

PROJECT 1000 RECORD CARD

1. LOCATION

ASHIYA IS., JAPAN

2. TYPE OF SUBJECT

3. DURATION

4. ALTITUDE

5. OBSERVER

Major, USN

6. NUMBER OF SUBJECTS

7. COMMENTS

29 Jul 52

2145

2 N

4 min.

Lights were observed from the ground for 4 min. at 1500-3000 ft. by an AF Major.

1. Possibly a searchlight beam from ship off the coast.

8.1 What direction were you looking when the object disappeared?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | e. South |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| c. East | g. West |
| d. Southeast | h. Northwest |

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

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|-------------------|------------------|
| a. Certain | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | 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 | e. Through theodolite |
| b. Through windshield | f. Through sunglasses |
| c. Through binoculars | g. Through open space |
| d. Through telescope | 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 |

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

- | |
|-----------------------------|
| a. Dry |
| b. Fog, Mist, or light rain |
| c. Moderate or heavy rain |
| d. Snow |
| e. Don't remember |

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

- | |
|-------------------|
| a. No wind |
| b. Slight breeze |
| c. Strong wind |
| d. Don't remember |

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- | |
|-------------------|
| a. Cold |
| b. Cool |
| c. Warm |
| d. Hot |
| e. Don't remember |

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object?

Hours

Minutes

Seconds

4. How did you happen to notice the object? WAS WATCHING A JET-PLANE
FLY BY AND TURNED MY HEAD IN
THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION AND NOTICED OBJECT

5. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?
30 JULY 1952
Day Month Year

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? WAS IN A-4 ABOVE

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.

SITTING IN YARD SMOKING, TALKING WITH A D.A.
AND WATCHING A JET PLANE FLY BY
ABOUT 10:00 AM - RESPECTIVELY

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 e. South
b. Northeast f. Southwest
c. East g. West
d. Southeast 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 looking when you first saw the object?
(Circle One): a. North e. South
b. Northeast f. Southwest
c. East g. West
d. Southeast h. Northwest

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.

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 |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> 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.

- | | |
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| <input checked="" type="radio"/> a. Certain | c. Not very sure |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> b. Fairly certain | d. Uncertain |

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

20.1 How high above the earth was it? 5000 feet.

20.2 How far was it from you? _____ feet or 215 miles.

20.3 How fast was it going? 10 miles per hour.

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

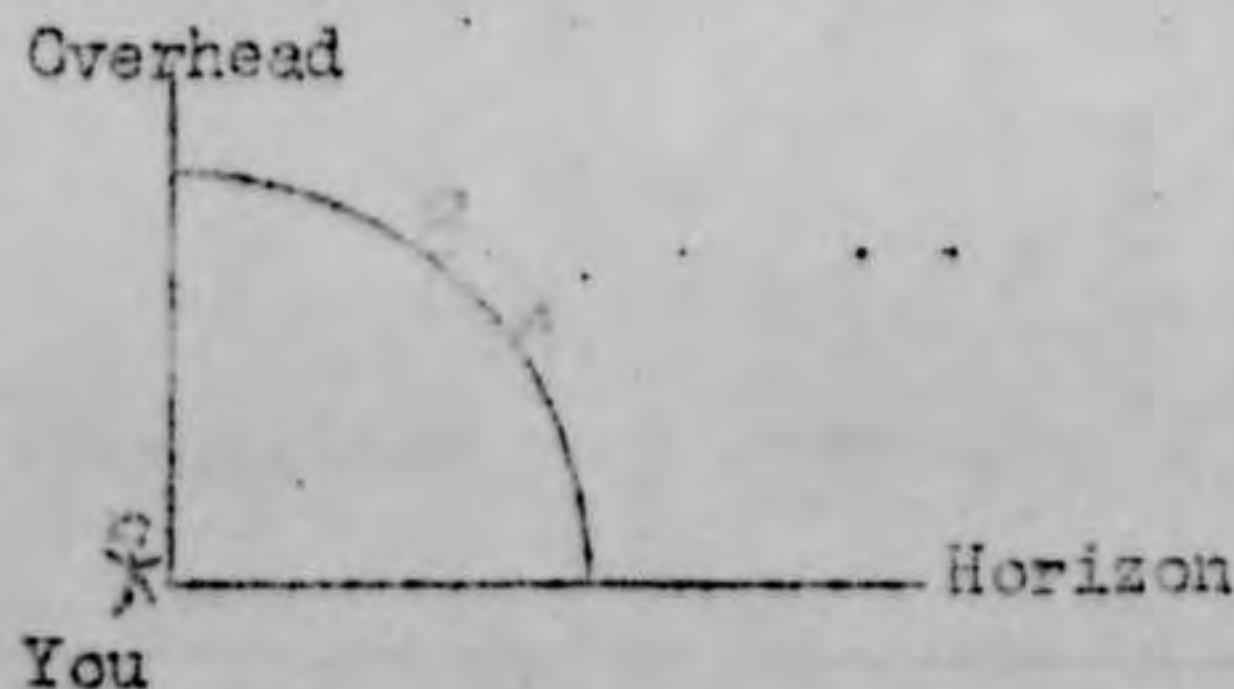
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| <input checked="" type="radio"/> b. Fairly certain | d. Just a guess |

21. How did the object disappear from view?

- (Circle One): a. Suddenly c. Other _____
- b. Gradually 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 (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when you last saw it.



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

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? SLIGHTLY WHITE

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

16.1 Sound NO SOUND

16.2 Color FADED OFF AND ON

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

SECTION E

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this?

(Circle One): Yes or 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?

I have no idea, nor what could have caused it.

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [REDACTED] SAN ANTONIO 8 TEXAS
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

What is your present job? CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEE

Age 44

Sex MALE

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?

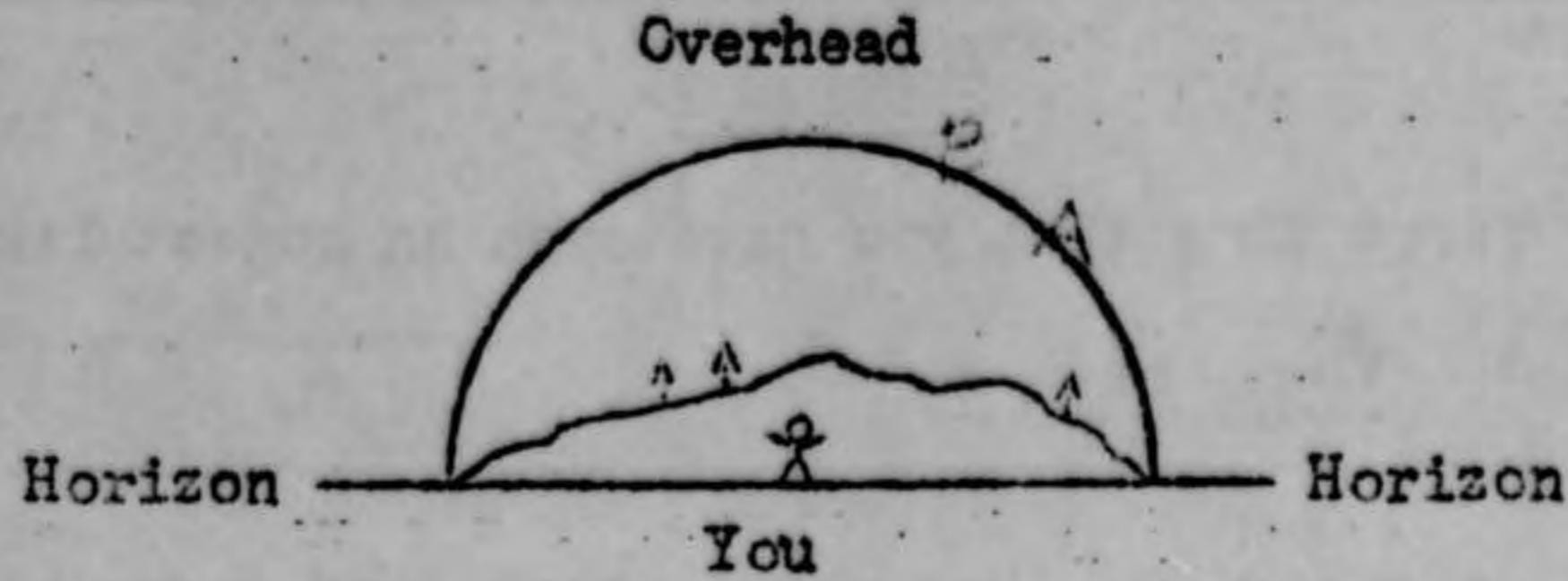
(Circle One): Yes or No

29.2 Please list their names and addresses:

[REDACTED]

SAN ANTONIO 8 TEXAS

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.

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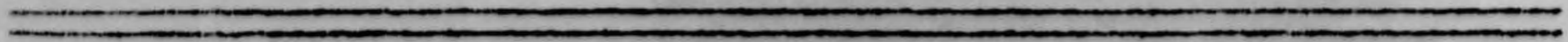
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25. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw and place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

↑ FIRST SIGHTED LEFT WITH SPEED AT 3000

→ RAPID CLIMB

ABOVE



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[REDACTED]

ACTION

F.C. + [REDACTED]

SA-414

[REDACTED]

FLY OB RPT. 1 ROUND, DISC SHAPED OBJECT THAT EMITTED A LUMINOUS
COLOR, WAS OBSERVED APPROX 1000 HRS, CST, 30 JULY 52 BY MR.
[REDACTED] AND HIS BROTHER [REDACTED] AT THEIR RESIDENCE [REDACTED]
ST SAN ANTONIO TEX, 2 BLOCKS SOUTH OF FT SAM HOUSTON. NO TRAIL,
EXHAUST, OR SOUND WAS NOTICED BY OBSERVERS. SPEED UNDETERMINED BUT
OBSERVERS STATED THAT OBJECT WAS MANY TIMES FASTER THAN CONVENTIONAL
ACFT. OBJECT HOVERED DIRECTLY OVERHEAD AT AN ESTIMATED ALT OF
5000 FT AND UPON APPROACH OF C-97 ACFT, OBJECT ROSE RAPIDLY TO
APPROX 10000 FT THEN LET DOWN TO APPROX 5000 FT AGAIN. OBJECT
WAS OBSERVED APPROX 30 MINS. OBJECT HAD ABILITY TO CHANGED DIRECTIONS
VERY RAPIDLY AND DISAPPEARED BY MOVING OFF LATERALLY AT A
TREMENDOUS SPEED. OBSERVERS ARE CONSIDERED COMPLETELY RELIABLE.
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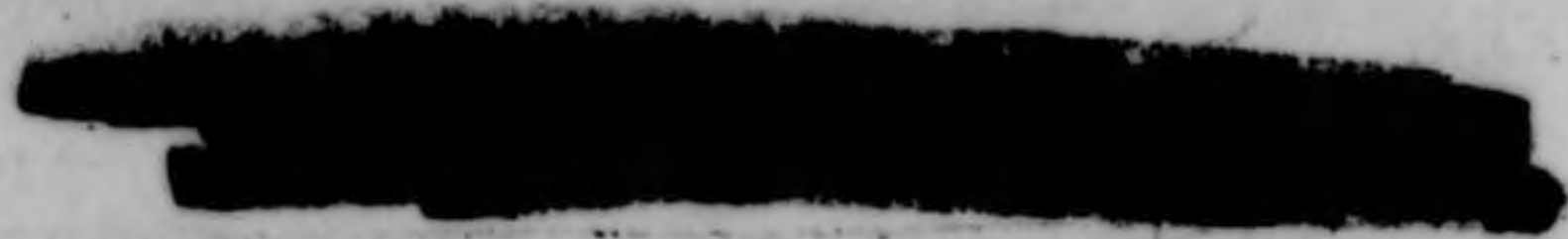
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30. Please add here any further comments which you believe are important.
Use additional sheets of the same size paper, if necessary.

I thought that the object might
have been a weather-balloon. This is
discredited when the object hit the
area of visibility with an incredible
burst of speed.



COUNTRY UNITED STATES	REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT
FLYOB RPT

AREA REPORTED ON San Antonio, Texas	FROM (Agency) SAAMA
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DATE OF REPORT 1 August 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 30 July 1952	EVALUATION Unknown
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PREPARED BY (Officer) Major Robert W. Fox	SOURCE Eye-Witness
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REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
AF Letter 200-5, dated 29 April 1952

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 113—Part II.)

One round, unidentified object of undetermined size, that emitted a luminous color, was seen hovering and flying above San Antonio, Texas.

cc: Chief, AFIC
ATTN: ATIAA-2c
W-P AF Base, Ohio

HEADQUARTERS
SAN ANTONIO AIR MATERIEL AREA
KELLY AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS

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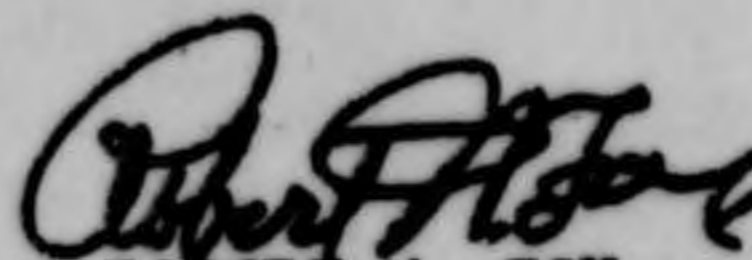
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THRU: Commanding General
ATTN: Intelligence Division
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AF Base, Ohio

TO: Director of Intelligence
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

In compliance with AF Letter 200-5, dated 29 April 1952, the
attached AF Form 112 is forwarded.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



ROBERT W. FOX
Major, USAF
Asst Air Provost Marshal

1 Incl:
As noted

cc: Chief, ATIC
ATTN: ATIAA-2c
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

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COUNTRY: JAPAN REPORT NO.: 08452 (LEAVE BLANK)

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: UNEXPLAINED LIGHTING *Prob Ballon*

AREA REPORTED ON: ASHIYA, KYUSHU, JAPAN FROM (Agency): 403D TROOP CARRIER WING (M)

DATE OF REPORT: 5 August 1952 DATE OF INFORMATION: 29 July 1952 EVALUATION: B-2

PREPARED BY (Officer): RUSSELL H. ETHEBERTON, 1st Lt., USAF MAJ., USAF

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

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

1. Unexplained lighting gibing appearance of a flying object was reported near Ashiya Air Base at 2145 hours, 29 July 1952.

Russell H. Etherton
RUSSELL H. ETHEBERTON
1st Lt., USAF
Asst Wing Intelligence Officer

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In compliance with AF Letter 200-5, dated 29 April 1952, the following information is submitted:

(1) One object, round but size undetermined, however observer stated that object was larger than conventional aircraft. Object gave off a luminous color, somewhat like a glittering diamond that was so brilliant that it hurt eyes affording observers only brief views. No trail, exhaust, or sound was noticed by observers. No aerodynamic features or propulsion system visible to observers. Object hovered directly overhead at approximately 5,000 feet and upon approach of a C-97 aircraft made a rapid ascent to approximately 10,000 feet. Object disappeared by moving off laterally at a tremendous rate of speed, many times faster than conventional aircraft, according to observers.

(2) Time of sighting was approximately 1000 hours, CST, 30 July 1952. Object was observed for approximately thirty minutes.

(3) A visual surface observation without optical or electronic equipment was made.

(4) Object observed at [redacted] San Antonio, just two blocks South of Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

(5) Object was observed by Mr. [redacted] a civilian employee at Kelly AF Base, Texas, and his brother [redacted] a retired Civil Service employee. Observers are well known to members of the Investigation Section, Kelly Air Police Office, and are considered completely reliable.

(6) Fair weather prevailed at the time of the sighting.

(7) No activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise, is known to have occurred at the time which might account for the sighting.

(8) No physical evidence of the sighting.

(9) No interception or identification action taken.

(10) A C-97 aircraft (see Section 1) was flying in the general area at the time of the sighting. Nothing reported.

cc: Chief, ATIC
ATTN: ATIAA-2c
W-P AFB, Ohio

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency)

REPORT NO.

403D TRP CARR OF (M)
Wing Intelligence

08452

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1. At approximately 2145, on 29 July 1952, unidentified moving lights were observed in the sky in the vicinity of Ashiya Air Base, Kyushu, Japan. The light was first sighted low on the horizon in an easterly direction from the Air Base, estimated position in the vicinity of the town of Kokura. First appearance was a glow similar to the moon as seen through a thin overcast or a searchlight beam reflected from the base of a cloud. As the moon was visible in the west at the time and no beam of light projected from the ground was visible, the light was kept under observation. For approximately one minute there was no apparent movement. Then the light began to move in a north westerly direction and moved to a position estimated to be over the coast line at which point its course was altered to parallel the coast line and movement continued in westerly direction. As the light moved toward the west its size was greatly increased until it passed approximately one mile to the north of my position at which time it was a flat elliptical area of luminous glow estimated to be at least 300 feet in length (parallel to line of movement) and approximately 200 feet in width. It moved at a reasonable rate of speed, probably less than 200 miles per hour. Its altitude throughout this period of time is estimated to have been between 1500 and 3000 feet. At no time was a beam of light, from the ground or any other source of light detected. Sky condition was broken. The light disappeared behind obstructions in the West.

2. After approximately 45 seconds a light similar in appearance except for its shape appeared moving from West to East and passed directly overhead at approximately the same altitude as the original light. This light was V-shaped with the closed end pointed in the direction of travel and with two distinct sides estimated to be at least 300 feet in length trailing behind. The speed at this time was extremely high. I have observed aircraft moving in excess of 600 miles per hour and the speed of the light was estimated to be considerably greater than that.

3. After passing overhead the light returned to the approximate location in which first observed and resumed the appearance of the light first observed. After remaining stationary for a few seconds, the light made several sudden movements from side to side but with little change in altitude. The movements were extremely abrupt and were similar to those made by the reflection of the beam of a search light on the base of clouds when the search light itself is being manipulated rapidly. All movements at this time were estimated to be less than two miles in any direction. During this period of time there appeared to be a spot of higher intensity light in the center of a luminous glow. Also several times there appeared to be a narrow beam of light projected from the main light and parallel to the earth's surface probing in various directions. This was rather indefinite however and the beam was not seen to point either up or down but only horizontally from the main light.

4. After approximately two minutes the light vanished. No movement from its last observed position was evident.

5. Approximately four minutes elapsed from the time the first light was observed until the light disappeared.

6. There was no sound at any time.

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7. I am aware of the location of the Yahata Steel Mills in the approximate area in which the light was observed for the greatest period of time and am familiar with the glow in the sky sometimes caused by the blast furnaces. This light was entirely different in appearance and is not believed to have been the result of any industrial activity in this area. The light was definitely not a weather balloon. Air Currents even during a Typhoon would not be capable of causing the rapid movement observed.

8. If the light was the reflection of a searchlight beam, then the source must have been many miles offshore due to the distance traveled by the light. This possibility was ruled out due to the absence of a visible beam of light coming from the earth's surface, by the change in shape to the V appearance when moving at high speed and by the relatively constant intensity and altitude of the light when the sky condition was broken and not a solid overcast.

9. Intelligence Officers Comment: The Sighting referred to in this report was witnessed by several other Airmen at this base. Statements by persons witnessing this incident were very similar and differed only in detail.

10. Weather during time of sighting was scattered clouds 3,000 ft., ceiling 15,000 ft., visibility 10 miles, wind S. S. W. at 10 knots.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS			
AREA REPORTED ON ASHIYA, KYUSHU, JAPAN		FROM (Agency) 403D TROOP CARRIER GROUP (M)	
DATE OF REPORT 5 August 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 27 July 1952	EVALUATION C - 3	
PREPARED BY (Officer) RUSSELL H. ETHERTON, 1st Lt., USAF		SOURCE [REDACTED] M/Sgt [REDACTED] S/Sgt, Installations Sq.	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)			

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

1. Unidentified flying object was reported near Ashiya Air Base by two (2) airmen, at 2305 hours, 27 July 1952.
2. Report delayed due to misinterpretation of reporting procedures. This office informed the OSI was forwarding the facts related in this report to higher headquarters. To prevent duplication this office did not prepare the report until misinterpretation was corrected by information received from Director of Intelligence, 315th Air Division.

Russell H. Ethernon
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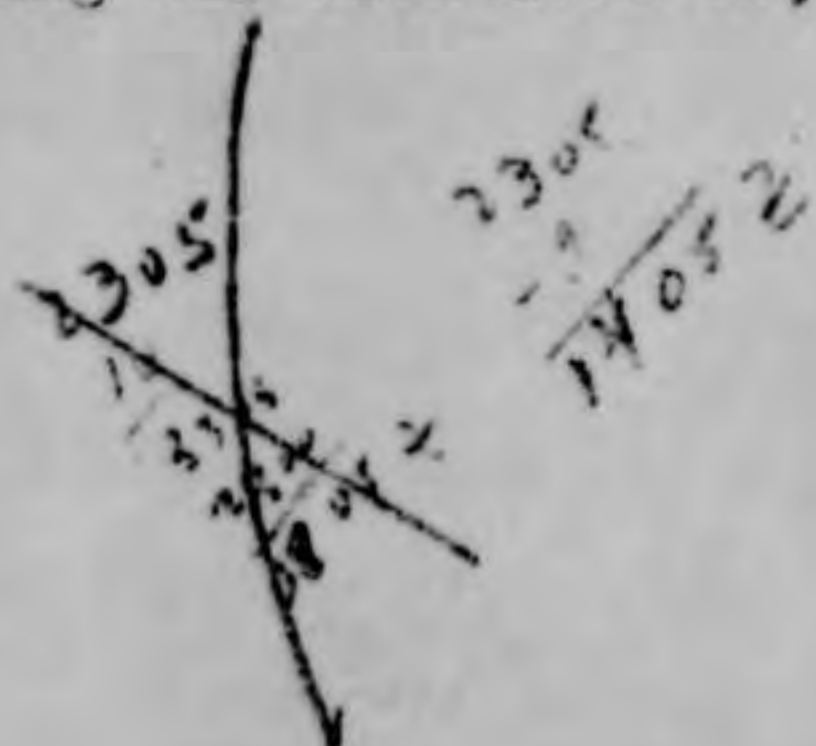
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1. On 27 July 1952 at 2305 hours M/Sgt [redacted] and S/Sgt [redacted] looked out the window of barracks C-50 and at an angle of 45° saw what appeared to be a falling star. Object appeared on the horizon at a 45° angle and ascended to an angle of 75° at 45° it was approximately 10,000 feet above the ground. The object approached from the South Southeast came within 1 mile of the base, it stopped, stayed $1\frac{1}{2}$ minutes in the same place. Moved to its right about 1 mile and then went back to the Southeast and disappeared on the horizon. The object left the area at a terrific speed. It reached the horizon in a matter of seconds.

2. Disk looked like a large pale yellow Grapefruit (of white color, very bright) No visible means of propulsion. Object gave off no light. Was round in shape and color. No noise. No cloud cover in the immediate area. Some thin cumulo form clouds on the horizon. Object became larger as it approached. Stars could be seen faintly behind the object. The entire sighting lasted approximately three (3) minutes. The 2300 news cast was just coming on when the object was sighted. The object was approximately 3 to 4 inches across. The object was about $\frac{2}{3}$ the size of the red obstruction lights on the runway approach. In leaving the object made a low sweeping curve downward toward the horizon. While hovering the object appeared to be executing small tight circles.

3. Weather during time of sighting was estimated 17,000 ft. broken, visibility 10 miles, wind S. W. 5 knots.



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<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
30	Kirtland AFB, New Mexico	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
30	Albuquerque, New Mexico (CARD MISSING)	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
30	Atlanta, Georgia (CARD MISSING)	[REDACTED]	Balloon
30	Dobbins AFB, Georgia (CARD MISSING)	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
30	Duluth, Minnesota (CARD MISSING)	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
30	San Antonio, Texas (CARD MISSING)	[REDACTED]	Balloon
30	Northern Maine Area (CARD MISSING)	Military	Aircraft
30	Sunland, California (CARD MISSING)	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
30	Jacksonville, Florida (CARD MISSING)	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
30	Orlando, Florida (CARD MISSING)	[REDACTED]	Balloon
30	Maxwell AFB, Alabama (CARD MISSING)	[REDACTED]	Other (INVERSION LAYER)
30-31	Southeast, Mississippi (CARD MISSING)	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
31	Ardin Park, California (CARD MISSING)	[REDACTED]	Balloon
31	Columbus, Ohio (CARD MISSING)	[REDACTED]	Other (HOAX)
31	Passaic, New Jersey	Multiple	
31	West Germany (CARD MISSING)	[REDACTED] (RADAR)	
31	San Antonio, Texas (CARD MISSING)	[REDACTED]	Aircraft

AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO

Ny 226

30 June

4 September 1952

Mr. [REDACTED]

San Antonio, Texas

Dear Mr. *[REDACTED] NYE*

Your recent report of unidentified aerial phenomena has been received by the Air Technical Intelligence Center. Inclosed is a questionnaire, which, when completed by you and returned in the inclosed, self-addressed envelope, will aid in standardizing the data and will provide a complete record of the occurrence.

Your interest in reporting the matter and your public spirited desire to be of service are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Kennedy
ROBERT E. KENNEDY
Major, USAF
Air Adjutant General

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