified object flying in the air over Birmingham Airport, Birmingham, Alabama. In this connection, the following information was furnished:

"a. Description

- (1) The object was described as being perfectly circular in shape and flat by Major Oelker, and by Major Zimmerman as an ellipse shaped object.
- (2) The size was described by both officers as being similar to a small American type fighter aircraft, roughly approximately 40 to 50 feet in diameter and 6 to 8 feet in thickness.
- (3) The color was indicated as aluminum or silver.
- (4) Only one object was sighted and there were no tails, trails or exhausts noted. There was also no sound noted above the sound of the B-25 aircraft in which the officers were flying.

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