

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 24 Oct 52		2. LOCATION ELBERTON ALA		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☒ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 24/2026 CST GMT 25/0226Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE 2 AF Pilots			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1			
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Brilliant orange and black object maintained constant course and speed. Object left streak of light after disappearance.		11. COMMENTS			

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AREA REPORTED ON Elberton, Alabama FROM (Agency) 44DI, 806TH AIR DIVISION

DATE OF REPORT 30 October 1952 DATE OF INFORMATION 24 October 1952 EVALUATION B-2

PREPARED BY (If known) Lt Col Theodore I. Pascoe, 3363A SOURCE Personal interview with observer

REFERENCES (Citation number, direction, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFL 200-5, 29 Apr 52, A-4939-RP, msg 44DI 306ADIV 7700 30 Oct 52, and Ltr Hq USAF AFOIN-C/CG-2, 19 Dec 51

SUMMARY: (Write 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.)

At 2026 hours CST on 24 October 1952, an unidentified flying object was sighted by 1st Lt Edward J. Rau, AO-1912291, 52d Bomb Squadron, 68th Bomb Wing (M), Lake Charles Air Force Base, Lake Charles, Louisiana. 1st Lt Rau was acting as Observer on a T-11 type aircraft flying at a speed of 165 miles per hour at an altitude of 7500 feet, and a true heading of 75 degrees.

Object appeared in a position 10 to 15 degrees above horizontal plane of the aircraft, moving at a terrific speed much faster than that of an F-80, in a direction approximately 15 degrees away from the axis perpendicular to the heading of the aircraft, and disappeared at approximately 20 degrees above the horizontal plane of the aircraft. Object resembled a plate standing on end, moving in the direction of the concave surface of the object. (See Incl #1). The line of flight was very straight with a constant state of acceleration, i.e., no "floating", as in the flight of conventional aircraft.

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1. Map of Area
2. Drawing of Obj
3. Statement of Obsr

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- Brief description of the objects:
 - Shape: Back part oval; appeared to be stretched out. Resembled plate standing on end, and moving in direction of concave side.
 - Size: Much larger than star when viewing star from ground, and smaller than the moon.
 - Color: Deeper orange than parachute flare when observed from 10 miles. Very brilliant. Not, repeat not, like hazy ball of light such as is seen when viewing tail of airborne jet aircraft.
 - Number: One (1).
 - Formation, if more than one: Not applicable.
 - Aerodynamic features: No floating characteristics. Object maintained constant state of acceleration.
 - Trail or exhaust: Appeared to have a tail, such as a comet.
 - Propulsion system: None apparent.
 - Speed: Unable to determine because of inability to properly assess distance. Traveled extremely fast, much faster than F-80 when viewed from ground.
 - Sound: None.
 - Maneuvers: None.
 - Manner of disappearance: Disappeared into distance as a streak of light.
 - Other pertinent or unusual features: Object maintained absolutely straight line of flight, and a constant climb of approximately 5 degrees.
- Time of sighting in 24-hour clock zonal time: 2026 hours CST.
 - Length of time observed: Approximately 5 seconds.
- Manner of observation:
 - Visual or electronic: Visual.
 - From air or surface: Air.
 - Speed: 165 MPH.
 - Altitude: 7500 feet.
 - Type of aircraft: T-11.
- Location of observer during sighting: 82 42W-34 6N.
 - Location of object with respect to observer:
 - Distance: Thought to be quite near because of rapid transit through cone of vision.
 - Direction: Approximately 15 degrees away from axis perpendicular to heading of aircraft.
 - Altitude: 10 to 15 degrees above horizontal plane when object came into view, and disappeared at approximately 20 degrees above horizontal plane.
- Identifying information of observer(s) and witness(es):
 - Observer: 1st Lt Edward J. Rau, AO-1912291, 52d Bomb Sq, 68th Bomb Wing (M). Subject officer holds AFSC 1534 (Navigator) and has held this AFSC for 20 months. He has approximately 700 hours flying time, over 50% of which is night time. His combat experience over Korea totals approximately 250 hours, all of which is night time. 1st Lt Rau states he has made frequent air-to-air observations of jet aircraft, and asserts he has never seen anything resembling this object. Report evaluated at B-2.
 - Witness: Captain Steve A. Marcinko, 16112A, 806th Operations Sq, 806th Air Base Group.
- Weather and winds aloft conditions at time and place of sightings: Visibility CAVI at 7500 feet; smoke haze up to 7000 feet. Visibility in haze 3 miles. Wind not over eight (8) knots. Moon was out of line of sight. Cockpit lights were all out.
- Any activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise, which might account for the sighting: None.
- Existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs and the like, of sighting: None.
- Interception or identification action taken: None.

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10. Location of any air traffic in the general area at the time of the sighting: None.
11. COMMENTS of Preparing Officer: None.
- COMMENTS of Approving Officer: None.
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200-5 DTD 29 APR 52 CMA UNIDENTIFIED FLY OBJ REPTD SIGHTED PD
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DEFINITE SHAPE SEMICLN BACK PART OVAL SEMICLN REAR PART APPEARED TO BE
STRETCHED OUT BUT OCSR BELIEVES THIS WAS EYE DISTORTION CAUSED BY
EXTREME SPEED OF OBJ PD SIZE OF OBJ CLN MUCH LARGER THAN STAR WHEN
VIEWING STAR FR GRD AND SMALLER THAN MOON PD COLOR CLN DEEPER ORANGE
THAN COLOR OF PROBT FLARE WHEN OCSR FR APRX 10 MILES PD VERY
BRILLIANT PD NOT LIKE HAZY BALL OF LIGHT SUCH AS IS SEEN WHEN VIEWING
TAIL OF AER JET ACFT PD NO CLN ONE OBJ PD AERODYNAMIC FEATURES PD NO

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FLOATING CHARACTERISTICS CMA OBJ MAINTAINED CONSTANT STATE OF ACCELERATION PD SPEED CLN UNABLE TO DETERMINE BECAUSE OF INABILITY TO PROPERLY ASSESS DIR CMA OBJ EXTREMELY FAST PD MUCH FASTER THAN F-86 WHEN VIEWED FR GRD AS F-86 DRAGS AFLD PD OBSR SIGHTED OBJ WHILE SCANNING SKY AS PLT WAS CONC ON GAUGES PD OBSR SAW OBJ CMA TURNED HEADTOWARD PLT AND NUDGED HIM TO ATTRACT HIS ATTN TOWARD OBJ PD WHEN OBSR LOOKED BACK AT OBJ THERE WAS ONLY LIGHT STREAK WHICH DISAPPEARED IN DIS PD LIGHT STREAK WAS OBSR BY PLT PD MANEUVERS CLN STRAIGHT LINE OF FLIGHT PD ABSOLUTELY NO CURVE IN LINE OF FLT PD OBJ HAD APRX CONSTANT CLIMB OF 5 DEGREES PD MANNER OF DISAPPEARANCE CLN DISAPPEARED IN DIS PD TIME OF SIGHTING 2026 CST 24 OCT 52 PD LGTH OF TIME OBSR CLN APRX 5 SECONDS NOT LONGER PD MANNER OF OBSR CLN VIS FR AIR PD 165 MPH ALT 7500 FT TRUE HEADING 75 DEGREES PATH OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJ 230 DEGREES PD LOC OF OBSR DURING SIGHTING CLN 22 DEGREES 42 MIN W 34 DEGREES 6 1/2 MIN N PD THIS IS ACCURATE WITHIN ONE-HALF MILE PD OBJ SIGHTED NEAR ELBERTON ALA PD LOC OF OBJ W/RESPECT TO OBSR CLN THOUGHT TO BE QUITE NEAR BECAUSE OF RADIO TRANSIT THRU CONE OF VISION PD DIR OF OBJ CLN APRX 15 DEGREES AWAY FR AXIS PERPENDICULAR TO HEADING OF ACFT PD ALT OF OBJ CLN 10 TO 15 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZ PLANE WHEN OBJ CAME INTO SIGHT CMA DISAPPEARING APRX AT 25 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZ PLANE PD IDENTIFYING INFO

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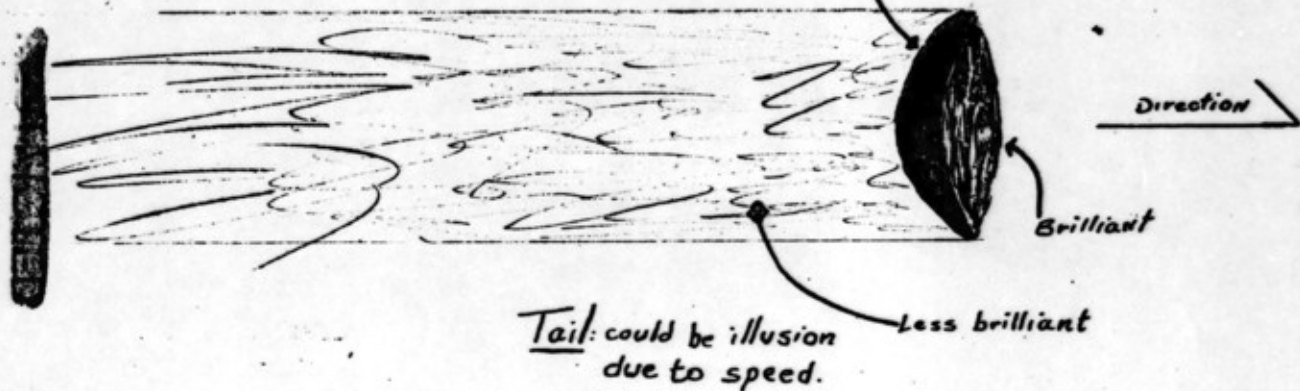
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OF OBSR CLN OBSR 1ST LT EDWARD J RAU AO 1912291 52D BOMB SQ PD WITNESS
CAPT STEVE A MARCINKO 15112A 805TH OPNS SQ PD OBSR AFSC 1534 NAV PD
OBSR HELD 1534 21 NO CHA WAS APRX 700 FLY 1R OVER 50 PER CENT OF WHICH
IS NIGHT TIME PD COMBAT EXPERIENCE OVER KOREA TOTALS APRX 250 HR ALL
OF WHICH IS NIGHT TIME PD OBSR HAS MADE FREQ AIR-TO-AIR OBSR OF
JET ACFT PD OBSR ASSERTS HE HAS NEVER SEEN ANYTHING RESEMBLING
UNIDENTIFIED OBJ PD OBSR BELIEVED TO BE VERY RELIABLE PD WEA CLN
VISIBILITY CAVU AT 7500 FT ALT PD SMOKE MAZE UP TO 700 FT AND
VISIBILITY IN MAZE 3 MILES PD WINDS ALOFT CLN NOT OVER 8 KNOTS PD MOON
WAS OUT OF LINE OF SIGHT SEMICL COCKPIT LIGHTS WERE ALL OUT SEMICL
NO METEOROLOGICAL OR OTHER SOLAR PHENOMENA WAS PRESENT TO ACCT FOR
SIGHTING PD EXISTENCE OF ANY PHY EVIDENCE SUCH AS FRAGMENTS CHA
PHOTOS AND THE LIKE CHA OF THE SIGHTING CLN NONE PD IN TCP OR
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GEN AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING CLN NONE PD WRITTEN REPT BEING SEN THISO
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The Unidentified Object

We were flying at 7500 ft. at an airspeed of 165 M/P/H and heading of 075 degrees in a T-11 at 2026 CST on 24 Oct. 1952. The subject Object appeared into my cone of vision from the left slightly above the horizontal plane and passed out of sight to the right passing approximately perpendicular to the course line of the aircraft. It was larger than a star and had a deeper color, bordering an orange. It had a high degree of brilliance. A trail appeared behind the object believed to be an illusion caused by terrific speed. A definite shape could not be determined. The line of flight was very straight with a constant state of acceleration and an approximate angle of attack of 5 Degrees

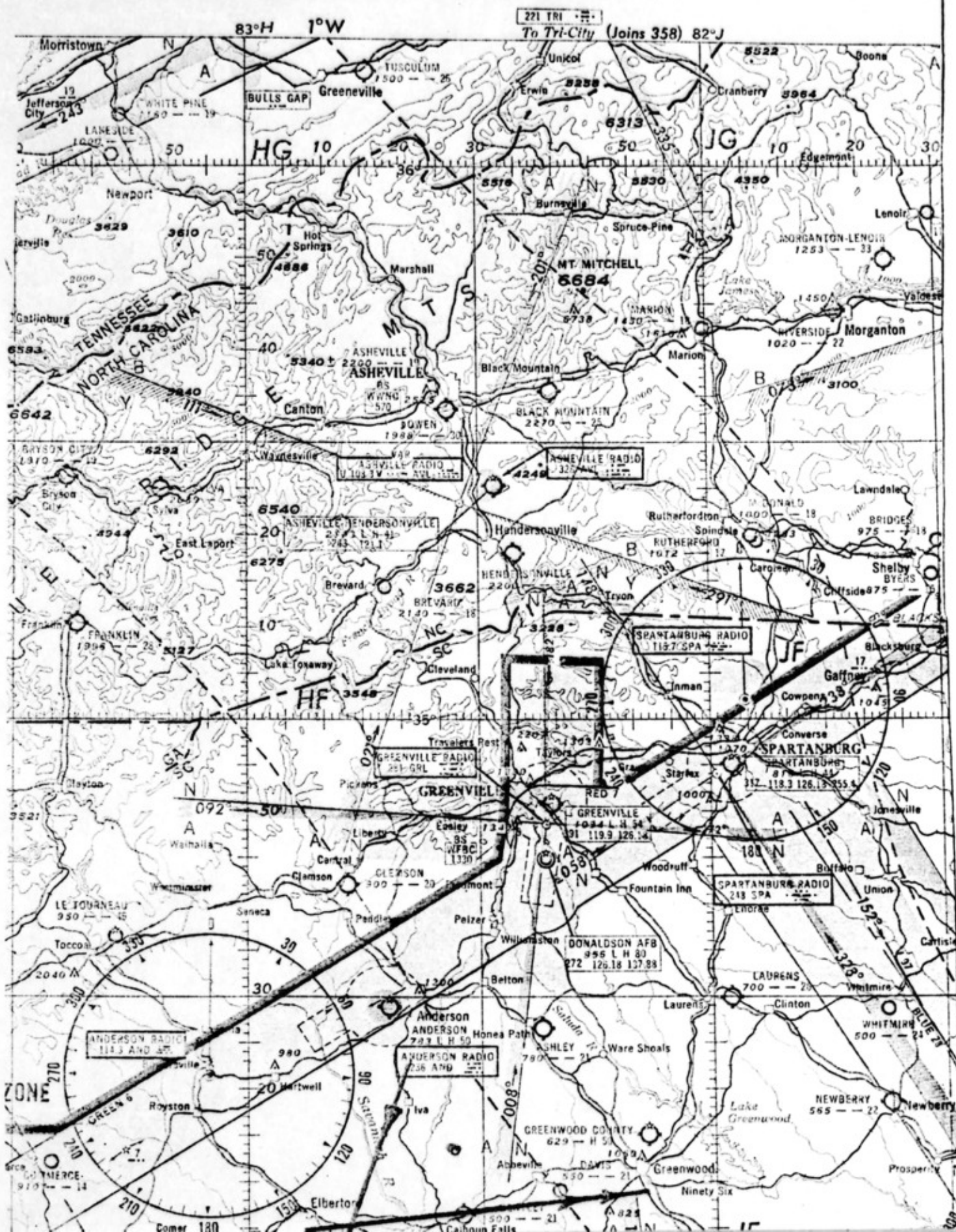
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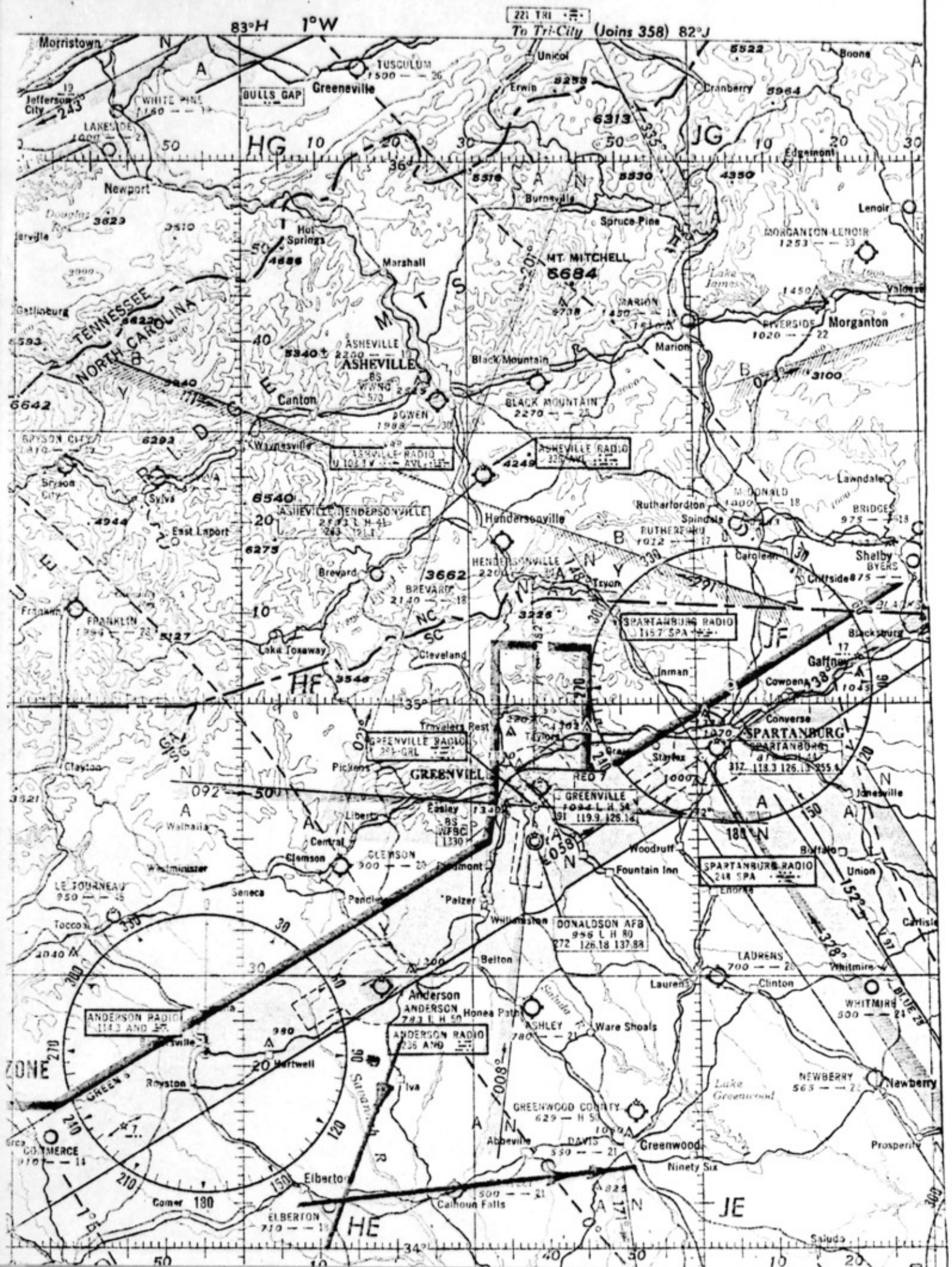
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16 - 31 OCTOBER 1952 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
16	Korea	Military	Balloon
16	North Korea	Military	Balloon
17	Elko, Nevada	Multiple	Balloon
17	Taos, New Mexico	Eljenholm	UNIDENTIFIED
17	Killeen, Texas	Multiple	UNIDENTIFIED
17	Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico	Military	UNIDENTIFIED
18	Macon, Georgia	Kassner	Balloon
19	12°17'N 155°35'W (Pacific)	Military	UNIDENTIFIED
19	Mamence, Illinois	Schmidt	Insufficient Data
19	San Antonio, Texas	Woolsey	UNIDENTIFIED
19	Selma, Alabama	McKee	Aircraft
21	Knoxville, Tennessee	Civilian	UNIDENTIFIED
21	Duluth, Minnesota	Gould	Balloon
22	Elmendorf AFB, Alaska	Driscoll	Insufficient Data
22	Laurinsburg-Maxton AFB, North Carolina	Multiple	Aircraft
23	Toledo, Ohio	Multiple (PHOTO)	
()	Elberton, Alabama	Military	UNIDENTIFIED
25	Stead AFB, Nevada	Civilian	Aircraft
26	West Barrington, Rhode Island (CARD MISSING)	Hardin	
26	Akureyri Iceland	Multiple	Insufficient Data
26	Roanoke, Texas	Multiple	Aircraft
27	N. Kyushu, Japan	Multiple	Astro (STARS/PLANETS)
27	Porte De France P R	Multiple	Insufficient Data
27	Hickman Canyon, Utah	Hawkins	Other (GUIDED MISSILE)
28	Japan (CARD MISSING)	Military	
28	Dallas, Texas	Baster	Astro (METEOR)
28	Palci, Oklahoma	McKinister	Astro (METEOR)
29	Jacksboro, Texas (CARD MISSING)	Northern	
29	Erlding Air Depot Germany	Military	UNIDENTIFIED
29	Long Island, New York	Military	Balloon
30	Madison, Wisconsin	Military	Aircraft
30	Dayton, Ohio	Multiple	Aircraft
	Fayetteville, Georgia	Allen	UNIDENTIFIED

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

DATE	LOCATION	SOURCE	EVALUATION
17	Turkey	Military	
17	France	Newsclipping	
17	Gulf of Mexico	News Clipping	
18	Mediterranean Sea	Newsclipping	
27	North Pacific	Newsclipping	
28	Caribbean Sea	Newsclipping	
28	Paris, France	Marandon	
30	Iran	Ltr; Keyser (PHOTOS)	

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