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PREPARED BY (Officer) Charles B. Beattie, 2d Lt., USAF	SOURCE See below	

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
1st AFOW-2/52-2, 19 Dec 51, HQ USAF; AFL 200-5, 29 Apr 52, Msg dated 22 Jul 52

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

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- (Ref "SOURCE" above)
- 1st Lt Wayne D. Scott, A02042851
 - S/Sgt Samuel R. Locke, AF37606090
 - S/Sgt Theford R. Townsend, AF35604157
 - A/10 David McManis, AF19304627
 - A/10 Frank R. Harrod, AF14394366
 - A/10 Paul H. Nelson Jr, AF13432318

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1. In accordance with paragraph 7d, AFL 200-5, 29 April 1952, the following report is submitted.

a. A single object in the shape of a perfect circle, giving off a brilliant blue-white light with a following trail of blue light has been sighted in this vicinity. No sound was audible, and no analysis can be made of the propulsion system. The speed was reported as varying from a hover to speeds approaching sonic. The object changed directions of flight rapidly and disappeared as though the flame or light were extinguished.

b. Object was sighted at 2240 hours GST, 21 July 1952 and was observed for approximately sixty seconds.

c. Object was observed visually without the aid of optical or electronic instruments.

d. Object was observed overhead by persons located at 29° 52' North and 97° 48' West. Object passed from observation on a southerly heading.

e. Observers were not rated nor qualified observers and conflicting statements make analysis difficult. AMEN!

f. Weather observation 2230 GST, 21 July 1952: 2500' scattered, visibility 10 miles, temperature 75° - dewpoint 74°.

Surface Winds	-----	150° @ 10 MPH
Winds Aloft		
5000 Feet	-----	160° @ 21 MPH
10000 Feet	-----	170° @ 14 MPH
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g. There was no activity or condition, meteorological or other, that would account for the sighting.

h. There have been no reports of any physical evidence.

i. There was no interception or identification action taken.

j. There was no known air traffic in the general area at the time of the sighting.

2. Statements of observers are as follows:

1st Lt Wayne D. Scott, A52042851, Personnel Services Officer, 1st Air Base Group, stated that at approximately 2240 hours GST, 21 July 1952 he was returning from the Base Messery. He was driving south at a speed of approximately 10 miles per hour, and suddenly a solid white circle of light appeared in front of him, similar in shape and color of a full moon but far more brilliant, like looking at a white hot iron through a small hole. The object was not too high above the horizon, maybe 1000 feet. It rose at an extremely high rate of speed at an angle of 60-70 degrees, at maybe 15,000 or 20,000 feet it leveled off smoothly like an aircraft when good control would level off after a very rapid climb. The light went off suddenly like it was shut off or went in a cloud bank, though no clouds were visible. The contour was smooth (extremely or perfectly so), no jagged edges or trails, smoke, or other colors were noticeable. He was the Officer of the Day at the time.

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S/Sgt Samuel E. Locke, AF37606090, Asst Tech Inspector, Wing Inspectors Office, Hq 84 Sq, Wing, stated that he observed the object at approximately 2240 hours CST, 21 July 1952. He and his wife were returning from Heathart to San Marcos, at Marshall, Texas, he and his wife noticed an object. It looked like something had exploded and it gave off a red flame and started to descend with a following blue flame which was very bright and appeared like a flare. It descended to about a estimated 5000 feet. It stopped and appeared white in color and he could identify the object as being round. The color seemed to change to a very light yellow and the object moved off to the south. It was traveling quite fast.

S/Sgt Theoford E. Townsend, AF35604157, Air Policeman, Air Police Squadron, stated that at approximately 2240 hours CST, 21 July 1952, he was leaving the gun-rooms in his squadron area when he looked up into the sky and saw a bluish-green object make an arc in the sky. The light from the trail was a bluish-green for a second or two and then the light disappeared.

A/SG David Williams, AF19306627, Air Policeman, Air Police Squadron, stated that at approximately 2240 hours CST, 21 July 1952, he was going to Air Police Headquarters and observed a bluish-green light in the sky. It ascended and descended very rapidly and then disappeared. There was no noise whatsoever.

A/SG Frank E. Harrod, AF14394366, Air Policeman, Air Police Squadron, stated that at approximately 2240 hours CST, 21 July 1952, he noticed a blue-green light falling at a great speed. It looked somewhat like a falling star. It was moving too fast to tell the size. It was in the air only 7 to 10 seconds.

A/SG Paul M. Nelson Jr, AF13432318, Air Policeman, Air Police Squadron, stated that at approximately 2245 hours CST, 21 July 1952, he was making his rounds as the fence guard and noticed a reddish-yellow object in the sky. It seemed to be traveling very slow. For some you could hear a low roaring noise but as this object passed overhead he could hear nothing. The object at first did not bother him too much because he just thought it was an airplane. When it kept coming over the base (approximately four times) it gained his attention. Off hand he would say that this object was traveling at the rate of 75 miles per hour. In other words it was going slow enough so that if it were used for some sort of operation, it could reveal some strategic points on the base. Afterwards it just simply disappeared in the sky. A couple fellows and he talked about what they had seen and a couple other guys that were standing around laughed as if it were a joke. Things of that type are no joke.

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PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE <i>21 July '52</i>	2. LOCATION <i>San Marcos AFB, Tex.</i>	3. TIME Local: <i>2240</i> Zebra: <i>0440</i>
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Naked Eye <input type="checkbox"/> Binoculars <input type="checkbox"/> Telescope <input type="checkbox"/> Theodolite		
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
<input type="checkbox"/> By One Set <input type="checkbox"/> By Two Sets <input type="checkbox"/> By Three Sets		
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
<input type="checkbox"/> A/C Observed Object <input type="checkbox"/> Interception Attempted <input type="checkbox"/> No Intercept Attempted		
7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
<input type="checkbox"/> A/C Scrambled <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Contact Made <input type="checkbox"/> A/I Contact Made <input type="checkbox"/> No Contact Made		
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<input type="checkbox"/> Normal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Violent		
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT: <input type="checkbox"/> Blinking <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steady <i>with wobble</i>		
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT: <input type="checkbox"/> 1-15 Seconds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-5 Minutes <i>60 sec.</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Over 10 Minutes		
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address) <i>Intell. Office, San Marcos AFB, Texas</i>		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED? <i>no</i>		
13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Night <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> Sunrise <input type="checkbox"/> Sunset		

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
<input type="checkbox"/> One Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> More Than One Aircraft		
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
19. WERE THERE INDICATORS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

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IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA? Yes No

22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE: 1 hr. 42 Minutes

23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:

	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting
				Yes	No	
a.	<u>San Antonio Tex</u>	<u>Weather Balloon</u>	<u>USDA Weather</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>white</u>
b.						
c.						
d.						

(attach overlay)

V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE:

Excellent
 Good
 Fair
 Poor
 Unreliable
 Extremely Doubtful
 Hoax

22. DETAILS OF REPORT:

Good
 Fair
 Poor
 Insufficient to Evaluate

23. FINAL EVALUATION:

Was Balloon
 Probably Balloon
 Possibly Balloon

Was Aircraft
 Probably Aircraft
 Possibly Aircraft

Was Astronomical
 Probably Astronomical
 Possibly Astronomical

Other: _____

Insufficient Data For Evaluation

Unknown

24. COMMENTS:

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PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SHEET

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION <i>21 Jul 52</i>		2. TIME OF OBSERVATION <i>122300Z</i>		3. STATION OBSERVING <i>San Marcos</i>	
4. WINDS ALOFT:					
ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0	<i>10</i>	<i>150</i>	25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000	<i>21</i>	<i>160</i>	50,000		
6,000			55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000	<i>14</i>	<i>170</i>	75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000	<i>9</i>	<i>160</i>	90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000	<i>12</i>	<i>180</i>	100,000		
5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? (If yes, at what altitude? _____)				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? (If yes, at what quadrant? _____)				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
7. CLOUD COVER: <i>3</i> tenths at <i>2500</i> feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.				8. VISIBILITY WAS <i>10</i> MILES.	
9. COMMENTS:					

HEADQUARTERS
SAN MARCOS AIR FORCE BASE
San Marcos, Texas

29 JUL 1952

GC 333

SUBJECT: FLYOVERPT

THRU: Commanding General
Flying Training Air Force
Waco, Texas

TO: Director of Intelligence
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

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2. Statements of eyewitnesses to this incident are attached.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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Statements

- 1. 1st Lt Wayne D. Scott
- 2. S/Sgt Samuel R. Locke
- 3. S/Sgt Thedford R. Townsend
- 4. A/1C David McKennie
- 5. A/2C Frank R. Norred
- 6. A/3C Paul M. Nelson

WALTER V. WOODS
1st LT. USAF
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT

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Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: ATIAA-2c
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

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S T A T E M E N T

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Wayne D. Scott
WAYNE D. SCOTT
1st Lt, USAF

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STATEMENT

On 21 July 1952, at approximately 2240 hours, the wife and I were returning from Lockhart to San Marcos and at Maxwell, Texas, we noticed an object. It looked like something had exploded and it gave off a red flame and started to descend with a following blue flame which was very bright and appeared like a flare. It descended to about a estimate of 5000 feet. It stopped and appeared white in color and I could identify the object as being round. The color seemed to change to very light yellow and the object moved off to the south. It was quite fast.

Samuel R. Locke
LOCKE, SAMUEL R.
S/Sgt USAF

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At approximately 2240 hours, 21 July 1952, I was leaving the gunroom in my squadron area when I looked up into the sky and saw a bluish-green object make an arch in the sky. The light from the trail was a bluish-green for a second or two and then the light disappeared.

Frederick R. Townsend
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S/Sgt USAF

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STATEMENT

At approximately 2240 hours while going to Air Police Headquarters, I observed a bluish green light in the sky. It ascended and descended very rapidly and then disappeared. There was no noise whatsoever.

DAVID MCKENZIE
W/IC USAF

David McKenzie

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A/2C USAF

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