PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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Q No	Civilian			Possibly Astronomical
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One object crescent shaped, large as a four or five room house, color bright red or scarlet.		UNIDENTIFIED.		

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- 6. On 3 May 1957, F. B. WILDER, Deputy Sheriff in charge of criminal records, Lincoln Parish Courthouse, informed the writer that he had no information concerning ROBERTSON.
- 7. On 3 May 1957, records made available by BETTY B. KENDALL, Clerk of City Court, contained no information concerning

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- 8. Mrs. Route 1, was interviewed by the writer on 3 May 1957. McCOY stated that a man had awakened her husband and her in the early morning hours of 25 April 1957 and asked her husband to accompany him to the area behind their house where he stated he had seen a large red object settle in the trees from the sky; that her husband refused because it was raining very hard at the time. Informed the writer that her husband, who was not at home at time of interview, had looked for the object from the house, but did not see anything. In said her husband had expressed curiosity about this matter and was going out in the area and look around at the first opportunity but had not yet attempted a search as recent rains had flooded the ground upon which the object was reported to have landed. Took the writer's name and phone number and agreed to call if anything was found in that locale. The writer observed the terrain from a rise on the ground adjacent to the home, but could detect no unusual feature in the area upon which the object was reported to have landed. A detailed search on foot was not considered practical because of the flooded condition in that area.
- 9. On 3 May 1957, January N, Night City Marshal, stated in interview that a man had reported seeing an unusual object out on Highway 154 early in the morning of 25 April 1957, but he had not recorded this person's name and had not investigated. It related that he heard a jet aircraft fly over the town about 0130 hours the same night and associated the sighting with the exhaust flare of the aircraft. Informed the writer that his office had received no other reports of anything unusual being observed in that vicinity.
- 10. For the Solution of the writer on 3 May 1957. It displayed a large aerial photographic grid map of the section in which the object was reportedly sighted and pin-pointed the location as described by For the stated that he owned some land near that location and had been out there since 25 April 1957, but had not observed anything unusual. The took the writer's name and phone number and stated that he would instruct personnel in his department to be on the lookout for anything unusual in that area and would call the writer if anything was found. According to the map in office, the grove of trees in which the object was reported to have landed was four and one-half (42) miles west of Ringgold, Louisiana, one-half mile south of Louisiana State Highway 154.

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11. On 6 Phy 1957, Major LOWELL D. PYLE, Base Operations Officer, was furnished information to be reported by his office in accordance with Air Force Regulation 200-2 and contained in paragraphs 3 and 5, supra. PYLE stated that he had checked and ascertained that the sighting could not be attributed to air operations.



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- 12. On 10 May 1957, Lt. Col. JAMES T. BROTHERS, 10045A, Staff Operations Officer, informed the writer that an air search conducted on 9 May 1957 in the vicinity of the reported sighting did not reveal evidence of anything on the ground which could be connected with the incident reported by ROHERTSON.
- 13. This report is classified COMFIDENTIAL pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 30c(2)(a), AFR 205-1.

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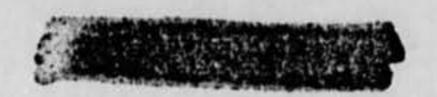
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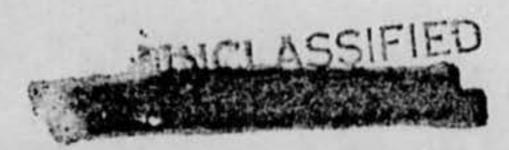
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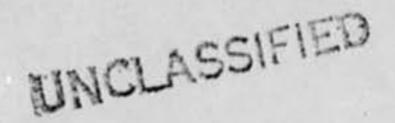
- 1. Transmitted herewith for your information and any action deemed necessary are two (2) copies of report by S/A DONALD E. RIELLY, DO #9, file 24-208, dated 15 May 1957.
- 2. Attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1 which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.
- 3. This letter is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to authority contained in paragraph 30c(2)(a), AFR 205-1.

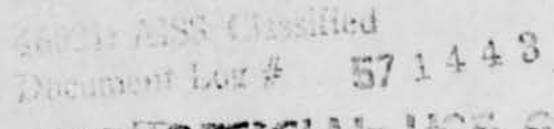
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1. This investigation was verbally requested by the Commander, Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana, on 2 May 1957; and confirmed in letter signed by Lt. Col. R. C. STECHMAN, Deputy Commander, Barksdale Air Force Base, dated 6 May 1957; and is based upon information received in a letter dated 27 April 1957, signed by Civilian, & Which I reported that he observed a large, red, crescent-shaped object descend from the sky as he was driving near Ringgold, Louisiana, at 0230 hours, 25 April 1957.

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2. On 1 May 1957, Major LOWELL D. PYLE, 15619A, Base Operations Officer, furnished Headquarters, 9th District Office of Special Investigations, a letter addressed to "The Commanding Officer, Barksdale Field, A.F.B., Shreveport, La," postmarked Ruston, Louisiana, on 27 April 1957, with return address ' 810 Chautauqua St., Ruston, La." The contents of this letter are set forth as follows:

> "Ruston, La April 27th

"Dear Sir:

"I would like to tell you about something I saw at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday morning - April 25th. I had gone fishing to the dam at Lake Bisteneau. A storm came up with terrific lightning and I decided to go to Ringgold, La. until morning. Six miles from Ringgold I was driving slowly because of the torrential rain and as I started up a hill I noticed a huge thing in the sky just ahead. It was shaped like a half moon - like this" (drawing). "It was red like blood and I stopped the car and rolled the window down and could see it more clearly. It slowly drifted down and settled in a grove of trees approximately a half mile away. I couldn't estimate the size until I saw the trees and it covered several of them. It continued to glow as it rested on them. I rushed to the top of the hill and aroused a family. I asked the man in the house to go over to it with me but he refused because of the down pour of rain.

"My wife said I should report it to the proper authorities so if you are interested, contact me. I believe I can take you to it as I tried to mark the spot.

"Respectfully yours

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3. On 2 May 1957, Major DON H. L. ANDERSON, AO 421734, Commander, Detachment 19, 26th Weather Squadron, was interviewed and from records available in his office furnished the following information concerning weather conditions at time of the reported sighting:

Moon at one-quarter, rising at 0100 hours

Overcast at 9,500 feet

Scattered clouds at 8000 feet

Visibility ten (10) miles

Temperature 65 degrees

Dewpoint 62 degrees

Numerous thunderstorms in area

Pressure unsteady

Winds at surface, South 2 - 16 Knots, variable; 6,000 feet, 240 degrees,

20 knots; 10,000 feet, 50 degrees, 40 knots; 16,000 feet, 260 degrees,

25 knots; 20,000 feet, 280 degrees, 35 knots; 30,000 feet, 210 degrees,

25 knots; 50,000 feet, 250 degrees, 30 knots.

Base, which is twenty-five (25) miles WNW of Ringgold, Louisiana; that he had received no information concerning unusual activities or conditions, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting. The mentioned the possibility of a hydrogen-filled weather balloon being struck by lightning and igniting, but he did not know whether or not the U. S. Weather Bureau was using hydrogen in their balloons.

4. Mr. J. E. LUNNEY, Meteorologist at Shreveport, Louisiana, office, U. S. Weather Bureau, was interviewed telephonically on 2 May 1957. LUNNEY advised that helium, not hydrogen, is currently being used in their weather balloons and therefore it is impossible for them to ignite. LUNNEY informed the writer that a radisonde release was made from his station at 0234 hours, 25 April 1957; that the run was normal with descent at approximately 0400 hours.

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previously identified, was interviewed on 3 May 1957 and furnished information which was substantially the same as stated in his letter of 27 April 1957. It related that this was the first time he had ever witnessed anything of this nature and he was positive that what he saw was real; he was certain he could find the spot where he saw the object settle on the ground; that he had reported the incident to the radio operator in the Marshal's office at Ringgold, Louisiana. When asked by the writer to accompany him to the location of the sighting, he explained that he could not leave his duties as manager of the store (Turner's 5 & Dollar Store) as the owner was out of town and a sale was in progress; that he had intended to return to the location of this object with the writer on Sunday, 5 May 57, but his wife had made plans for a dinner engage-DOWNER Tollar Store attend that he had gone back to the dam at Lake Bisteneau to go finding the sighting but did not return to the location.

ROBERTSON gave the writer a detailed description of the location where he saw the

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object settle on the ground, which was in a grove of trees one-half mile from the main highway six (6) miles west of Ringgold, Louisiana, behind a small white house near a church located on the left side of the road driving from Ringgold. gave the following answers to specific questions outlined in Air Force Regulation 200-2:

- a. Shape: Crescent.
- b. Size: Large as 4 or 5 room house, covered 12 or 15 trees.
- c. Color: Bright red scarlet.
- d. Number: One (1).
- e. Formation, if more than one: N/A.
- f. Any discernible features or details: Solid color not affected by lightning flashes.
 - g. Tail, trail, or exhaust: None.
 - h. Sound: None.
- i. Other pertinent or unusual features: Hung in sky like cradle and did not change position during descent.
- j. What first called the attention of the observer to the object: While driving automobile toward.Ringgold, Louisiana, in torrential rain, appeared all of a sudden directly ahead in sky. & Trailer but seem thank down your .
 - k. Angle of elevation when first observed: Approximately 45 degrees.
 - 1. Angle of elevation upon disappearance: Ground level.
- m. Description of flight path and maneuvers of object: Steady but slow descent at about sixty degree angle from south to west of observer. Filly - to link white for your south
- n. Manner of disappearance of object: Disappeared while observer was attempting to summon residents of house at roadside.
 - o. Length of time in sight: Approximately twenty-five (25) minutes.
 - Time and date of sighting: 0230 hours, 25 April 1957 (250830Z APR)
 - q. Light conditions: Night.
- r. Position of observer: At house next to church, six (6) miles west of

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