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TO: Chief,
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COUNTRY USA		REPORT NO. IR-106-52	LEAVE BLANK
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT			
AREA REPORTED ON LAKE CHARLES AIR FORCE BASE, LAKE CHARLES LA		FROM (Agency) 44DOI 806TH AIR DIVISION	
DATE OF REPORT 11 AUGUST 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 9 AUGUST 1952	EVALUATION C-3	
PREPARED BY (Name) LT COL THEODORE I PASCOE 3363A		SOURCE PERSONAL INTERVIEW WITH OBSERVER	
REFERENCES (Control number, division, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFL 200-5, 29 Apr 52, msg 806ADIV 44DOI 5404 11 AUG 52, & AFM-C/CC-2, 19 Dec 51			
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance to facts and unusual paragraphs. List incidents in lower left. Begin first of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)			
(1) Description of object: spherical, disk-like, size approximately 12 inches in diameter as seen from a distance of 3000 feet. No particular aerodynamic features observed. Exhaust not visible. Method of propulsion unknown. No sound was heard, and object moved several hundred miles per hour faster than any known jet aircraft. (2) Time was approximately 1050 hours 9 August 1952. (3) Manner of observation: Naked eye. Altitude estimated to be at 5000 feet. (4) Location of observer: Coordinates 29° 30'E, 93° 30'E. Location of object with respect to observer: Observer was facing east, object going north to south until over ICAFB, then turned and headed due west. Distance from observer was approximately 3000 feet. (5) Identifying information of observer: A/3C Joseph P. Raley AF-13419745, Hq Sq 806th Air Base Group. Assigned duty with Adjutant Section of 806th Air Base Group. (6) Weather and winds aloft conditions at time and place of sighting: slightly cloudy, with very little wind. (7) To the knowledge of the observer, there was no activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise, which might account for the sighting. (8) There is no existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs and the like, of the sighting. (9) No interception or identification action taken. (10) There was no air traffic in general area at time and place of sighting.			
1. Statement of Observer (sex) 2. Map of Area		<i>Theodore I. Pascoe</i> THEODORE I. PASCOE Lt Col, USAF Director of Intelligence	
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HEADQUARTERS 44TH REPAIRMENT WING (M)
Office of the Director of Intelligence
Lake Charles Air Force Base
Lake Charles, Louisiana

11 August 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: Identified Flying Object

TO: Commanding Officer
44th Air Base Group
ATTN: Intelligence Officer
Lake Charles Air Force Base
Lake Charles, Louisiana

About 0150 hours, Saturday, 8 August 1952, I was standing on a street one block west of the 44th Bombing Squadron building when I spotted a round-shaped object moving north to south until it crossed the Air Base, where it stopped and hovered for approximately two seconds, then moved off in a direction due west of me until it disappeared. The sky was cloudy in spots, but this didn't hamper sighting at all. The object seemed to be below the clouds. It seemed to be at about five thousand (5000) feet. There was no sound, but it did have terrific speed.

Joseph F. Raley

JOSEPH F. RALEY AF-15419765
S/Sgt, Bq 44 44th Air Base Group

WITNESSED BY:

Edwin C. Humphreys, Jr.

EDWIN C. HUMPHREYS, JR.
Captain, USAF

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PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE <i>9 Nov 54</i>	2. LOCATION <i>Quaker Point, LA</i>	3. TIME Local: _____ Zebra: _____
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND?		
☒ Yes ☐ Naked Eye ☐ Binoculars ☐ Telescope ☐ Theodolite		☐ No
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR?		
☐ Yes ☐ By One Set ☐ By Two Sets ☐ By Three Sets		☒ No
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR?		
☐ Yes ☐ A/C Observed Object ☐ Interception Attempted ☐ No Intercept Attempted		☒ No
7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT?		
☐ Yes ☐ A/C Scrambled ☐ Visual Contact Made ☐ A/I Contact Made ☐ No Contact Made		☒ No
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME?		
☒ Yes ☐ Normal ☐ Violent		☐ No
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT:		
☐ Blinking ☒ Steady		
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT:		
☐ 1-15 Seconds ☒ 1-5 Minutes ☐ Over 10 Minutes		
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address)		
<i>10073-1-12 LA</i>		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

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

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA?		
☐ Yes ☐ One Aircraft ☐ More Than One Aircraft		☒ No
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD?		
☐ Yes		☒ No
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE?		
☐ Yes		☒ No
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION?		
☐ Yes		☒ No

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IV. BALLOON-DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA? ☒ Yes ☐ No						
22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE: _____ Minutes						
23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:						
	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting
				Yes	No	
a.	Lake Charles, La	Radio and Infrared	USCGC West Bay			
b.						
c.						
d.						
(attach overlay)						

V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE:		22. DETAILS OF REPORT:	
☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Unreliable ☐ Extremely Doubtful ☐ Hoax		☐ 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:			
From report - it seems to be a balloon The source is a possibility of a balloon The source is a possibility of a balloon			

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TENTATIVE
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 9 Aug 1952
Day Month Year

1.2 Time of Day: 0145 45 A.M. or P.M. (Circle One)
Hrs. Min.

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain

d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
b. Standard

1.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question 1.2:

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

2. Where were you when you saw the object:

On a concrete road on Lake Charles Air Force Base

~~Exact Address~~

~~City/Town/State~~

~~State~~

~~Country~~

Additional Remarks: One block West of Wing Headquarters

3. Where were you located when you saw the object:

(Circle One): a. Inside a building d. In an airplane
b. In a car e. At sea
c. Outdoors f. Other _____

3.1 Were you:

(Circle One): a. In the business section of a city?

b. In the residential section of a city?

c. In open countryside?

d. Flying near an airfield?

e. Flying over a city?

f. Flying over open country?

g. Other On a concrete road at Lake Charles Air Force B.

4. How did you happen to notice the object? Just happen to notice if it was going to rain or not.

5. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

11 Aug 1952
Day Month Year

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? Walking to work

6.1 What had you been doing for the 30 minutes before you saw the object? Try to list the activity or activities and the approximate amount of time spent on each.

It took me ten (10) minutes to get dressed and before that I was asleep.

7. Were you moving at any time while you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or No

If you answered YES, then complete the following questions:

7.1 What direction were you moving?

(Circle One):

- | | |
|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | e. South |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| c. East | g. West |
| d. Southeast | h. Northwest |

7.2 How fast were you moving? Slow walk miles per hour.

7.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One): Yes or No

8. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object?

(Circle One):

- | | |
|----------------|--------------|
| a. North | e. South |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| c. <u>East</u> | g. West |
| d. Southeast | h. Northwest |

8.1 What direction were you looking when the object disappeared?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | e. South |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| c. East | g. West |
| d. Southeast | h. Northwest |

8.2 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question and preceding question (8 and 8.1).

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| a. Certain | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Just a guess |

9. Were you wearing eye glasses when you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or No ---

10. How was the object seen?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| a. Through window glass | e. Through theodolite |
| b. Through windshield | f. Through sunglasses |
| c. Through binoculars | g. Through open space |
| d. Through telescope | h. Other _____ |

11. What do you remember about the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

11.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

- | |
|--------------------------|
| a. Clear sky |
| b. Easy |
| c. Scattered clouds |
| d. Thick or heavy clouds |
| e. Don't remember |

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

- | |
|-----------------------------|
| a. Dry |
| b. Fog, Mist, or light rain |
| c. Moderate or heavy rain |
| d. Snow |
| e. Don't remember |

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

- | |
|-------------------|
| a. No wind |
| b. Slight breeze |
| c. Strong wind |
| d. Don't remember |

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- | |
|-------------------|
| a. Cold |
| b. Cool |
| c. Warm |
| d. Hot |
| e. Don't remember |

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object?

Hours	One (1) Minutes	Seconds
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12.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 12:

- a. Certain
b. Fairly sure
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

13. Did the object look: (Circle One) Solid or Transparent

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| 14.1 Change direction? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.2 Change speed? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.3 Change size? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.4 Change color? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.5 Break up into parts or explode? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.6 Dive off smoke? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.7 Change brightness? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.8 Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |
| 14.9 Remain motionless? | <u>Yes</u> | <u>No</u> | <u>Don't know</u> |

15. Did the object give off a light? (Circle One): Yes No Don't know

15.1 If you answered YES, what was the color of the light? Reddish Yellow

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object?

16.1 Sound No sound

16.2 Color Reddish Yellow

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? Just one Object, Draw a picture of how they were arranged and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.

18. Did the object at any time:

18.1 Move behind something? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind.

18.2 Move in front of something? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of.

I'm pretty sure this object moved in front of clouds

18.3 Blend with the background? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

19. Which of the following objects is about the same actual size as the object you saw? (Circle One):

- a. Pea
- b. Baseball
- c. Basketball
- d. Bicycle wheel
- e. Office desk

- f. Automobile
- g. Small airplane
- h. Large airplane
- i. Dirigible
- j. Other _____

19.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 19.

- a. Certain
- b. Fairly certain

- c. Not very sure
- d. Uncertain

20. Try to tell the following things about the object:

20.1 How high above the earth was it? 5,000 feet.

20.2 How far was it from you? about 3,000 feet or _____ miles.

20.3 How fast was it going? Don't know miles per hour.

20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

- a. Certain
- b. Fairly certain

- c. Not very sure
- d. Just a guess

21. How did the object disappear from view?

- (Circle One)
- a. Suddenly
 - b. Gradually

- c. Other _____
- d. Don't remember

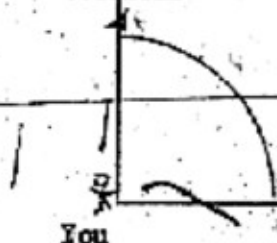
SECTION D

22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when you last saw it.

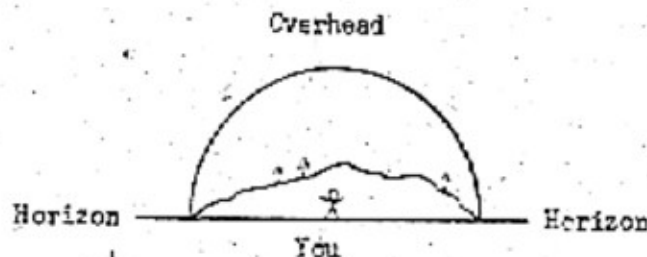
Overhead

You

Horizon



23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.



24. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an "A" at the beginning of its path and a "B" at the end of its path.

25. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw and place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

PASTER THAN ANY JET I HAVE EVER SEEN:

REDDISH YELLOW

SECTION I

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this?

(Circle One): Yes or No

26.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what conditions did you see other ones? _____

27. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

I have no idea what the object might have been. It could have been caused by the weather.

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME -	<u>Raley</u>	<u>Joseph</u>	<u>Franklin</u>
	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
ADDRESS	<u>IVERNAY</u>	<u>Avenue</u>	<u>Maryland</u>
	Street	City	State
TELEPHONE NUMBER	<u>345J1</u>		

What is your present job? Tax Clerk in the USAF

Age 19

Sex M

29. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.2 Please list their names and addresses:

30. Please add here any further comments which you believe are important.
Use additional sheets of the same size paper, if necessary.

Every thing here is what I actually ~~see~~ saw. To my knowledge there is nothing more of importance. In question twenty (20) you wanted to know the speed of the object. I do not know the ~~speed~~ it was ~~using~~ but I do know I have never seen a jet go that fast.

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7 - 10 AUGUST 1952 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
7	Pinecastle AFB, Florida	Houghton	Balloon
7	Detroit, Michigan (CARD MISSING)	Peterson	Aircraft
7	Richmond, California	Mnasfield	Balloon
7	Rheems, Pennsylvania	Fitzkee	Insufficient Data
7	San Antonio, Texas	Pzuhl	UNIDENTIFIED
7	Duluth, Minnesota	Bahlin	Insufficient Data
7	Washington, D. C.	Conn	Aircraft
7	Dayton, Ohio	Hornbeck	Balloon
7-8	Port Lyantey, French Morocco	Dobos	Balloon
8	Vienna, Virginia (CARD MISSING)	Moore	
8	FE Warren AFB, Wyoming (CARD MISSING)	Pollack	Aircraft
8	Redding, California	Jones	Insufficient Data
8	Downey, California	Ziler	Insufficient Data
8	Niagara Falls, New York	Murray	Balloon
8	Macon, Georgia	Bennett	Aircraft
8-9	Los Alamos, New Mexico (CARD MISSING)	Stone	Insufficient Data
9	Southeast, Korea	Nagrodsky	Astro (METEOR)
9	Albuquerque, New Mexico	Multiple	Aircraft
9	Lake Charles AFB, Louisiana	Raley	UNIDENTIFIED
9	St. Paul, Minnesota	Nestor	Insufficient Data
9	Polkton, North Carolina (CARD MISSING)	Godwin	Astro (METEOR)
10	Keesler AFB, Mississippi	Illing	Balloon
10	Fort Dix, New Jersey	Basile, Russo	Astro (METEOR)
10	North Lake, Wisconsin (NO CASE INFO ONLY)	Thorkildsen	