

PROJECT 118073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>16 Apr 52</u>	2. LOCATION Sareveport, La.		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>2228</u> GMT <u>17/ 0328 Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE AF Capt Senior pilot		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 70 seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Brilliant white turning red. Circular. Object came in straight and level and made 180 deg turn in 6 seconds. Balloon launched at 220 but was Radio-sonde, carried no light. Doubtful if this was balloon.		11. COMMENTS Object was ten times size of brightest star. Seemed to change from circular to flat after turn and gradually changed to red. Was directly overhead when first seen.	

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LET, HQ USAF, SUBJ: REPT OF INCO ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJ, DTD

08 DIC 51, FILE AF014-C/08-2.

1. SINGLE BRILLIANT WHITE CIRCULAR OBJ, 1/2 TIMES SIZE OF BRIGHTEST STAR, SIGHTED BY SAC WASH 2228 HRS, 14 APR 52. FIRST SIGHTED DIR OVERHEAD AT 12 25H 52. ACR TWR STRAIGHT COURSE AT PERMANENT VELOCITY ON BEARING OF 100 DEGREES. OBJ EXECUTED 1/2 TURN WITHOUT DIMINISHING SPEED AND CONT'D ON RECIPROCAL BEARING UNTIL LOST TO SIGHT. COLOR OF OBJ CHANGED TO PINK DURING TURN, INCREASING TO RED. APPEARANCE CHANGED TO CHANGE FROM FLAT CIRCULAR SHAPE TO A TWINKING LENS SHAPE.

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OBJ BRITNEY, OR TAIL, EXHAUST, OR SOLNS.

2. REPT BY WASH 2228 HRS, 14 APR 52. LOCATION OF OBSERVATION, AFB

RECORDS.

3. VIF OBJ DETERMINATION. NO VIF AIDS OTHER THAN RELATIVE BEARING FR

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

TITLE

Report of Unidentified Flying Object

LOCATION

Shreveport, Louisiana

REPORTING OFFICER

A-2, 301st Bomb Wing, SAC

DATE OF REPORT

17 April 1952

DATE OF OBSERVATION

16 April 1952

EVALUATION

A-2

PREPARED BY

Major Jesse N. Tossier, A-2

Captain Eugene R. Mathis

REFERENCES (to and from, include source report, etc., as indicated)

None

SUMMARY (state briefly contents of report. Use appropriate paragraph. Do not exceed 2000 words. Report of observation AF Form 152-1)

Unidentified circular flying object sighted at 32 29N - 92 45W, 2228 hours, 16 April 1952 by Captain Mathis. Object brilliant white in color, emitted no trail, exhaust, or sound and flew at phenomenal speed. Object executed 180 degree turn and disappeared from sight having covered an estimated distance of approximately 25 miles during the approximately 70 seconds of observation.

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APPROVED:

JESSE N. TOSSIER
Major, USAF
Director of Intelligence

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The following report is submitted in accordance with instructions contained in Letter, Headquarters USAF, Subject: Reporting of Information on Unidentified Flying Objects, dated, 19 December 1951, File No. AFON-C/CC-2.

1. A single circular object, brilliant white in color and ten times the size of the brightest stars, was reportedly sighted by a ground observer at 32 29N - 93 48W, 2228 hours, 16 April 1952. The exposed surface of the object appeared to be flat. The object, travelling at unbelievable speed on an unwavering heading of about 100 degrees, omitted no trail, exhaust, or sound. After passing over the city of Shreveport, it suddenly executed a 180 degree turn and continued its unwavering course on the reciprocal heading until lost to sight. The observer reported the object accomplished the 180 degree turn in approximately six seconds. During the execution of its turn, the object appeared to become pinkish in color, gradually turning to red on the reciprocal heading. After turning, appearance of the object seemed to change from flat circular shape to a shimmering lens shape, and, approximately ten seconds after completing its turn, the object appeared to emit, for an instant, a slight reddish trail, as if a few glowing fragments had become detached from the main body. Neither size nor altitude of the object could be estimated, and there was no apparent change in altitude or speed during the period of observation.

2. The object was first observed directly overhead by the observer at 2228 hours, 16 April 1952. Duration of the observation did not exceed seventy seconds, during which time the object had passed over the entire city of Shreveport and returned and was lost to sight, having covered an observed distance of at least twenty-five miles.

3. The observer had no visual aids other than relative bearings from the stars.

4. The observer reporting the sighting was standing on his lawn at 3832 Jackson Street, Shreveport, Louisiana, 32 29N - 93 48W, at the time of observation.

5. Observer reporting the sighting, Captain Eugene R. Mathis, AO-680927, 352nd Bomb Squadron, 301st Bombardment Wing, Medium, is a SAC Aircraft Commander, a senior pilot with more than 3000 hours and eight years experience in heavy and medium bombardment and transport type aircraft. Captain Mathis has had prior experience as a Special Agent for the Counter-Intelligence Corps, and for the past several months, has been assigned to duty as Squadron Intelligence Officer. His background training and experience qualify him as a competent observer. Insofar as his observation permitted, the information regarding the above reported sighting may be considered completely reliable. At the time of the incident, Captain Mathis was accompanied by a neighbor, Mr. Jack Touchstone, 3830 Jackson Street, Shreveport, Louisiana. Mr. Touchstone was a paratroop sergeant during World War II, and is presently employed as manager of Baker's Shoe Store, 606 Texas Street, Shreveport. Mr. Touchstone has not been interviewed.

6. Weather and wind conditions (teletype sequences) at time of sighting: 2230C 30M thin broken, vis-15 mi; winds PIEBALD 3000 20M 320 17k; 25M 300 12k;

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7. Following the sighting, Captain Mathis immediately contacted meteorological observers at both Barksdale Air Force Base, and C.A.A. None of the personnel contacted admitted knowledge of meteorological phenomena or usage of equipment that might account for the incident. Base Weather Detachment at Barksdale Air Force Base reported launching a weather balloon at 2200 hours, above date. The balloon carried radio equipment, but no light.

8. Negative

9. Negative

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # _____

DATE: 16 Apr 52

TIME (Local): 0725

LOCATION: Shreveport, La.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 0 Sec.

SOUND: None

SPEED: 400

ALTITUDE: Unknown

HEADING: 100°-200°

SOURCE: Pilot

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Radiometric balloon (JPL 10-01) was in type. Half moon low in east. No line of sighting. Possibly balloon being inflated. _____

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Speed (not) due to illusion of some type.

Subject was circular and brilliant white, ten times the size of the brightest planet. The object was first sighted overhead. It traveled a straight course at high speed. It was on an original heading of 100° and made a 180° turn and took up reciprocal heading. [REDACTED]

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