PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 24 September 1954 24/2334Z	2. LOCATION Neosho, Missouri
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION INSUFFICIENT DATA FOR EVALUATION
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Approx 24 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Saucer-shape obj with four quadrature markings. Varied on speed. Top side had a projection resembling the conning tower of a sub. Obj disappeared after 24 seconds. Odd circumstances concerning the sighting. Report in May 1955 of sighting in Sept 1954. Insufficient Data.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

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

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IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21-172

23 May 1955

SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
Unidentified Flying Object at
Neosho, Missouri

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. Transmitted herewith for your information is one (1) copy of Spot Intelligence Report, dated 17 May 1955, from the 11th OSI District (IG), Tinker AFB, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, concerning subject matter.

2. Your attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1, which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

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Spot Rpt dtd 17 May 55

ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, JR.
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: Dir OSI w/o Incl

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DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.
DOD DIR 5200.10

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The Inspector General USAF
11th District Office of Special Investigations
Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

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17 MAY 1955

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object at Neosho, Missouri

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TO: Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Special Agent in Charge, Little Rock, Arkansas, Field Division Federal Bureau of Investigation, advised this district that [redacted] Little Rock, Arkansas, had submitted a written report in which it is reflected that at approximately 5:34 P. M., 24 September 1954, he observed an unidentified flying object near Neosho, Missouri.

2. Mr. [redacted], Little Rock, Arkansas, voluntarily appeared and submitted a typewritten report to the Little Rock, Arkansas, Field Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, for whatever purpose it might serve. In this report [redacted] claims to have sighted an unidentified flying object. The contents of this Report are set forth below:

"Report on Unidentified Flying Object

Date: Sept. 24, 1954
Time: 5:34 p. m.
Location: Approx. one mile south of main entrance to Camp Crowder, just south of Neosho, Mo., on U. S. Highway 71
Apparent height at first observation: 10,000 to 12,000 feet.
Apparent diameter of object: 20 to 30 feet.

"Circumstances: The undersigned, together with his wife, was driving along Highway 71 on route from Carthage, Mo., to Fayetteville, Ark. I happened to glance upward after driving around a slight curve, observed the object, and immediately pulled off the highway, starting counting seconds at the same time. I have had considerable training in counting

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"seconds and seldom err more than plus or minus 10%. It required about 6 seconds to stop and I observed the object intermittently during this short interval. It had a slight rolling motion, but never more than 90 degrees, first counter-clockwise, then the reverse, before making the first loop (as per the attached sketch.) The visible surface was presented somewhat obliquely during the first lateral travel, more so after making the first loop and almost edge-on at the second loop (seconds 11-12). During the first 6 seconds in trying to stop and also note the actions of the object, it seemed that the side presented to view had four quadrature markings in the saucer-shaped object, but whether they were projections, depressions or merely coloration, is doubtful. This is what gave the impression of the rolling motion. During the span of the first 6 seconds, speed of the object was comparatively leisurely, being 6 to eight times its own diameter per second. It then increased its speed and also receded at a rapid rate and by the time it had intersected its first point of observation at 11 seconds, it was traveling 20 to 30 times its own diameter per second and also presented the edge-wise view. The apparent diameter was now a half to a third of its first-observed size, and during the fleeting glimpse I had of the top-side, there was possibly a projection somewhat resembling the conning tower of a submarine. The speed with which things were happening and the uncertainties of lighting at this time of day make such an observation of little value. After completing the second loop at seconds 14, speed of the object increased still further both transversely and receding, and at seconds 24 it had become completely invisible. There was no sign of smoke or vapor emanating from the object, nor was there any sound, but this could not be strictly determined because of the noise of oncoming traffic while observation was in progress.

"CONCLUSIONS

"For what they may be worth, this reporter submits the following conclusions regarding the above observation:

"First, occupants of the object decided to ascend to heights beyond visibility when they found they were being observed. It is likely that others were interested, like the undersigned, and there may have been radar or other means of determining location and size at work on the Camp Crowder reservation.

"Second, means of propulsion of the object was some form of power not generally known, probably atomic, because of the sudden acceleration and terrific speed developed.

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"Third, the object did not depend on air for support or guidance, because the loops at seconds 11-12 and 21-22 were too abrupt for air-supported devices. That is, unless the object was considerably smaller than it appeared.

"This reporter recognizes that the suddenness of the occasion for the observation and the lack of means for establishing true distances and sizes make this observation of doubtful value, but it may lead to more substantial information."

3. The evaluation of this report has been placed at F-4, since it is impossible to properly evaluate the information without further interview of Mr. KELLY.

4. ACTION: Copies of this report with inclosure have been furnished the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command.

5. This report is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to authority contained in paragraph 24a, AFR 205-1.

BERNARD J. DUFFY
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

1 Incl:
Photostatic copy of Report of WALKER KELLY

cc: CG, AMC (MCIS) (dup)

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Little Rock, Ark.

Report on Unidentified Flying Object

Date: Sept. 26, 1954

Time: 0545 CST

Location: Across the road in front of my home, approximately 10 miles northwest of Conway, Ark. on Highway 64.

Apparent height at first observation: 10,000 to 12,000 feet.

Apparent diameter of object: 20 to 30 feet.

(Circumstances: I was undressed, getting ready for work. I had just driven from Highway 64 on route from Carthage, Mo., to Pennsylvania, Ark. I happened to glance northward after driving around a sharp curve, observed the object, and immediately pulled off the highway. Everything happened at the same time. I have had considerable training in counting seconds and seldom err more than 1% (or about 10). It required about 5 seconds to stop and I observed the object intermittently during that short interval. It had a slight rolling motion, but never more than 90 degrees. First counter-clockwise turn, then reverse, before making the final turn (as per the attached sketch). The vehicle moved was presented somewhat obliquely during the first lateral travel, more so than during the first loop and almost edge-on on the second loop (seconds 11-12). During the first 2 seconds of flight, to right and also note the bottom of the object, it had the side presented to view had four quadrature markings in the saucer-shaped object, but whether they were projections, depressions or merely coloration, is indeterminate. This is what gave the impression of the rolling motion. Upon the speed of the object was comparatively leisurely, being at no time more than [illegible] per second. It then increased its speed and also became at a rapid rate by the time it had intersected the first point of observation at 10 seconds. It was moving 20 to 30 times the rate disclosed by the radar and when [illegible] apparent diameter was now a dot in a [illegible] observed [illegible]

fleeting glimpse I had of the top-side, there possibly was a projection somewhat resembling the conning tower of a submarine. The speed with which things were happening and the uncertainties of lighting at this time of day make such an observation of little value. After completing the second loop at seconds 14, speed of the object increased still further both transversely and receding, and at seconds 24 it had become completely invisible. There was no sign of smoke or vapor emanating from the object, nor was there any sound, but this could not be strictly determined because of the noise of oncoming traffic while observation was in progress.

CONCLUSIONS

For what they may be worth, this reporter submits the following conclusions regarding the above observation:

First, occupants of the object decided to ascend to heights beyond visibility when they found they were being observed. It is likely that [illegible] were interested in the undersigned, and there may have been radar or other means of determining location and size at work on the Camp Chaffee reservation.

Second, means of propulsion of the object was some form of power not generally known, probably atomic, because of the sudden acceleration and terrific speed developed.

Third, the object did not depend on air for support or guidance, because the loops at seconds 11-12 and 21-22 were too abrupt for air-supported devices. That is, unless the object was considerably smaller than it appeared.

This reporter recognizes that the suddenness of the occasion for the observation and the lack of means for establishing true distances and sizes make this observation of doubtful value, but it may lead to more substantial information.

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Little Rock, Ark.