

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 17 Jan 68 17:15:00	2. LOCATION In transit
3. SOURCE Civ Man (U.S. resident)	10. CONCLUSION Unknown (UML 11152.1)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Sec.	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Brilliant brownish gold object; a foot and a half to be twice the size of 10-3-4. c. Traveled at estimated speed of 400 mph. It then covered speed and was reduced speed in the direction of the aircraft, disappearing behind the horizon. REMARKS: 1. Object was visible for a time of 10-15-20 min. under the lens of observation. 2. Possibility of a false sighting due to the position of the object.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE Northwest	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
2D DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
72 E. 10TH STREET
NEW YORK 3, NEW YORK

IN REPLY
REFER TO: 2L-322

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object
Sighted near Volcano Fuego
90° 50' West longitude, 14°
25' North latitude Guatemala, CA.
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO : Commanding General
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. Reference is made to Air Force Letter 200-5, dated 29 April 1952.
2. Transmitted herewith for the information of your headquarters, is report of investigation made by Special Agent HENRY M. LANGLOIS, 2D OSI District, file 2L-322, concerning SUBJECT.
3. Unauthorized disclosure of information contained in this report will be considered to be a violation of AFR 205-1.

1 Incl:
As indicated above.

Frank P. Dunnington
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Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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CHARACTER

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NONE THIS IS AN INITIAL REPORT

SYNOPSIS

JOHN TOWNSEND SACKETT, U. S. Citizen resident in Guatemala, observed brilliant greenish gold oblate object approximately twice the size of DC-3 aircraft proceeding in Northwesterly direction in horizontal flight at estimated altitude of 6,500 feet at estimated speed of 400 miles per hour. Object almost stopped flight and then rose vertically 1,500 feet. Hovered for a proximately 2 seconds, then immediately resumed horizontal flight at new altitude in same direction and speed. Object lost to view because of intervening terrain.

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1. R. J. [redacted], telephonically contacted this office on 1 February 1953 to report that he has observed a "flying saucer" in Guatemala, Central America, and desired to turn over his notes concerning the incident.

2. On 1 January 1953, the writer interviewed Mr. J. [redacted] in Room 2618 of the [redacted] Hotel, Fifth Avenue and 57th Street, New York City. [redacted] identified himself by [redacted] and met [redacted] at the [redacted] Embassy in Guatemala, and by various cards. [redacted] further advised that he was a biologist interested in Natural History, who has been in Guatemala, in and out, since 1931. In addition to his primary vocation of biology, [redacted] is a business representative of various [redacted] concerns, of which he identified the National Floor Covering Company of Atlanta, Georgia. [redacted] advised that he was well-known in Guatemala as Mr. J. [redacted], both by the natives and members of the [redacted] Embassy and military attaches. [redacted] had returned to the United States to aid his mother who was ill. A letter addressed to [redacted] was observed on the writing table, Room 2618. There also was a wardrobe trunk in that room with the initials WOT. [redacted] informed the writer that this room 2618 was the one occupied by his mother.

[redacted] then furnished the writer with a sketch of the incident, which he had drawn approximately 30 minutes after observing the flying object and with his notes concerning this episode likewise recorded at that time. Photostatic copies of the sketch are attached hereto as Inclosure #1. [redacted]'s original notes and sketch are retained in the files of this office. [redacted] was shown a road map of Guatemala on which he identified his position at the time he observed the incident as being on Route 3, approximately 10-15 kilometers southwestward from Guatemala City. A [redacted] approximately 90° 38' west longitude and 14° 30' north latitude. [redacted] at that time 1555 hours Central Standard Time or 2155 hours local, 1 January 1953 was on board the [redacted] bus from Guatemala City to [redacted], and had just entered the rapidly ascending portion of Route 3 which was beginning to be very winding. [redacted] observed the flying object through an open window of the bus, silhouetted against the side of Volcans Fuego, approximately 90° 01' west longitude and 14° 25' north latitude. [redacted] advised that he, in every instance, was at that time just inside "buses" of Volcans Fuego. The object he estimated to be at a distance of about 15-20 kilometers, and at the estimated altitude of 6,500 feet - about 2,000 feet above his altitude. His perception of flight was north-westerly. A photostatic copy of this map with the two locations identified is attached hereto as Inclosure #2. The original map is retained in this office. [redacted] furnished the following description of the flying object.

SHAPE - It was considered oblate, with its vertical axis one-half the length of the horizontal axis. The outline of the object was bluntly curved and no flattened surfaces were observed. [redacted] stated that the object appeared absolutely symmetrical and reminded him somewhat of a "cooty" blimp without the air elevators or rudders. [redacted] upon inquiry could not advise if the object had depth, since from the distance at which he observed the object it seemed to have merely two dimensional characteristics.

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SIZE - SAWYER stated that the object appeared to be approximately the size of a DC-3 aircraft. He based this estimate upon a field expedient, with which he was thoroughly conversant, of observing the object through a formed aperture obtained by clenching his right hand into a loose fist. SAWYER then showed the writer this field expedient and the writer observed the aperture formed by SAWYER's little finger to be approximately of an inch in diameter.

COLOR - The object was colored a brilliant greenish gold of which the golden color was predominant, possibly due, according to SAWYER, to the bright sunlight.

NUMBER - Only one object was observed by SAWYER.

ACCOMpanyING ACTIONS - None other than SAWYER's observation that the object reminded him of a "body" ship.

TRAINING - None observed - SAWYER advised that he was familiar with "con" trails and wind direction, but had not observed anything with relation to this flying object.

PROPULSION SYSTEM - None observed

SPEED - Horizontal speed estimated by SAWYER to be a proximately 400 miles per hour. About twice the speed of a DC-3 aircraft. SAWYER advised that he had at other times observed a DC-3 aircraft in that vicinity and travelling in the same direction so that he utilized that aircraft's characteristics as a criterion.

SOUND - One pertinent to flying object heard, possibly because of extremely noisy bus that SAWYER was riding in.

ALTIMETER - SAWYER first observed the flying object while it was travelling horizontally at a proximately 4,500 feet altitude, travelling in a northeasterly direction. After 10 to 15 seconds observation the flying object came to almost an abrupt stop and then instantaneously rose vertically approximately 1,000 feet. At this point the flying object paused and apparently remained stationary for approximately 2 seconds. The flying object then almost instantaneously resumed its original speed and direction of flight at this new altitude of 5,500 feet approximately. SAWYER showed the writer his wrist watch which was of a 1/5 second stop watch type and advised that he had immediately timed the length of his observation by that watch.

REASON FOR LOSS OF OBSERVATION - SAWYER lost observation of the flying object due to the elevation of a range of intervening mountains and also due to his descent in the bus on route 3 from his original observation altitude of 4,500 feet.

OTHER FACTS - SAWYER stated that the usual daily plume of steam rising from volcano here was not changed by the appearance of the flying object. This plume of steam according to SAWYER's sketch and observation apparently rises in about a 45° degree slope in a southeasterly direction.

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LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED - A total of 22 seconds. Approximately 15 seconds on original flight level, 2 seconds hovering time, and 5 seconds on second flight level.

MANNER OF OBSERVATION - Visual

WEATHER AND WIND DRAFT - Bright Sunlight, no haze, visibility unlimited - no clouds - sky bright blue - weather cold.

ACTIVITY RESPONSIBLE - SACKETT could not advise of any activity or meteorological condition which could account for the sighting - SACKETT did volunteer that there was a colony of Americans at ANTIGUA and that they might have observed the incident.

WITNESSES - SACKETT stated that although the bus in which he was riding was full of passengers, 24 with a driver and conductor, that they were indigenous persons they would not have observed the flying object nor if they had seen it, would they recall it. However, there was one passenger who had seen the object. She was Miss RIVIRA GUTZUSTA, V. of Passage Rubio #118 Guatemala, C.A. She advised SACKETT that she saw the "gold thing" for about 4-5 seconds.

AIR TRAFFIC - At the time of the sighting there was no air traffic other than the flying object observed by SACKETT. He did advise that on other occasions he had seen DC-3's of AVIA TICA, the government domestic airline, flying in that area.

In conclusion SACKETT stated that he had not previously told anyone of this incident; that he expected to return to Guatemala in approximately 2 weeks, that is, if his mother's health so permitted. If he were to be contacted in Guatemala, he could be reached through his Post Office Box, APARTADO #99, since he was not sure of his new address.

INCLOSURESHEADQUARTERS, OSI, WASHINGTON, D. C.

1. Sketch showing observer's location and object seen (in sextuplet)
2. Portion of road map of Guatemala showing observer's location and Volcano Fuego - scale 1: 1,000,000 (in sextuplet)

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THIS CASE INCLUDES
ONE (1) 8"X10 1/2" DRAWING
AND ONE (1) 8"X10 1/2"
MAP.

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DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
1953	Upper New York	Finkelstein	Insufficient Data
1	Oldtown, Maine	Civilian	Insufficient Data
1	Joshua Tree, California	Van Tassel	Other (UNRELIABLE RPT)
1	Brookley AFB, Alabama	Warfel	A/C
1	Craig, Montana	Anderson	UNIDENTIFIED
3	Adak, Alaska	Barnet	Astro (METEOR)
4	Haifa, Jerusalem	Civilian	Insufficient Data
4	Eau Galle, Florida	Black	Astro (METEOR)
6	Dallas, Texas Area	Multiple	Astro (VENUS)
6	Dallas, Texas - Oklahoma, Okla }	Ground Visual & <u>RADAR</u>	A/C
6	Ft Monmouth, New Jersey	Rosenberg	Insufficient Data
6	Warner AFB, Georgia	Chandler	A/C
8	Larson AFB, Washington	Military	UNIDENTIFIED
9	Misawa AB, Japan	Air Vis. & <u>RADAR</u>	Balloon
9	San Antonio, Texas	Dailey	A/C
10	Sonoma, California	McNab - Hunter	UNIDENTIFIED
10	Hopkins, Minnesota	GOC	Insufficient Data
10	Santa Ana, California	Military Air	A/C
11	Gadsden, Alabama	Lesaiter	Balloon
12	San Antonio, Texas	Allen	Balloon
13	Ft Monmouth, New Jersey	Hamilton - Burke	A/C
14	Austin, Texas	Chandler	Balloon
15	Mediterranean Sea (H.O. Bulletin) (FO ONLY)	Maxwell	Meteor
15	Westhampton Beach, New York	Civilian	Astro (STAR/PLANET)
15	Marvsville, Tennessee	Williams	Balloon
16	Honolulu, T. H.	Sackett	A/C
17	Guatemala	(PROTO)	UNIDENTIFIED
19	Agua Dulce, Panama	Jameson	Other (HOAX)
19	Prezont, Texas	Not Reported	Insufficient Data
21	Hiram, Georgia	Not Reported	Insufficient Data
21	Eau Galle, Florida	Not Reported	Insufficient Data
22	North Pacific (H.O. Bulletin) (INFO ONLY)	4 Airmen	Meteor
22	Patrick AFB, Florida	Military	Insufficient Data
22	Harmon AFB, Newfoundland	Military	Astro (VENUS)
22	Patrick AFB, Florida	Military	Insufficient Data
23	Honshu, Japan	Military	Astro (Meteor)
23	Austin, Texas	Ground (<u>RADAR</u>)	Weather Effects on Rada
23	Eklutna, Alaska	Civilians	Astro (VENUS)
24	Suwon, Korea	Military	A/C