PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 2 Jan 59	**2. LOCATION** Anniston, Alabama	**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 _____ GMT 03/0100Z	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	**6. SOURCE** Civilian Guards	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 7 min	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** 1	**9. COURSE** NW to SW

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Stationary red ball or light in the sky, color changing from red to silver to amber,. Size somewhat like a grapefruit. Obj had up and down movement and was moving in fast circles.

11. COMMENTS

Although there is a possibility the obj was a reflection, there is insufficient information to form valid conclusion.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

JAN 13 1959

SUBJECT
Unidentified Flying Object Report (AFR 200-2)

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
Anniston Ordnance Depot, Bynum, Alabama	Intelligence Div, D/O, Hq AC&SC, Maxwell AFB, Alabama

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
7 January 1959	3 January 1959	F-3

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
[redacted]	Civilian Guards at Anniston Ordnance Depot, Bynum, Alabama

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
IR-1-58, 12 Dec '58 AFR 200-2 Bair Subject 460T Date of Collection, 6-7 Jan '59

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.)

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORT

Pages 2 and 3 contain a report on an unusual light seen in the night-sky by two civilian guards at Anniston Ordnance Depot, Bynum, Alabama. This is the second report on such phenomena in the last month. While no reasonable explanation of these objects is known here, it is likely that civilian guards were aware of the first occurrence, and were sensitive to any unexplaned lights, etc.

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b. Report from Maxwell AFB AWS: Winds:

	SURFACE	040/03
	6000'	210/10
10000'	XXXXX	240/20
16000'	XXXXX	250/50
20000'	XXXXX	250/60
30000'	XXXXX	240/90
	50000'	260/80

c. Ceiling : 6500' scattered, 11000 Overcast
d. Visibility : 12 miles
e. Ammount of cloud cover: Three tenths at the scattered level
f. Thunderstorms: None

8. Unusual Conditions: None

9. Interception or Identification Action Taken: None

10. Air Traffic in the Area: Unknown

11. Position Title and comments of the preparing officer, including his preliminary analysis: Intelligence Officer, Intel Div, D/O, Hq AC&SC.

It is of note that this is the second UFO report out of Anniston Depot within a month (re our IR-1-58). The power of suggestion here is apparent.

The possibility of a wx freak was suggested to the AWS, but the weather was stated to have been normal.

The manner of movements of the object suggest that the occurrence could have been a 'mirror effect' from some source of reflected light; or, a powerful light reflecting from multilayered clouds and giving both the effect of vertical and circular movements.

No further information is available to this headquarters. It is important to note that the 'grapefruit size' description of the object may not have been arrived at using the 'arms length' rule of AFR 2 00-2, and is therefore unreliable. Further, no reliability estimate of the observers is submitted; this info not having been forwarded.

Local area flying would not seem to be a possible explanation for the phenomenon.

Adequate info is also lacking as to the angle of elevation during the appearance and disappearance of the object, and the manner in which it disappeared.

12. Existence of Physical Evidence: None

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Comments of Approving Officer:

None
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1. Description of the Object:
   a. Shape: Round
   b. Size: Somewhat like a grapefruit
   c. Color: Red to silver to amber
   d. Number: One
   e. Formation: NA
   f. Features: Change in colors from red to silver to amber
   g. Sound: None
   h. Other Features: When object was first sighted, it was stationary and red like a ball. The object was under observation for about 7 minutes.
   i. Tail, Trail or Exhaust: None

2. Description of Course of Object:
   a. What first called attention of observer to the object? A stationary red ball or light in the sky.
   b. Angle or elevation and azimuth of the object when first observed? NW to SW
   c. Angle or elevation and azimuth of the object upon disappearance: Southwest
   d. Description of flight-path and maneuvers of object: Up and down and moving in fast circles, from NW to SW.
   e. How did the object disappear? To the SW as a silver object.
   f. How long was the object visible? 7 minutes

3. Manner of Observation:
   a. Ground -visual
   b. Optical aids: None
   c. NA

4. Time and Date of Sighting:
   a. Zulu date-time group: 0100Z, 3 Jan '59 0100--5 = 2000
   b. Light condition: night

5. Location of Observers: Anniston Ordnance Depot, Anniston, Alabama, 1st Area, Block F-304 approx. 10 Miles south of Anniston

6. Identifying Information on Observers:
   a. Civilian:
      (1) [redacted], Age 37, Address [redacted] Bynum, Ala., Occupation Guard Supervisor
      (2) [redacted], Age 41, Address [redacted] Anniston, Alabama, Occupation Guard Supervisor.

7. Weather and Winds-aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sighting:
   a. Observers' account of weather conditions: Sky was overcast, but could see object clearly.