

PRO

EXPT. RECORD

Incident #98

UNCLASSIFIED

DATE OF INFO 2 Nov 57

ATC NO. _____

AF NO. _____

REPORT NO. _____

DATE OF REPORT _____

TIME OF SIGHTING Just before break of day

SHAPE round

SIZE 26" to 30" in diameter

DIRECTION Earthward

NO. IN GROUP 1

LOCATION _____

REMARKS _____

SIGNATURES _____

LOCATION Anderson Rd, Houston, Texas

SOURCE Employee of Int. Sec. Dept of Justice

DATE IN TO ATC _____

COLOR Fire

SMOKE N/C

ALTITUDE Appeared to fall

in a field adjacent to house.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED _____

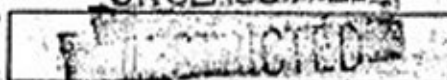
TYPE OF OBSERVATION From bed in home

MANEUVERS "Spinnage"

Temporary ATIC Form 379

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The information given here indicates strongly that the object observed was a fireball. There is nothing to suggest that it was not. As far as "falling into a nearby field" is concerned, that is perhaps the best-attested illusion with respect to these phenomena. Very frequently a fireball is reported to have fallen in a "nearby field" all alone; its track across two or three states.

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

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1. Date 2 November 1947
2. Time just before break of day
3. Location Anderson Road, Houston, Texas
4. Name of observer Mr. & Mrs. Elmer L. Brimberry
5. Occupation of observer ~~N/A~~ Employee of Immigration Svc, Dept of Justice
6. Address of observer Anderson Road, Houston, Texas
7. Place of observation their home while lying in bed
8. Number of objects 1
9. Distance of object from observer N/S
10. Time in sight N/S
11. Altitude N/S - it appeared to fall in a field adjacent their residence
12. Speed N/S
13. Direction of flight earthward
14. Tactics "spinning"
15. Sound N/S
16. Size ~~large~~ - 26 to 30 inches in diameter
17. Color fire
18. Shape round
19. Odor detected N/S
20. Apparent construction N "fireball"
21. Exhaust trails N/S
22. Weather conditions N/S
23. Effect on clouds N/S
24. Sketches or photographs None
25. Manner of disappearance suddenly "went out" just before it reached the earth.
26. Remarks: (over)

Incident occurred just before break of day. Object appeared ^{to Mr. Brimberry} as a large round ball of fire about 26 to 30 inches in diameter with a "tail" of approximately 20 feet in length. This "tail" seemed to diminish as it approached the ground. It appeared to have suddenly "gone out" just before it reached the earth. It possibly could have hit the ground a great distance away but it seemed to have landed in the open vacant field adjacent the house. This field is about 18 ~~acres~~ acres in area. Mr. Brimberry described the object as being "almost round, maybe a little oval or saucer-shaped and giving off a bright light. It appeared to be spinning. He did not see the tail when he observed the object.

This incident occurred just before sun-up and it was pretty light outside.

INCIDENT INDEX

1. Astronomical

a. High probability:

#26, 27, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 48, 49, 59, 60, 66, 69, 70, 94,
95, 96, 97, 98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 116, 119, 132, 136, 140,
147, 148, 158, 174, 184, 185, 187, 197, 203, 204, 208, 216,
219, 238.

b. Fair or low probability:

#19, 20, 23, 24, 28, 35, 36, 46, 50, 63, 67, 80, 82, 93, 100,
112, 120, 121, 129, 130, 144, 153, 160, 166, 167, 175, 192,
199, 202, 205, 220, 230, 240.

2. Non-astronomical but suggestive of other explanations

a. Balloons or ordinary aircraft:

#3, 11, 22, 41, 42, 53, 54, 73, 81, 83, 91, 92, 113, 114, 115,
126, 131, 138, 141, 145, 155, 156, 157, 159, 160, 161, 163,
169, 171, 173, 178, 180, 182, 188, 190, 194, 195, 196, 198,
200, 201, 209, 210, 217, 222, 235, 237, 239.

b. Rockets, flares or falling bodies:

#4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 25, 56, 65, 78, 106, 107,
108, 109, 133, 170, 211, 218.

c. Miscellaneous (reflections, auroral streamers, birds, etc.):

#39, 89, 123, 124, 128, 146, 164, 181, 189, 214, 221, 231, 234.

3. Non-astronomical, with no explanation evident

a. Lack of evidence precludes explanation:

#38, 44, 45, 47, 55, 57, 72, 86, 87, 88, 90, 99, 110, 117, 118,
126, 127, 137, 139, 149, 150, 177, 179, 191, 206, 212, 213,
229, 232, 233.

b. Evidence offered suggests no explanation:

#1, 2, 10, 17, 21, 29, 37, 40, 51, 52, 58, 61, 62, 64, 68, 71,
75, 76, 77, 79, 84, 105, 111, 122, 135, 151, 152, 154, 162,
168, 172, 176, 183, 186, 193, 207, 215, 223, 224, 225, 226,
227, 236, 241, 242, 243, 244, 134.

AUGUST THROUGH DECEMBER 1947 SIGHTINGS

INCIDENT NUMBER	DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
<u>AUGUST</u>				
	AUG	Milan, Italy (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Insufficient Data
	1st Aug	Danforth, Illinois	Farmer (PHYSICAL 3.)	Other (Hoax)
88	3 Aug	Hackensack, New Jersey	Casella	Insufficient Data
	4	Boston, Massachusetts	Powell, White	Astro (Sun Dog)
58	4	Bethel, Alaska	Johnston, Shewalter	A/C
69, 70	6	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Multiple	Astro (Meteor)
66	10	Silver Springs, Ohio	Walker	Astro (Meteor)
76	13	Salmon Dam, Idaho	Hendins, Brown	A/C
75	13	Twin Falls, Idaho	Urie	Other (Atmospheric Light)
87	14	S. Placerville, California	Switzer	Astro (Meteor)
135	15-20	Weaver, South Dakota	A7 Officer	UNIDENTIFIED (S.A.S.)
64	19	Twin Falls, Idaho	Hedstrom	Other (Birds)
	Late Aug	Bollman AFB, New Mexico	Harkey (RADAR)	Other (False Targets)
NONE	11 Aug	ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	WALLAGE	NONE
<u>SEPTEMBER</u>				
51	3	Conazo, Oregon	Dupel	UNIDENTIFIED
61, 62	8	Logan, Utah	Anderson, Hall	Other (Birds)
59	12	Pacific Ocean (Necker I.)	Military Air	Astro (Meteor)
72	17	Ft. Richardson, Alaska	Army Officer	Astro (Meteor)
18	20	Toronto, Canada	Not Stated	Other (Hoax)
<u>OCTOBER</u>				
179	Oct	San Francisco, California	Not Stated	Insufficient Data
	Oct	Dodgeville, Wisconsin	Civilian	UNIDENTIFIED
71	8 or 9	Las Vegas, Nevada	Moore	Other (Comets) A/C
	12	Mexico	Multi	Astro (Meteor)
34	13	Dauphin, Minnesota	Multiple	Astro (Meteor)
37	14	Phoenix, Arizona	Clark	UNIDENTIFIED
19	20	Dayton, Ohio	Britten	A/C
20	20	Lima, Ohio	Atkinson	A/C
<u>NOVEMBER</u>				
36	Nov	Boise, Idaho	CAA Observer	Insufficient Data
98	2	Houston, Texas	Brimberry	Astro (Meteor)
35	12	Cape Blanco, Oregon	Williamson	Astro (Meteor)
289	12	La Junta & Pueblo, Colorado	(CASE MISSING)	Insufficient Data
225	Late 1947	Vaughn, New Mexico	Hayes	Other (Flares)
<u>DECEMBER</u>				
132	12	Dukla, Czechoslovakia	FRANTISEK	NONE
31	13d Dec	Oslo, Norway	Thamosen	Astro (Meteor)
95, 96, 97	30	Northern Arizona	Wood	Other (Comets)
		Oregon, Nevada, California	Multiple	Astro (Meteor)