

**PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD**

1. DATE 23 Jul 60	2. LOCATION Alexandria, Louisiana	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Meteor <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 24/0235Z 50 0500Z	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	6. SOURCE Military and Civilian
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2-5 sec Trails - 20 sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS seven
9. COURSE descending	10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Bright flashes of light which left trails of varying sizes were observed by 4 persons from 0235Z to 0500Z. In all, there were 7 objects sighted during this period. All of the objects were seen in the NW (cup portion of big dipper) the flashes visible for 2-5 seconds, the trails persisting up to 20 seconds.	
		11. COMMENTS The descriptions reported are very similar to meteors entering the earth's atmosphere. This was probably part of a meteor shower.

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UNCL/TFW/DO/INTEL 7-501. FINAL SECTION OF TWO

(1) NO SOUND HEARD

(2) NONE

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

(1) BRIGHT LIGHT

(2) OBSERVER "A": 45 DEGREES ELEVATION; 330 DEGREES  
AZIMUTH.

OBSERVER "B": 45 DEGREES ELEVATION; 320 DEGREES  
AZIMUTH.

(3) OBSERVER "A": 33 DEGREES ELEVATION; 300 DEGREES

OBSERVER "B": 45 DEGREES ELEVATION; 320 DEGREES

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16 Aug 60

Temperature Gradients

Air Technical Intelligence Center (AFCIN-4E4g (Major Friend))  
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. Reference paragraph 15g(?), AFR 200-2.
2. Request that temperature gradient be defined. The weather forecasters at this base say that temperature gradients could be measured at one elevation or between two or more elevations. Moreover it could be measured between two points on the ground.
3. The answer to the above request will enable this headquarters to fulfill more adequately the provisions of AFR 200-2 in reporting of temperature gradients.

RAY F. GROTHAUS  
Major, USAF  
Wing Intelligence Officer

1st Ind (AFCIN-4E2x)

30 AUG 1960

Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

TO: Sq 401st Tactical Fighter Wing (TAC), Attn: TFW/DO/INT,  
England Air Force Base, Louisiana

Reference paragraph two of basic correspondence, temperature gradient as used in AFR 200-2 is considered as being the vertical temperature gradient, or lapse rate. For analysis purposes, the requirement is for the temperature change with altitude in the vicinity of the sighting in order to determine the presence or absence of a temperature inversion.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

*Philip G. Evans*  
PHILIP G. EVANS  
Colonel, USAF  
Deputy for Science and Components

COORDINATION:

AFCIN-4E2x Ames Pollock Date 16 Aug 60  
AFCIN-4E2 On Shryp Date 16 Aug 60

COUNTRY OF ACTIVITY REPORTING		REPORT NO.	(Leave blank)
USA		1R-5-60	
COUNTRY OR AREA REPORT CONCERNS		DATE OF INFORMATION	
Louisiana		23 Jul 60	
ACTIVITY SUBMITTING REPORT		DATE OF COLLECTION	SRI STATUS (If applicable)
401st TFW, England AFB, La.		24 Jul 60	SRI NO. CANCELED/COMPLETE
PREPARING INDIVIDUAL		DATE OF REPORT	SRI NO. CANCELED/INCOMPLETE
M/Sgt Robert F. Plympton AF17143303		3 Aug 60	SRI NO.
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE		EVALUATION	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON (Date) ACTIVE
		B-6	
REFERENCES (BAIR Subject, previous reports, etc., as applicable)			
AFR 200-2, Paragraph 15; TFW/DO/INTEL Msg 7-591, 25 July 1960; telephone conversation between M/Sgt Plympton, this headquarters, and Sgt Bolieu ATIC, 3 Aug 60			
SUBJECT (Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects)			
Supplemental information on UFO sighted 25 July 1960 at Alexandria, Louisiana			
SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies)			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Attached as inclosure 1 is a narrative written in long hand by an observer of an unidentified flying object observed over Alexandria, Louisiana on 25 July 1960.</li> <li>2. Airman [REDACTED] was asked to prepare this narrative shortly after he was interviewed in regards to the sighting on 24 July 1960.</li> <li>3. Sgt. Bolieu, ATIC, requested this narrative by telephone conversation with M/Sgt Robert F. Plympton, of this headquarters, on 3 August 1960.</li> </ol>			
<u>1</u> INCLs		<p><i>Robert F. Plympton</i></p>	
Narrative		<p>PREPARING OFFICIAL: ROBERT F. PLYMPTON M/Sgt, USAF Intelligence NCOIC</p>	
		<p>APPROVING OFFICIAL: RAY F. GRODHAUS Major, USAF Intell Office</p>	
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30 July 1960

This report is submitted in compliance with  
instructions given me by Captain James of the  
H.M.S. "Tribal", England on the 20th January.

With the my account of usual sightings of  
this particular object - uncoloured over the  
sky, black bird, and one true and accurate  
in the want of my knowledge.

On the 23rd July 1860, while walking in a meadow  
public at the Dry River in Shaks, my attention  
was directed by Mr. John C. Green, to a plant of  
Lathyrus which he said was Lathyrus lepidus,  
and of which he had found several in  
the country about Shaks. The plant  
was small and slender, the leaves divided  
into two or three narrow linear segments,  
with the middle one larger than the others.  
The flowers were white, and were arranged  
in whorls at the ends of the branches.  
The flowers were small, and  
when I took the plant home and examined  
it more closely, I found it to be a species  
of Lathyrus lepidus Linn., and I  
named it Lathyrus lepidus var. leptophyllus.

I almost immediately observed by eye, how  
near I made my carbon as it could get  
without burning. The tail was very weak  
and long and lasted for a bit of from  
15 to 30 seconds before it blasted.  
The tail remained bright white for about  
14 to 16 seconds and then constant and un-  
moving until about the last 4 to 6 seconds  
in which it made a fast but but gradual.  
I have continued to do this and — minutes  
before each the machine stopped quite suddenly  
in a position which I have to have now, and  
I found that at once it started. Then it would  
go either in greater violence and return  
to the same point again, or else it would  
go in a smaller circle, then the tail, the  
windmill and the gun would consist of  
less and less violence and the fire would die out  
completely.

While on the road I saw a bird on the  
ground, I took a shot at it and it got away.  
I have mentioned this to Mr. H. to report the  
bird and he said — "I have received it on  
the other day from a man who shot it at  
the same place where you did at

the said channel in the water of the  
said river or stream at the place where the  
said bridge stands. Then the said cotton & the  
piano & piano keys were left, all broken.

I proceeded back to the Concourse station,  
about one mile above the place where the  
house stood, in the said bridge, immediately  
to the right of the bridge.

From the time of my being apprehended  
I have been in the said jail which place is  
situated in Manhattan Island. Just as I  
left the bridge I took up my coat  
and went to the station house No. 11.  
There was a large crowd of people there  
and I was soon surrounded by them.

At the very center and at the left side  
of the upper part of the Big Upper ap-  
peared a bright flash - such as can  
be produced without any explosive fragments.  
The flash appeared to be stationary, not  
moving. The flash was about the size of  
a hand held at arms length. It was  
entirely white with not any other color included.  
The flash lasted for about 1½ to 2 seconds  
and then faded out completely, in the same  
spot it occurred very rapidly.

Then immediately, as if turning one light on at the same time you turn the other off, the tail appeared in its entirety. There was, as in the first case, an appearance of complete lack of motion as a stationary object. The tail appeared to be wider than the diameter of the flask and extended slightly beyond the right hand side of the flask. It was all the same intensity and white. It held its brilliance for about 15 seconds and then began a steady rapid fade-out for about 5 seconds and disappeared with a total of about 20 or 25 seconds duration from flask to end by fade-out of the tail. Again I repeat that no motion either vertical, horizontal or of falling was apparent from beginning to end.

If you  $\Sigma$  was fairly attained, we proceeded to the ticket booth as quickly as possible. The second sighting was about 9:25 P.M. I told the ticket girl that I had a military priority call for the Base and would have to use her phone. After recurring to her that the chance of her losing her job over the call as it was a military business call she allowed me to call.

I immediately called my squadron, the 653<sup>D</sup> New Sqd. and asked the New Chief on Radar Operations if he had spotted either of the things, I had seen, on radar. He informed me that he didn't, and referred me to the Director on duty - Capt. [REDACTED]

I ran plaid quickly to Capt. [REDACTED] and he confirmed the knowledge of no plots on the Radar and referred me to the Staff Duty Officer of the 401<sup>st</sup> T.W.

I called the Staff Duty Officer of the 401<sup>st</sup> and gave my information to him.

I continued to watch the sky off & on in the same vicinity of the previous sightings for the remainder of the moon and until midnight without any other sightings of any kind.

Following is a brief summary of both sightings:

1<sup>st</sup> sighting at 9:10 PM. → "FLASH"

① Only flash seen was from corner of eye

② Very bright

③ In vicinity of Big Dipper

1<sup>st</sup> sighting → "TAKE"

④ Very bright and white

⑤ Directly in and across center of Big Dipper

sighted for 15 sec. → fading last 5 sec.

- ② No apparent motion

Second sighting - 15 minutes later

"Flash"

- ① Size of baseball at arms length.
- ② 45° angle from ground
- ③ Duration - about 2 to 3 seconds (Approximate time).

"Tint"

- ④ Appeared simultaneously with fade-out of flash
- ⑤ Directly in and across center of Big Dipper
- ⑥ Under than the flashes diameter
- ⑦ Extending across and slightly beyond right side of Big Dipper
- ⑧ Intensity lasted for approx. 15 seconds, then faded out in 5 seconds (30 sec total)
- ⑨ Both sightings appeared to be identical in all respects.

(1)

(2<sup>nd</sup>)

End of Report

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

AFB, WA.

LOS WILDS

(4) ONE (1)

(5) N/A

(6) NONE

(7) OBSERVER "A": ORANGE (TRAIL.)

OBSERVER "B": WHITE (SIX INCHES IN LENGTH) (TRAIL.)

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[REDACTED], ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA, HOUSEWIFE, PART-

[REDACTED] RELIABILITY, UNK.

(C) OBSERVER "A": [REDACTED] A/1C, [REDACTED]

AC & W SQUADRON, ENCLAND AFB, LOUISIANA, COMMUNICATIONS  
SPECIALIST, FAIRLY RELIABLE.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF  
SIGHTINGS:

(1) CLEAR

FROM	WIND DIRECTION	VELOCITY	DIFFERENT ALTITUDES
240 DEGREES	5 KNOTS	SURFACE	
220 DEGREES	15 KNOTS	6,000	
220 DEGREES	10 KNOTS	10,000	
280 DEGREES	20 KNOTS	16,000	
280 DEGREES	20 KNOTS	20,000	
270 DEGREES	15 KNOTS	30,000	

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180 DEGREES	5 KNOTS	50,000
090 DEGREES	20 KNOTS	80,000

(3) NONE

(4) 10 MILES

(5) 2/10THS

(6) NONE

(7) 5 DEGREES F/100 MILES

H. REFERENCE PART II OF THIS MESSAGE

I. NONE

J. NONE

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UNCL/TFW/PO/INTEL 7-031. SECTION ONE OF TWO

UFO REPORT. REFERENCE AFR 2007-6, PARAGRAPH 15. THIS MESSAGE  
IN TWO PARTS.

PART 1.

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

- (1) ROUND
- (2) BASEBALL.
- (3) WHITE
- (4) ONE (1)
- (5) N/A

- (e) EDGES IRREGULAR
- (f) WIDE AND LONG (4 INCH BY 15 INCH)
- (g) NO SOUND HEARD
- (h) EXTREMELY BRIGHT

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

- (1) THE FLASH AND THE BRIGHTNESS OF THE OBJECT
- (2) ELEVATION, 45 DEGREES; AZIMUTH 283 DEGREES (MAGNETIC)
- (3) ELEVATION, 45 DEGREES; AZIMUTH 283 DEGREES (MAGNETIC)
- (4) STATIONARY
- (5) LIGHT DIMINISHED RAPIDLY
- (6) TWENTY SECONDS

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

- (1) GROUND VISUAL
- (2) NONE
- (3) N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) OBSERVER "A": 240315ZULU; 240325ZULU

OBSERVER "B": 240325ZULU

- (2) NIGHT

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVATION:

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ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA (31 DEGREES 17 MINUTES NORTH, 92 DEGREES  
28 MINUTES WEST)

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OBSERVERS:

K. INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, CAPTAIN ██████████ ENGLAND  
AFB LOUISIANA. BOTH OBSERVERS, A & B, WERE ATTENDING A DRIVE-IN MOVIE. OBSERVER "A" STATED THAT HE HAD WITNESSED FALLING STARS AND METEORITES BEFORE AND THAT THIS SIGHTING APPEARED QUITE DIFFERENT IN AS MUCH AS IT DID NOT APPEAR TO MOVE. OBSERVER "B" HAD BEEN SCANNING THE SKY FOR THIS OBJECT AFTER HAVING BEEN TOLD BY OBSERVER "A" THAT HE HAD SEEN A BRIGHT OBJECT IN THE SKY. BOTH OBSERVERS PLACED THE OBJECT AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME POINT IN THE SKY. OBSERVER "A" STATED THAT IN BOTH OF HIS OBSERVATIONS, THE OBJECT WAS LOCATED

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IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CUP PORTION OF THE "BIG DIPPER". TWO OTHER OBSERVERS, ONE AT THIS DRIVE IN AND ONE AT THE "KINGS" DRIVE-IN LOCATED IN ANOTHER SECTION OF TOWN, OBSERVED SIMILAR OBJECTS AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME. IN THE LATTER CASE THE OBJECTS WERE MOVING. A REPORT OF THE LATTER SIGHTING IS COVERED IN PART II OF THIS REPORT. EVERY AVAILABLE MEANS WAS USED BY THE INTELLIGENCE OFFICER TO ARRIVE AT A POSSIBLE CONCLUSION. THE EXACT CAUSE OF THE PHENOMENA CAN NOT BE DETERMINED AT THIS LEVEL.

#### PART II

##### A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT

(1) ROUND

(2) OBSERVER "A" QUARTER

OBSERVER "B": PEA

END

C. WEATHER AND WINDS-ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTINGS:

- (1) CLEAR
- (2) SAME AS PART I.
- (3) SAME AS PART I.
- (4) SAME AS PART I.
- (5) SAME AS PART I.
- (6) SAME AS PART I.
- (7) SAME AS PART I.

H. REFER TO PART I.

I. NONE

J. NONE

K. INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, CAPTAIN [REDACTED] ENCLAND AFB, LOUISIANA. FROM THE DESCRIPTION PRESENTED BY THE ABOVE OBSERVERS, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE OBJECT COULD HAVE BEEN A METEORITE. DUE TO THE PROXIMATE PLACE AND TIME OF THIS

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SIGHTING AND THESE IN PART II OF THIS REPORT, THIS REPORT IS SUBMITTED FOR YOUR FURTHER PREFERENCE AND EVALUATION.

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UNCLAS TFW/DO/INTEL 8-76.

IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUIRED. THIS MESSAGE IN TWO PARTS. PART I.  
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION TO UFO REPORT SUBMITTED ON 25 JULY 1960,  
CITE: TFW/DO/INTEL 7-591. REFERENCE AFR 200-2, PARAGRAPH 15G(2),  
ADD THE FOLLOWING TEMPERATURES FOR THE ALTITUDES INDICATED:

ALTITUDES	TEMPERATURE	ALTITUDES	TEMPERATURE
SURFACE	PLUS 33C	6,000	PLUS 15C
10,000	PLUS 11C	16,000	MINUS 4C
20,000	MINUS 13C	30,000	MINUS 33C
50,000	MINUS 68C	80,000	NOT AVAILABLE

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(4) AFC

(5) INSTANTANEOUSLY

(6) FIVE (6) SECONDS

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

(1) GROUNDS VISUAL

(2) NONE

(3) NONE

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

(1) OBSERVER "A": OBSERVED OBJECT THREE TIMES BETWEEN  
240235Z AND 240410Z (EXACT TIME UNKNOWN)

OBSERVER "B": 240300Z

(2) NIGHT

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS:

OBSERVER "A": ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA, 31 DEGREES, 17 MINUTES  
NORTH; 90 DEGREE 08 MINUTES WEST; BATON  
ROUGE TRAFFIC CIRCLE, JOY DRIVE-IN THEATRE.

OBSERVER "B": ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA, 31 DEGREES, 26 MINUTES  
NORTH; 90 DEGREES 06 MINUTES WEST, HIGHWAY 165.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS.

(1) NONE

(2) OBSERVER "A": ██████████, A/C, 421ST AIR  
POLICE SQUADRON, FAIRLY RELIABLE

OBSERVER "B": ██████████, A/C 421ST AIR  
POLICE SQUADRON, FAIRLY RELIABLE