PROJECT 10078 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 18, 19, 23 May 49	2. LOCATION New Orleans, Louisiana
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION 1. AIRCRAFT 2. AIRCRAFT 3. AIRCRAFT 4. Astro (STARS/PLANETS) 5. Astro (METEOR)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS FIVE	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION SEE SUMMARY	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS 1. Observer sighted a silver-colored object in the afternoon. Object looked like a dinner plate. It was in sight for about 10 minutes heading West on a level plane. 2. Observer sighted a flat, round disc one afternoon. It was a brilliant object reflecting sunlight. It was seen for about five minutes heading West. It was traveling at a high rated of speed. 3. Observer sighted a round, gray object. It was heading NE and was in sight for about 30 seconds. No manuevers. 4. Observer sighted silver-colored object. It was bright and shiny, flat and spherical. Later, five smaller objects grouped around the large object. The object was in view for 25 minutes. The object moved in a large circle. It just disappeared 5. Observe sighted about [illegible] objects of the same size. They were circular, like a clam. The objects were in sight for about 5 seconds.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE SEE SUMMARY	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☐ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☐ No	

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

FILE NO. 24-9

DATE 26 July 1949

REPORT MADE BY R. R. LUMSDEN, S/A

REPORT MADE AT DO #10, Kelly AFB, Texas

PERIOD 18 May - 5 June 1949

OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #10, Kelly AFB, Texas

STATUS PENDING

TITLE

UNKNOWN AERIAL PHENOMENA

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CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE Report, 17 May 1949, Special Agent R. R. LUMSDEN, DO #10, Kelly AFB, Texas

SYNOPSIS

Reports of sighting of unidentified objects in New Orleans, La. on 18, 19, 23 May 1949, submitted by 4th Army on 9 June. Objects were sighted by three housewives, Mrs. [redacted], Mrs. [redacted], JR., and Mrs. [redacted], respectively. On 20 May, object was sighted by [redacted], Professor, Tulane University, New Orleans, La. from beach near Pontchartrain Beach, New Orleans, La. [redacted] saw a total of six objects for a period of approximately 25 minutes. [redacted] is a Lt. Colonel, Air Force Reserve, formerly an Intelligence Officer, and was interviewed by Branch Intelligence Officer, 4th Army, New Orleans, La. On 21 May 1949, between the hours of 2045 and 2100 CST, several unusual objects in the air above Dallas, Texas, were observed by a number of civilian observers. The number of objects varied from twenty to seventy-five, and were in sight for a period from three to six seconds. Objects were moving at a high rate of speed, flying in a fixed curve towards the east, south-east. Observations were made by Mr. [redacted], Mr. and MRS. [redacted], and Mr. [redacted] all of Dallas, Texas. On 19 May 1949, thirteen enlisted men sighted an object in the air above Fort Bliss, Texas. Object was in sight for approximately five minutes. Information received through 4th Army from Hq. Antiaircraft Artillery and Guided Missile Center, Fort Bliss, Texas. On 30 May, two enlisted men of Fort Bliss sighted an object in the vicinity of Fort Bliss, and this was reported through 4th Army, by Hq Antiaircraft Artillery and Guided Missile Center, Fort Bliss,Texas. On 5 June, Capt. [redacted], Post Engineer, Wingate Ordnance Depot, Gallup, New Mexico observed an object in the air near the Depot. Observation was made at 1950 hours, and was in sight for approximately five seconds. This object left a trail of white smoke with the persistence of approximately 15 minutes. Report of sighting furnished by 4th Army.

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Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AFB,Ohio
ATT: Director of
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H. R. LUMSDEN
Lt.Colonel, USAF
DISTRICT COMMANDER

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DETAILS:

1. Headquarters Fourth Army on 9 June 1949, furnished report of unidentified objects which had been sighted, in New Orleans, La. Three separate reports were submitted on incidents which occurred on 18, 19, and 23 May 1949.

2. At 1630 hours, 18 May 1949, Mrs. [redacted] New Orleans, La. sighted one unusual aerial object while sitting on the back steps of her house. Informant compared the object to a single engine Naval training craft, stating that it was silver in color, but resembled an ordinary dinner plate. The object was in sight for ten minutes and was approximately 1-1/2 miles distant, moving in a generally east to west direction. Object flew at a level plane and made no maneuvers, but travelled in an end-over-end fashion at a speed comparable to the Naval training plane previously mentioned, and which informant advises she has seen many times. New Orleans BIO making report commented that Mrs. [redacted] report might have been influenced by a discussion with Mrs. [redacted], which is set forth in the following paragraph.

3. On 19 May 1949, at 1615 hours, Mrs. [redacted], New Orleans, La. sighted one object in the sky. Her attention was was attracted to the object by the sun's reflection from it. The object appeared to be a flat, round disc, comparable in size to that of a small airplane. Mrs [redacted] saw the object for approximately five minutes, during which time it moved in a direction from east to west. Informant believed the object to be between 150 and 170 miles per hour in speed, and object travelled on a level plane and made no maneuvers. In both of the above incidents the weather was clear and the light conditions were good. Both interviews were conducted on 23 May 1949, and reports were submitted directly to AMC. Copies of original "guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects" on file at DO #10.

4. On 23 May 1949 at 1850 hours, Mrs. [redacted], New Orleans, La. observed on object at a distance of approximately 1-1/2 miles. Informant's thirteen year-old soon first noted the object and attracted his mother's attention. The object appeared to be round, compared to a weather balloon, grey in color, and was moving from south to north-east. Object was in sight for approximately 30 seconds, and informant compared the speed to that of a small observation plane. No maneuvers were noted. Mrs. [redacted] is considered to be reliable, and not in the habit of telling falsehoods, or exaggerating. Report furnished directly to AMC by Fourth Army. Copy is on file at DO # 10.

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5. On 20 May 1949, object was sighted at 1620 hours by Mr. [redacted] Professor, Tulane University, New Orleans, La. [redacted] was interviewed on 31 May by a member of the Branch Intelligence Office, New Orleans, La. [redacted] stated that at 1625 hours on 20 May, he was lying on his back at the beach in the Pontchartrain Beach area, New Orleans, La. and sighted an unusual aerial object. [redacted] is a Lt. Colonel in the Air Force Reserve and was formerly an Intelligence Officer. He stated he first saw only one object, but later five smaller objects grouped around a larger one. All were bright and shiny, being silver in color. Shape was flat and spherical. Distance from the observer could not be estimated, but objects were in sight for approximately 23 minutes. The weather was clear with unlimited visibility. Object moved in a large circle over New Orleans Airport. No sound or odor was noticed, and after rotating on a horizontal axis, the object disappeared. Report furnished by Fourth Army direct to AMC. Copy retained in File DO # 10.

6. On 21 May 1949, between the hours of 2045 and 2100 CST, several persons observed unusual objects in the air above Dallas, Texas. The weather report for this period was as follows:

"Weather Report: 21 May 1949, U. S. Department of Commerce, Weather Bureau, Dallas, Texas: 2030 hours clear sky, visibility 15 miles, pressure 1005.4 milbars, temperature 78°, dew point 62, NNE wind two miles per hour, 29.69 altimeter, frequent cloud to cloud lightning.

"2130 hours, clear sky, 15 miles visibility, 1006.4 milbars, 75° temperature, 58 dew point NNE wind at five miles per hour, altimeter 29.72, frequent cloud to cloud lightning SE.

"2230 hours, clear sky, 15 miles an hour wind, 1007.5 milbars, 77° temperature, dew point 52, SSE wind at ten miles per hour, 29.75 altimeter reading, occasional lightning in the East. "

In an interview on 25 May, Mr. [redacted] Dallas, Texas, stated substantially as follows: He is a construction and labor foreman, and at 2100 hours in the front yard of his home, he happened to see a long irregular line of about 75 to 100 objects in the sky. These objects were flat, circular in shape like a smoke ring, were smaller than a man's fist held at arm's length. Objects appeared to be approximately 1-1/2 miles away and were moving from east to west. They were in sight for approximately three seconds, moving at a speed estimated to be 800 to 1,000 miles per hour. [redacted] stated that they were very dim, just enough to see, about like a 5 watt light globe. No maneuvers were observed and no sound or odor noted. Interrogator stated

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11. On 16 June 1949, this office received through G-2, Fourth Army, copies of letter dated 2 June 0949 from Fort Bliss, reporting another unconventional aircraft observed on 30 May 1949. Copies of this report are also attached.

12. On 16 June 1949, this office received through Fourth Army, copies of "Guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects". Object was observed at 1950 hours, 5 June 1949, at Wingate Ordnance Depot, Gallup, New Mexico, by Captain [redacted], Post Engineer of the Ordnance Depot. Object was in sight for approximately five seconds and appeared to be 50 miles away from the observer. It appeared to be a spheroid in shape and was described as being orange in color as seen against the deep blue sky. The brilliance was that of a 200 watt light bulb at 100 yards, with the object being about 1/8" in diameter at arm's length. In this instance a trail of white smoke with the persistence of approximately 15 minutes was observed emanating from the object. Copy of the report furnished directly to AMC by Fourth Army, and a copy is on file at DC #10.

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FOR COMMANDING GENERAL, AMC, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, DAYTON, OHIO, ATTENTION: DIRECTOR OF TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE

FOR DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, HQ, USAF, WASHINGTON, D.C.

1. Copy of letter from Headquarters, Antiaircraft Artillery and Guided Missile Center, Fort Bliss, Texas, Subject: Unconventional Aircraft, To: Commanding General, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, ATTN: AC of S, G-2, 23 May 1949. (Dup.)

2. Copy of letter from Headquarters, Antiaircraft Artillery and Guided Missile Center, Fort Bliss, Texas, Subject: Unconventional Aircraft, To: Commanding General, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, ATTN: AC of S, G-2, 2 June 1949. (Dup.)

FOR HEADQUARTERS, OSI, WASHINGTON, D.C.

FILE

1. "Guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects", 23 May 1949 - MRS. [redacted], New Orleans, La.

2. "Guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects", 23 May 1949 - MRS. [redacted], New Orleans, La.

3. "Guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects", 25 May 1949 - MRS. [redacted] New Orleans, La.

4. "Guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects", 31 May 1949 - MR. [redacted] Professor, Tulane University, New Orleans, La.

5. "Guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects", 25 May 1949, - MR. [redacted], Dallas, Texas

6. "Guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects", 24 May 1949 - MR. [redacted], Dallas, Texas

7. "Guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects", 25 May 1949 - MRS. [redacted], Dallas, Texas.

8. "Guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects", 25 May 1949 - MR. [redacted], Dallas, Texas.

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9. Copy of letter from Headquarters, Antiaircraft Artillery and Guided Missile Center, Fort Bliss, Texas, Subject: Unconventional Aircraft, To: Commanding General, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, ATTN: AC of S, G-2, 25 May 1949.

10. Copy of letter from Headquarters, Antiaircraft Artillery and Guided Missile Center, Fort Bliss, Texas, Subject: Unconventional Aircraft, to: Commanding General, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, ATTN: AC of S, G-2, 2 June 1949.

11. "Guide to Investigation - Unidentified Aerial Objects", 6 June 1949, Captain [redacted], Post Engineer, Wingate Ordnance Depot, Gallup, New Mexico.

CONTROL NO. S - 679 | SUBJECT: 2nd Indecimal File No. ____ Unidentified Aerial Phenomena CONF.. S-1115 | FOLLOW UP ON ____ DATE ____

FROM: 4th Army Ft Sam Houston Texas | DATED 7/14/49
TO: IAXS | NO. INCLS. 1
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1 IAXS	N/R	[illegible]	20 Jul 49
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FROM: 5D - OSI | DATED 7/11/49
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R-685

FROM: 4th Army Ft Sam Houston Texas | DATED 6/2/49
TO: IAXS | NO. INCLS. 1
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1 IAXS	N/R	[illegible]	8 June
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CONF... R-1170

FROM: 4th Army Ft Sam Houston Texas | DATED 6/6/49
TO: IAXS | NO. INCLS. 1
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1 IAXS	N/R	[illegible]	11 June
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CONTROL NO. R - 273 | SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Conf.. R-686 | DECIMAL FILE NO. ____ | FOLLOW UP ON ____ DATE ____

FROM: 4th Army Ft Sam Houston Texas | DATED 6/2/49
TO: IAXS | NO. INCLS. 1
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1 IAXS	N/R	[illegible]	8 June
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CONTROL NO. R - 517 | SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Conf.. R-1297 | DECIMAL FILE NO. ____ | FOLLOW UP ON ____ DATE ____

FROM: Hq 4th Army Ft Sam Houston Texas | DATED 6/8/49
TO: IAXS | NO. INCLS. 1
RECORDING DESK AXT-1 | DATE RECORDED 6/13/49 | HOUR 1300

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1 IAXS	N/R	[illegible]	14 June
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FROM: 4th Army Ft Sam Houston TO: IAXS | DATED 7/14/49 | NO. INCLS. 1

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FROM: 4th Army Ft Sam Houston Texas TO: IAXS | DATED 6/2/49 | NO. INCLS. 1

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1	IAXS	N/R	[illegible]	[illegible]
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CONTROL NO. R - 517 | SUBJECT: Li[illegible] | DECIMAL FILE NO. [illegible] | FOLLOW UP ON ___ DATE

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FROM: Hq 4th Army Ft Sam Houston Texas TO: IAAS | DATED 6/8/49 | NO. INCLS. 1

RECORDING DESK AXT-1 | DATE RECORDED 6/13/49 | HOUR 1300

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH ARMY
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2 June 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: M.C.I.

The inclosed Summary of Information, Fourth Army Branch Intelligence Office, New Orleans, Louisiana, subject, "Unidentified Flying Object Sighted by Mrs. [redacted]," dated 26 May 1949, is forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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EUSTIS L. POLAND
Colonel, GSC
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6 June 1949

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TO: Commanding General
Air Material Command
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: M.C.I.

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Headquarters Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, 14 July 1949

TO: Commanding General, Air Material Command, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio ATTN: M.C.I.

1. Par 2, 1st Indorsement, complied with.

2. "Guide to Investigation" containing information desired is forwarded as requested.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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8 June 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTENTION: M.C.I.

The inclosed Summary of Information, Fourth Army Branch Intelligence Office, New Orleans, Louisiana, subject, "Unidentified Aerial Object Sighted by [redacted]" dated 2 June 1949, re observation at New Orleans, Louisiana, on 20 May 1949, is forwarded for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

JUSTIS L. POLAND
Colonel, GSC
AC of S, G-2

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Hq AMC, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio JUN 20 1949

TO: Commanding General, Fourth Army, Fort Sam Houston, Texas

1. Additional information, as outlined in the General Section of the inclosed Guide to Investigation, is desired regarding sighting of unidentified aerial objects reported by inclosure to basic letter.

2. Since these objects are alleged to have circled the New Orleans Airport, it is particularly desired that this airport be contacted in an effort to determine if subject objects were noticed or if known objects were aloft at this time which would account for this sighting.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

A. J. Henderson
Lt. Col. USAF

H. M. McCOY
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Intelligence Department

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5th OSI District (IG), Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, 11 July 1949

TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, ATTN: MCIAXS

Forwarded as a matter pertaining to your Command.

for John D. Ruocco
WOJG, USAF
JEROME M. BRAUN
Acting District Commander

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Hq, USAF, dtd 27 Jun 49, subj: Project "Sign", Special Inquiry

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Hq, 9th OSI District (IG) Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, 5 July 1949

TO: District Commander, 5th OSI District (IG) Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio

1. Reference paragraph 2, basic communication.

2. Date of incident listed as being Friday, 20 May 1949, should read Thursday, 19 May 1949.

3. Request that this information be forwarded as outlined in paragraph 4, basic communication.

Edward R. Ford.

EDWARD R. FORD
Major, USAF
District Commander

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, DAYTON, OHIO

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21-19

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27 June 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT "SIGN"
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: District Commander
9th OSI District (IG)
Barksdale Air Force Base
Shreveport, Louisiana

1. Reference is made to report of investigation by Special Agent LOUIS H. COLEMAN, File No. 32-5, dated 27 May 1949.

2. Reference paragraph 2.a. of details of referenced report, the Director of Technical Intelligence, Hq AMC, has requested confirmation of the date of the incident given in the report as Friday, 20 May 1949.

3. The Director of Technical Intelligence has in his possession a report of the 4th Army Intelligence which states that the date of the incident was Thursday, 19 May 1949.

4. It is requested that the correct date be reported to this office for transmission to the Director of Technical Intelligence, Hq AMC.

WOJG, USAF
THOMAS F. DOYLE, JR
Captain, USAF
Acting District Commander

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

DATE: 26 May 1949

PREPARING OFFICE: Branch Intelligence Office, New Orleans, Louisiana

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTED BY MRS. [redacted]

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

1. Date of observation: Monday, 23 May 1949. Date of interview: 25, May 1949.

2. Exact time of observation: 1850 hours.

3. Place of observation: 1439 Seventh Street, New Orleans, Louisiana; map coordinates 90.1-30.0.

4. Position of observer: Informant was out of doors in her back yard.

5. What attracted attention to object: Her attention was attracted to the flying object by her 13-year old son, who first noticed it.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One object was sighted.

7. Apparent size: Informant compared size of object to a small observation plane.

8. Color of object: Object appeared grey in color.

9. Shape: Object appeared to be round, such as a weather balloon.

10. Altitude: When sighted object was at approximately a 45-degree angle above the horizon.

11. Direction from observer: Southwest.

12. Distance from observer: Approximately one to one and one-half miles.

13. Direction of flight of object: South to northeast.

14. Time in sight: thirty seconds.

15. Speed: Informant compared speed of object to that of a small observation plane.

16. Sound and odor: None

17. Trail: None.

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Subject: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
SIGHTED BY MRS. [redacted]

18. Luminosity: Object was not luminous, but grey in color and no reflection or brilliance was observed.

19. Projections: None.

20. Maneuvers: The object made no maneuvers of any kind but traveled on a level plane, neither losing nor gaining altitude.

21. Manner of disappearance: Informant lost sight of object for an instant and then could not locate it again.

22. Effect on clouds: None. There were no clouds in the sky.

23. Additional information concerning object: Informant stated that she was positive the flying object she had sighted was not a search light from the airport, but said the pbject could possibly have been a weather balloon.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Weather clear; light good.

Name and address of observer: Mrs. [redacted], New Orleans, Louisiana.

Occupation and hobbies: Occupation: housewife; hobbies: none.

At the time of observation informant was not wearing glasses and viewed the object while out of doors. (B-2)

BIO COMMENT: Mrs. [redacted] appeared to be a person of average intelligence and a reliable sort of person. A neighborhood check revealed that informant is considered to be a normal person, and is well thought of in the neighborhood. Mrs. [redacted] is considered to be reliable and not in the habit of telling falsehoods or exaggerating.

A check of the indices of the following agencies failed to reveal any record regarding [redacted]

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Police Department, New Orleans, Louisiana

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DATE 26 May 1949

PREPARING OFFICE
Branch Intelligence Office, New Orleans, Louisiana

SUBJECT

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
SIGHTED BY MRS [redacted]

INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPH EVALUATION

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

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1. Date of observation: Thursday afternoon, 19 May 1949. Date of interview: 23 May 1949.

2. Exact time of observation: 1615 hours.

3. Place of observation: 3129 Frenchmen Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, map coordinates 90.1-30.0.

4. Position of observer: At time of observation, informant was sitting on the back steps of her home.

5. What attracted attention to object: Informant's attention was attracted to object by its reflection in the sun.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One object.

7. Apparent size: Informant compared size to that of a small airplane.

8. Color of object: Object appeared to be silver and reflected the sun's light.

9. Shape: Informant compared the shape of the object to a flat round disc, or an ordinary dinner plate.

10. Altitude: Object appeared to be at approximately a 45-degree elevation above the horizon.

11. Direction from observer: North.

12. Distance from observer: Approximately one and one-half miles.

13. Direction of flight of object: In a general east to west direction.

14. Time in sight: Five minutes.

15. Speed: Informant compared speed of object to that of a single-engine training plane which she has observed before in the air (150 to 170 MPH).

16. Sound and odor: None.

17. Trail: None.

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Subject: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
SIGHTED BY MRS. [redacted]

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18. Luminosity: The object was not luminous but appeared to be silver and reflected a great amount of light from the sun.

19. Projections: None.

20. Maneuvers: The object traveled on a level plane and made no maneuvers with the exception of traveling in an end over end fashion.

21. Manner of disappearance: The flying object was in sight until a neighboring house blocked it from view. Informant then ran to the front of the house but could not sight the object again.

22. Effect on clouds: None. There were no clouds in the path of the flying object.

23. Additional information concerning object: None.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: The weather was clear and light good.

Name and address of observer: Mrs. [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana.

Occupation and hobbies: Occupation, housewife; hobbies, none.

At the time of observation informant was not wearing glasses and viewed the object out of doors. (B-2)

BIO COMMENT: Mrs. [redacted] appeared to be of above average intelligence and impressed the interviewer as being reliable. Mrs. [redacted] was at one time a court recorder at the Naval Repair Base in Algiers, Louisiana. A neighborhood check revealed that Mrs. [redacted] is a person of excellent character and reputation and was not known to be a gossiper or a person who would "see" things.

A check of the indices of the following agencies failed to reveal any record regarding [redacted].

Federal Bureau of Investigation, New Orleans, Louisiana.
Police Department, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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DATE: 2 June 1949

PREPARING OFFICE: Branch Intelligence Office, New Orleans, Louisiana

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT SIGHTED BY [redacted]

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

On 31 May 1949 [redacted], Professor, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, was interviewed after it was reported that he had sighted a "flying disc." Your attention is invited to the attached description of the "flying disc" sighted by Mr. [redacted]

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DATE: 2 June 1949

PREPARING OFFICE: Branch Intelligence Office, New Orleans, Louisiana

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT SIGHTED BY [redacted]

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

1. Date of observation: Friday, 20 May 1949. Date of interview: 31 May 1949.

2. Exact time of observation: 1625 hours.

3. Place of observation: Pontchartrain Beach area, New Orleans, Louisiana.

4. Position of observer: Informant sighted object while lying on back, on beach.

5. What attracted attention to object: Bright shiney color.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: At first only one, later five smaller ones grouped around the larger one.

7. Apparent size: No reference points available, so no estimate was made.

8. Color of object: Silver and shiney.

9. Shape: Flat and spherical.

10. Altitude: 45 to 50-degree angle from the ground.

11. Direction from observer: East, northeast.

12. Distance from observer: Would not estimate.

13. Direction of flight of object: West, southwest, generally. Made large circle over New Orleans Airport.

14. Time in sight: 23 minutes.

15. Speed: Apparently slow and deliberate.

16. Sound and odor: None.

17. Trail: None

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Subject: UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT
SIGHTED BY JOHN E. KIEFFER

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18. Luminosity: Extremely bright.

19. Projections: None.

20. Maneuvers: Wide circle around New Orleans Airport.

21. Manner of disappearance: Object rotated on horizontal axis and then disappeared.

22. Effect on clouds: Object well below cloud level.

23. Additional information concerning object: None.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Weather clear; unlimited visibility.

Name and address of observer: Mr. [redacted] Professor, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Occupation and hobbies: Occupation: Professor.

At the time of observation informant was not wearing glasses and has 20/20 vision.

BIO Comment: Observer is deemed to be highly reliable, being a Lieutenant Colonel, Air Corps Reserve, and was formerly intelligence officer with the Air Corps, and is known to this office; therefore, no neighborhood, police, FBI, or employment checks were made. Because of his present association with the 12th Air Force, Kelley Field, San Antonio, observer requested that a copy of this Summary of Information be transmitted to that headquarters, for whom an additional copy is attached herewith.

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

DATE: 26 May 1949

PREPARING OFFICE: Branch Intelligence Office, New Orleans, Louisiana

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTED BY MRS. [redacted]

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

1. Date of observation: Wednesday, 18 May 1949. Date of interview: 23 May 1949.

2. Exact time of observation: 1630 hours.

3. Place of observation: [redacted], New Orleans, Louisiana. Map coordinates: 90.1-30.0.

4. Position of observer: Informant sighted object while sitting on back steps of her house.

5. What attracted attention to object: Informant's attention was attracted by the reflection of the sun on the object in the air.

6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One object.

7. Apparent size: Informant compared size of object to a single-engine two-seated Naval Reserve training plane, which she has seen many times in the New Orleans area.

8. Color of object: Silver.

9. Shape: Informant compared the object to an ordinary dinner plate.

10. Altitude: The flying object was at approximately a 45-degree angle above the horizon and continued at that altitude throughout the time of observation.

11. Direction from observer: North.

12. Distance from observer: Approximately one and one-half miles.

13. Direction of flight of object: In a general east to west direction.

14. Time in sight: Ten minutes.

15. Speed: Informant compared the speed of the flying object to that of the Naval Reserve plane mentioned in item 7 above.

16. Sound and odor: None.

17. Trail: None.

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Subject: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
SIGHTED BY MRS. THEODORE MICHEL.

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18. Luminosity: The object was luminous but cast a very bright reflection from the sun.

19. Projections: None.

20. Maneuvers: The object flew on a level plane and made no maneuvers. The object traveled in an end over end fashion.

21. Manner of disappearance: Informant stated that she took her eyes off the object for a second and could not sight it again.

22. Effect on clouds: None. There were no clouds in the sky at the time of observation.

23. Additional information concerning object: None.

24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting: Weather clear; light good.

Name and address of observer: Mrs. [redacted] New Orleans, Louisiana.

Occupation and hobbies: Occupation, housewife; hobbies, gardening.

At the time of observation informant was not wearing glassed and viewed the object while out of doors. (B-2)

BIO COMMENT: Mrs. [redacted] appeared to be a person of average intelligence and reliability. A neighborhood check revealed that Mrs. [redacted] is well liked in that neighborhood and is considered to be an average person and not very likely to exaggerate or imagine things. The description of the flying object by Mrs. [redacted] is very similar to that made by Mrs. [redacted] SI, this office, dated 26 May 1949, subject, "Unidentified Flying Object." Mrs. [redacted] stated that she had told no one of her observation until a newspaper article appeared about Mrs. [redacted] sighting a "flying disc." Mrs. [redacted] then called Mrs. [redacted] and told her she also had seen a "flying disc." The close similarity of the two descriptions, with the exception of the dates sighted, may have been partly caused by the two informants talking their observations over on the telephone prior to being interviewed.

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Subject: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
SIGHTED BY MRS. [redacted]

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A check of the indices of the following agencies failed to reveal any record regarding [redacted]

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Police Department, New Orleans, Louisiana

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INCIDENT NO. 343

1. Date of Observation 15 May 1949 Date of Interview 23 May 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 1630
3. Place of Observation New Orleans, La.
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object Reflection of sun on object
6. Number of objects One
7. Apparent size Two seat Naval Training Plane
8. Color of object Silver
9. Shape Dinner Plate
10. Altitude 45°
11. Direction from observer North
12. Distance from observer 1 1/2 miles - 2 miles
13. Direction of flight of object(s) East to West
14. Time in sight 10 minutes
15. Speed of 2 seated plane mentioned above
16. Sound and odor None
17. Trail None
18. Luminosity Luminous, but cast bright reflection
19. Projections None
20. Maneuvers Level flight in end over end fashion
21. Manner of disappearance Witness lost sight, by looking away from object
22. Effect on Clouds None
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather Conditions Clear, light good

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Incident 343

Name and address of observer: Mrs. [redacted] New Orleans, La.

Occupation and hobbies:

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

Average intelligence and reliability

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

Mrs. [redacted] appeared to be a person of average intelligence and reliability. A neighborhood check revealed that Mrs. [redacted] is well liked in that neighborhood, and is considered to be an average person and not very likely to exaggerate or imagine things. The description of the flying object by Mrs. [redacted] is very similar to that made by Mrs. [redacted] this office, dated 26 May 1949, subject, "Unidentified Flying Object." Mrs. [redacted] stated that she had told no one of her observation until a newspaper article appeared about Mrs. [redacted] sighting a "Flying Disc". Mrs. [redacted] then called Mrs. [redacted] and told her she too had seen a "Flying Disc." The close similarity of the two descriptions, with the exception of the dates sighted, may have been partly caused by the two informants talking their observations over on the telephone prior to being interviewed.

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OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
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FILE NO. 32-5[illegible]

DATE 27 May 1949

REPORT MADE BY
LOUIS H. COLEMAN, S/A

REPORT MADE AT
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TITLE

PROJECT "SIGN"
UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECT
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

CHARACTER
SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES

REFERENCE

SYNOPSIS

This investigation was initiated by the District Commander, 9th OSI Dist (IG), Barksdale AFB, La., upon receipt of information that unidentified aerial objects had been sighted in the vicinity of New Orleans, La.

Investigation revealed that two persons sighted what appeared to be a disk-like object turning end over end, travelling in a north-northwesterly direction across the outskirts of New Orleans, La.

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation initiated by the District Commander 9th OSI District was upon receipt of information which indicated that unidentified aerial objects had been sighted in the vicinity of New Orleans, La.

2. On 23 May 1949, this agent, in company of Special Agents Bellman and Koster of the Fourth Army Branch Intelligence Office, New Orleans, La., interviewed MRS [redacted], of [redacted], New Orleans, La. The following information pertaining to the alleged sighting of the object by MRS [redacted] was obtained in the course of this interview:

a. Date of sighting: Friday, 20 May 1949.

b. Time of sighting: 1615 hours.

c. Where sighted: The object was sighted from [redacted], New Orleans, La., which is the residence of MRS [redacted] The object appeared to be passing across the outskirts of the city near Lake Pontchartrain.

d. Number of objects: Only one (1) object was noted.

e. Distance of object from observer: The object appeared to be approximately one and one-half (1½) miles from the place of observation. The observer estimated the elevation of the object along her line of vision above the horizon to be approximately 45°.

f. Time in sight: The object was within view of MRS [redacted] for approximately five (5) minutes.

g. Appearance of object: The object appeared to be luminous and silver in color. The shape was that of a disk and the observer compared it to an ordinary dinner plate. The size was estimated as approximately that of a small training type aircraft.

h. Direction of flight: The object appeared to be travelling from east to a north-northwesterly direction.

i. Tactics or maneuvers: The object travelled in a horizontal line throughout the period of observation. The object was turning in an end-over-end fashion.

j. Evidence of exhaust: The object gave off no apparent smoke, odor, or vapor trail.

k. Effect on clouds: The object was not observed to pass through any cloud layers during the period of observation.

l. Lights: No lights were observed inasmuch as the object was noted in the day light. However, the object itself appeared very luminous and reflected the sunlight.

m. Support: The object had no apparent control apparatus, but was a plain disk in appearance.

n. Propulsion: The object had no apparent method of power such as propellers, rotors, or jet openings.

o. Control and stability: The object had no apparent stabilizing apparatus.

p. Air ducts: No air ducts were observed.

q. Speed - MPH: The speed was estimated at approximately 120 to 140 mph. This was established on a relative basis by the observer as compared to that of a medium training plane.

r. Sound: No sound of any nature was evident.

s. Manner of disappearance: The object passed from view behind a residence and the observer was unable to locate the object after changing positions.

t. Weather: The weather at the time of the sighting was clear, sunny and bright with a few scattered clouds.

The following information pertaining to MRS [redacted] is submitted as background information to be used in evaluating the information above.

a. Occupation: Housewife, formerly stenographer and court reporter.

b. Hobbies: None.

c. Neighborhood Check: Neighbors of MRS [redacted] believed her to be a person of good character and a high degree of intelligence.

d. Agency Check: The records of the FBI Field Office and the Police Department of New Orleans, La., contained no record of MRS [redacted].

e. General: To the interviewing agent, MRS [redacted] appeared to be very intelligent and not the type of individual who would put forth such ideas with the hope of publicity. MRS [redacted] also appeared to be normal in every respect including eyesight. There were no other witnesses to the sighting to MRS [redacted] knowledge.

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On 23 May 1949, this reporting agent and S/A Koster of Fourth Army CIC interviewed MRS [redacted], housewife, [redacted], New Orleans, La. MRS [redacted] was contacted after this agent ascertained from MRS [redacted] that MRS [redacted] had called MRS [redacted] husband on Saturday, 21 May 1949, to report that she, too, had seen the flying disk. However, MRS [redacted] sighted the disk on the day previous to MRS [redacted]. The following information was obtained from MRS [redacted] relative to the sighted object:

a. Date of sighting: Wednesday, 18 May 1949.

b. Time of sighting: 1630 to 1645 hours.

c. Where sighted: The observer was at her home at [redacted], New Orleans, La., at the time of sighting. The object appeared to be on the outskirts of the city in the vicinity of Lake Pontchartrain, which is approximately two (2) miles from MRS [redacted] home, in a western direction. At the time of sighting, MRS [redacted] was watering her lawn and working in the garden.

d. Number of objects: MRS [redacted] sighted only one (1) object. No other craft of any type were in the sky within her line of vision.

e. Distance of object from observer: The object appeared to be approximately one and one-half (1½) miles to two (2) miles from the observer at an angle of elevation of approximately 45° from the horizon. MRS [redacted] was unable to judge the altitude, but stated that it was relatively high.

f. Time in sight: The object remained within MRS [redacted] view for approximately ten (10) minutes.

g. Appearance of object: The object was silver in color and luminous and had the shape of a disk and was likened to a dinner plate. The size was indicated as being approximately eight to twelve inches (8" to 12") in diameter when viewed at the stated distance. The informant compared this to the relative size of a small training type aircraft when viewed at the stated distance.

h. Direction of flight: The object appeared to be travelling from the east to a north, northwestern direction.

i. Tactics or maneuvers: The object appeared to be ascending at a gradual pace. However, the object did not swerve from its direct upward line of flight. No tactics or maneuvers other than these were evident. The object was turning in an end-over-end fashion.

j. Evidence of exhaust: No smoke, fumes or odors were apparent.

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k. Effect on clouds: The object did not pass near or through any clouds during the time of observation.

l. Lights: No lights were evident. However, the object in itself reflected considerable sunlight due to its silver luminous appearance.

m. Support: No support or control apparatus such as wings or rotating propellers were noted.

n. Propulsion: No means of propulsion was apparent.

o. Control and stability: No evidence of any means of control or of maintaining stability was observed.

p. Air ducts: No air ducts, slots or jet openings were observed.

q. Speed - MPH: The informant compared the speed of the craft to that of a small training type plane.

r. Sound: No sound of any sort was heard.

s. Manner of disappearance: The informant stated that she removed her sight from the object for an instant and when she again sought to observe, could not locate this object.

t. Weather: The informant stated that the weather at the time when sighting occurred was very clear, sunny and bright.

The following background information is submitted concerning informant to assist in evaluating the information given:

a. Occupation: Housewife.

b. Hobbies: Gardening and pets.

c. Neighborhood check: Interview of neighbors of MRS [redacted] revealed that she is well liked, of good character, and of average intelligence.

d. Agency check: The records of the FBI Field Office and the Police Department of New Orleans, La., contained no record of MRS [redacted]

The interviewing agent found MRS [redacted] to be very cooperative and not at a loss to express herself concerning any question regarding instances indicating that, unless the story had been well planned before hand, she had actually observed the object as described by her. MRS [redacted] does not wear glasses and appears to have excellent sight and be in satisfactory physical condition otherwise.

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