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AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)	
UVALDE, TEXAS	INTELLIGENCE DIVISION LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, TEX.	
DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
28 JULY 52	22 JULY 52	F2
PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE	
2d Lt, LOUIS H KISTLER, JR, Chief, Intel. Div.	DON EPPERLY, Trans-Texas Airlines	Weather Observer

REFERENCES (Central number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

MYMSG 0106 and AFL 200-5, 29 Apr 52

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

The report of the sighting of an unidentified flying object by Mr. Don Epperly, weather observer and station manager for Trans-Texas Airlines, Uvalde, Texas, was relayed to this Headquarters by Mr. Ralph Desmond, U. S. Weather Bureau, Municipal Airport, San Antonio, Texas. This Headquarters contacted Mr. Epperly by electrical means and he reported the following information.

The object was sighted at Uvalde, Texas at 1245, 22 July 1952.

The observer described the object as being large and round, of silver color. The object was estimated to be approximately 50 feet in diameter and at an altitude of 20,000 feet. The object had a very bright after-glow. No aerodynamic features were visible. The object had tremendous speed, estimated as being well over 1,000 miles per hour; propulsion system was not visible and no sound was audible to the observer. The movement of the object was described as "gyrating". The object was traveling from East, about 40 degrees from the horizon, to Southwest. The object seemed to climb higher every second and was observed for approximately 45 seconds before it disappeared behind a large cumulus cloud. The observer did not see the object again.

The observer was located at 29 degrees 11 minutes 16 seconds latitude and 99 degrees 46 minutes 36 seconds longitude.

Clouds were scattered; cloud base, 3,000 feet; visibility, 15 miles; temperature, 96 degrees; dew point, 65.

No known aircraft were in the air in the locality at the time of sighting and the wind was considered too strong for crop dusters to be operating.

The object was also sighted by a passenger who was in the ticket office with Mr. Epperly. The name of this passenger is not known by this Headquarters.

No information relative to the observer is available at this Headquarters. He did state that he had been doing his job long enough to know that the object sighted was not a bird, airplane, or a weather balloon.

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[redacted]/61866 FLYOBRPT. UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJ APPEARED LARGE AND RND, SILVER COLORED, ABOUT 58 FT IN DIA. NO VISIBLE AERODYNAMIC FEATURES, HAD VERY BRIGHT AFTER-GLOW, GYRATING MOVEMENT, TREMENDOUS SPEED, PROPULSION SYS NOT VISIBLE, NO AUDIBLE SOUND. OBJ TVL FR E ABOUT 40 DEG FR HORIZON TO SW, SEEMING TO CLIMB HIGHER EVERY SEC. OBJ WAS IN VIEW ABOUT 45 SEC, BLOCKED FR VIEW BY LARGE CUMULUS CLOUD. SIGHTED AT 1446, 22 JUL 52. SPEED EST OVER 1,000 MPH. ALT APPROX 20,000 FT. OBSR LOC LAT 29 DEG 11 MIN 16 SEC LONG 99 DEG 46 MIN 36 SEC. OBJ SIGHTED BY DON EPPERLY, WEA OBSR FOR TRANS-TEX AIRLINES AND ONE PSGR IN TICKET OFFICE. WEA COND AT UVALDE AT TIME OF SIGHTING CLOUD COND SCATTERED, CLOUD BASE 3,000 FT, VISIBILITY 15 MILES, TEMPERATURE 96 DEG, DEW POINT 65 . NO KNOWN ACFT IN AIR IN AREA. W WIND TOO STRONG FOR CROP DUSTERS.

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TENTATIVE
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 22 (Day) July (Month) 1952 (Year)

1.2 Time of day: 14:46 PM (Hrs. / Min.) A.M. or P.M. (Circle One)

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 did you see the object?

Garner Field (Postal Address) | Uvalde (City or Town) | Texas (State) | Uvalde (Country)

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

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

4. How did you happen to notice the object? While taking a weather observation for Trans-Texas Airways 14:50 Weather sequence.

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

22nd (Day) July (Month) 1952 (Year)

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? Checking on the amount of cloud Coverage in sky.

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.

For the last 30 min I had been filling daily flight reports and making work schedule for next week

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
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

7.2 How fast were you moving? _____ 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 facing when you first saw the object?

(Circle One):

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

8.1 What direction were you facing when the object disappeared?

(Circle One):

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

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

(a) Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
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
b. Through windshield
c. Through binoculars
d. Through telescope
e. Through theodolite
f. Through sun glasses
(g) Through open space
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. Hazy
(c) Scattered clouds
d. Thick or heavy clouds
e. Don't remember

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

a. No wind
b. Slight breeze
c. Strong wind
d. 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

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

a. Cold
b. Cool
(c) Warm
d. Hot
e. Don't remember

The following is the weather report that I sent July 22 at 14:50 P.M.

July 22
14:50 Central Wx

UVA 30 D 15 96/95 K 16/000/TWRG CU ALL QDS/QAX10

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object? ____ Hours ____ Minutes 45 sec. Seconds

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?	(Yes)	No	Don't know
14.2 Change speed?	(Yes)	No	Don't know
14.3 Change size?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.4 Change color?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.5 Break up into parts or explode?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.6 Give off smoke?	(Yes)	No	Don't know
14.7 Change brightness?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.8 Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	Yes	(No)	Don't know
14.9 Remain motionless?	Yes	(No)	Don't know

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? very Bright White

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

16.1 Sound Could hear no sound

16.2 Color Silver Color

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? just one
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.

Object moved behind a Cumulonimbus Cloud

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.

Object moved just in front of the top of towering CU. Cloud

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	f. Automobile
b. Baseball	g. Small airplane
c. Basketball	h. Large airplane
d. Bicycle wheel	i. Dirigible
e. Office desk	j. Other _____

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

(a.) Certain	c. Not very sure
b. Fairly certain	d. Uncertain

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

20.1 How high above the earth was it? 20,000 feet.

20.2 How far was it from you? _____ feet or 8 miles

20.3 How fast was it going? over 1000 MPH miles per hour.

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

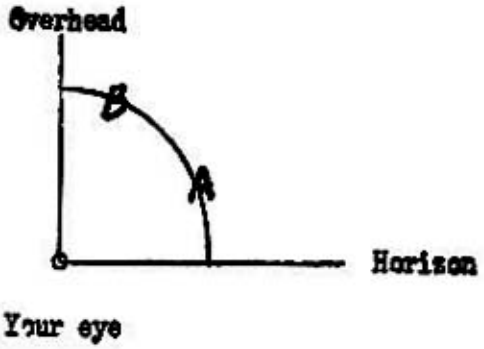
(a.) Certain	c. Not very sure
b. Fairly certain	d. Just a guess

21. How did the object disappear from view?

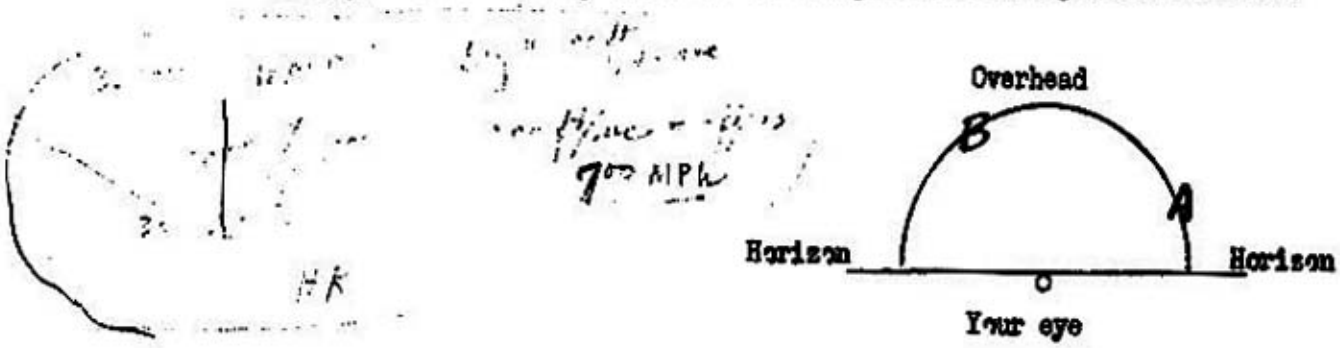
(Circle One): a. Suddenly
b. Gradually
c. Other Behind a cloud layer to the South West
d. Don't remember

SECTION D

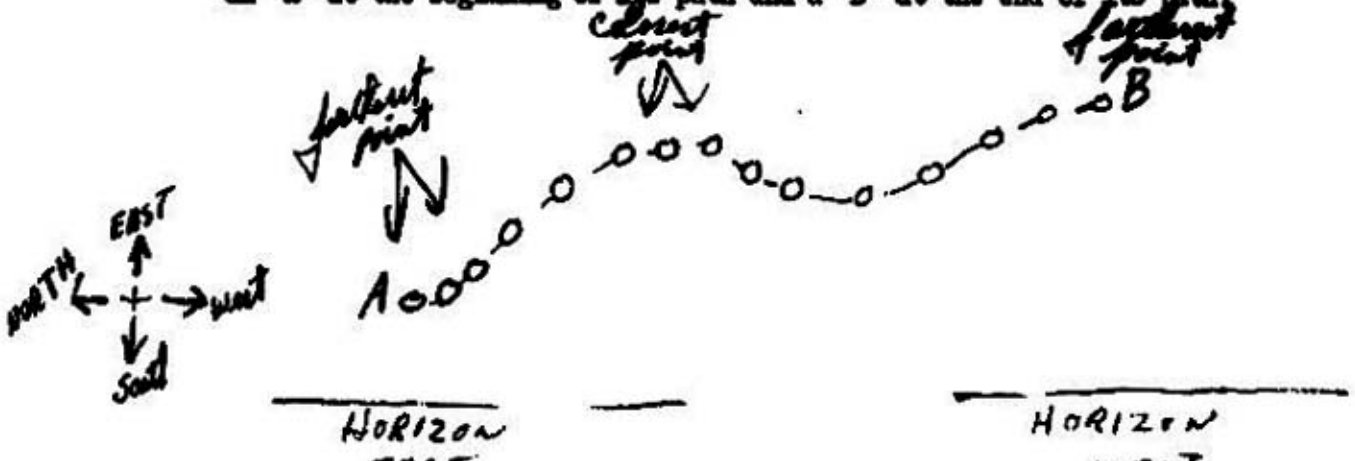
22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when when you last saw it.



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.

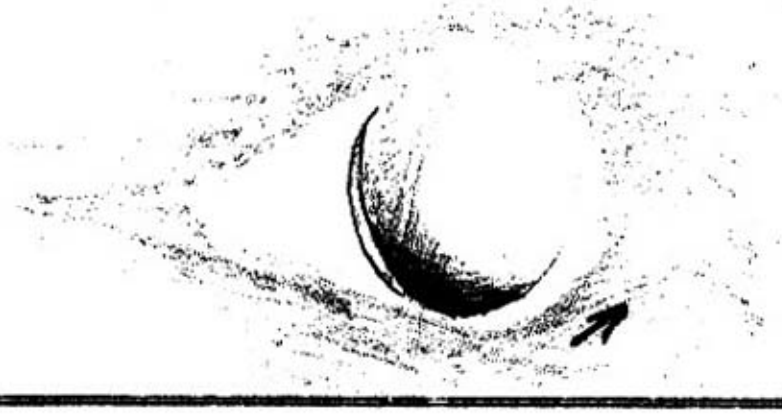


24. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an "A" at the beginning of its path and a "B" at the end of its path.



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.

Very bright after glow



SECTION E

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this? (Circle One): (Yes) 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?

Weather or wind aloft ~~bolloon~~ balloon could not possibly have moved that fast. It was not an aircraft as it had no aerodignamic features. I can identify any aircraft of any country that was built during the first world war to date. It was not an aircraft I dont know what object was

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME Epperly (Last Name) Donald (First Name) Arthur (Middle Name)

ADDRESS 132 South High (Street) Uvalde (City) _____ (Zone) Texas (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER 1063

What is your present job? Station Mgr Texas Texas Airways

Age 27

Sex male

Last School Attended Midwest Airline School

Year of last attendance at this school 1948

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:

Paul Epperly - Atlantic, Iowa.
14 yrs old

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

I have studied aviation for last 15 yrs, I was Flight Engineer MOS 747 skilled and Aircraft Engineering Technician MOS 925 in the Air Force. I now hold a commercial Pilots Rating. I can name any aircraft by sight or sound but I will say that this object was not an aircraft and also not a weather or winds aloft balloon.

Please advise if I can be of further service. I will gladly give any information that I have at my disposal.