

1952: nr. Ft. Worth, TX  
(in air)

Convair pilots see large "light"  
approach plane

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Seem to take evasive  
action &  
execute steep climb  
upwards to .'. .

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PILOTS WATCH LIGHT IN NIGHT RACE TO HIGH  
ALTITUDE AND HOVER IN SKY

Two Convair pilots, flying freight from San Diego to Fort Worth late last month, had something to talk about during the last quarter hour of their flight.

Pilot Loran Pilling didn't come out and say he'd seen a "flying saucer" but did indicate that he had seen something he couldn't explain. Neither could co-pilot Russ Fishback explain it.

"It looked like the landing light of a plane and was at maybe 5,000 feet, ahead of us. We were at 3,000 feet. It was about 9:25 p.m. when we sighted it and we never got close enough to see a shape."

Whatever it was could climb at a high rate of speed for later it raced up to 20,000 or 25,000 feet, and also could hover, for it seemed to hang in the air. On landing at Fort Worth Pilling found he and Fishback weren't the only ones to view the phenomenon. The field tower had been watching too.

"Don't ask me what it was," Pilling said, "I just know I saw something."

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~~Fishback (conf.)~~  
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Dear Mr. Cerny,

I first observed this light a considerable distance ahead. It was perhaps a bit more prominent than any others when first observed. After several minutes I suddenly wondered why we hadn't reached its position.

When I began concentrating on the light I realized it was not attached to the ground. I had seen the Military drop flares during night maneuvers in the past. About that time I was confused and commented to Lauren Pilling who felt it was a very unusual light also; unusual because it was definitely not on the ground and yet not settling as a flare would do.

About this time we were suddenly aware that we were approaching it (the light) which for the first time changed its position by moving toward the right of our course, at about our altitude. The rate of closure was suddenly very rapid. We did a very steep right-hand turn to follow the light which had begun to climb rapidly and pass toward our right rear. It began a very rapid climb to many thousands of feet, where it appeared to stop again.

We finished a 360 and proceeded to Fort Worth, our home base. Shortly thereafter we called our operations radio at Convair-Fort Worth and advised of our estimated arrival in about 15 or 20 minutes. At this contact I recall our Convair employee asking if we had seen any "flying saucers". This certainly proved that we had seen something. I believe he also added that the light was seen by tower personnel and two F-86's were dispatched but the light was not caught up to by them.

I looked at the light very carefully at our closest point but could not make out any shape. There could have been two flames being emitted. I was in the right seat, it was a clear but dark night. The only maneuver it appeared to make was: motion was commenced toward the east and at right angles to our course. Its course appeared to change to a right turn and a climb as we got within relative close proximity. Originally the light appeared to remain in one place.

I have never seen anything like this prior or subsequent to the incident described above.

Hope this will be of some value to you. It is all I am able to provide.

Cordially,

(Signed) Russ Fishback

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REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS RECEIVED APR - 5 1971

This form includes questions asked by the United States Air Force and by other Armed Forces' investigating agencies, and additional questions to which answers are needed for full evaluation by NICAP.

After all the information has been fully studied, the conclusion of our Evaluation Panel will be published by NICAP in its regularly issued magazine or in another publication. Please try to answer as many questions as possible. Should you need additional room, please use another sheet of paper. Please print or typewrite. Your assistance is of great value and is genuinely appreciated. Thank you.

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Occupation Coordinator FAA
Date of birth
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2. Date of Observation Time AM PM Int. Time Zone

3. Locality of Observation 50 S.W. South of Ft. Worth Texas

4. How long did you see the object? Hours 12-13 Minutes Seconds

5. Please describe weather conditions and the type of sky; i.e., bright daylight, nighttime, dusk, etc. (clear)

6. Position of the Sun or Moon in relation to the object and to you. not known

7. If seen at night, twilight, or dawn, were the stars or moon visible? [check]

8. Were there more than one object? no If so, please tell how many, and draw a sketch of what you saw, indicating direction of movement, if any. Six other side

9. Please describe the object(s) in detail. For instance, did it (they) appear solid, or only as a source of light, was it revolving, etc.? Please use additional sheets of paper, if necessary. yes no

10. Was the object(s) brighter than the background of the sky? yes

11. If so, compare the brightness with the Sun, Moon, headlights, etc. brighter

12. Did the object(s) - (Please elaborate, if you can give details.)

- a. Appear to stand still at any time? yes
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? yes
c. Break up into parts or explode? no
d. Give off smoke? no
e. Leave any visible trail? no
f. Drop anything? no
g. Change brightness? no
h. Change shape? no
i. Change color? no

13. Did object(s) at any time pass in front of, or behind of, anything? no If so, please elaborate giving distance, size, etc, if possible.

14. Was there any wind? Don't know If so, please give direction and speed.

15. Did you observe the object(s) through an optical instrument or other aid, windshield, windowpane, storm window, screening, etc? What? (aircraft)

16. Did the object(s) have any sound? Don't know What kind? How loud?

17. Please tell if the object(s) was (were) -

- a. Fuzzy or blurred.
b. Like a bright star.
c. Sharply outlined.

18. Was the object - a. Self-luminous? b. Dull finish? c. Reflecting? d. Transparent?

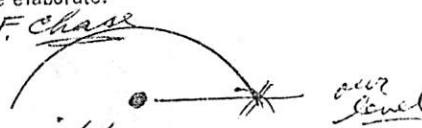
19. Did the object(s) rise or fall while in motion? rise rapidly. - seemed to be taking evasive action

20. Tell the apparent size of the object(s) when compared with the following held at arm's length:

- a. Pinhead c. Dime e. Half dollar g. Orange i. Larger
b. Pea d. Nickel f. Silver dollar h. Grapefruit

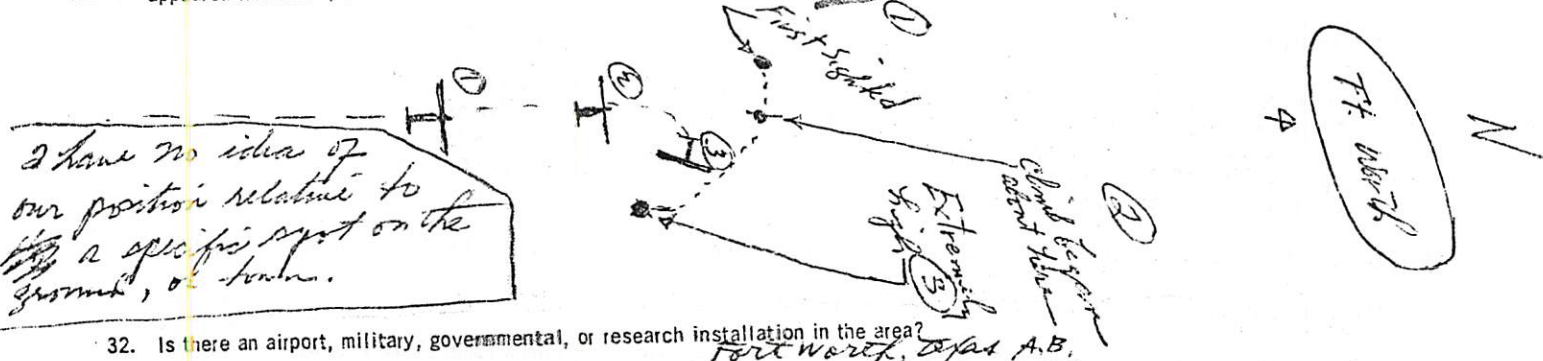
Or, if easier, give apparent size in inches on a ruler held at arm's length.

over to

21. How did you happen to notice the object(s)? *Saw it ahead as a motionless light thru airsoft windshield*
22. Where were you and what were you doing at the time? *Flying DC-3 aircraft to Fort Worth, Tex.*
23. How did the object(s) disappear from view? *clined out past us to our right, up & out of sight on way where it stopped again*
24. Compare the speed of the object(s) with a piston or jet aircraft at the same apparent altitude. *faster than a jet.*
25. Were there any conventional aircraft in the location at the time or immediately afterwards? If so, please elaborate. *2 F-36's A.F. Chase*
26. Please estimate the distance of the object(s). *at closest about a mile.*
27. What was the elevation of the object(s) in the sky? Please mark on this hemisphere sketch?  *our level*
28. Names and addresses of other witnesses, if any. *Lawrence Pulling - Converse pilot (Chula Vista) Calif.*

29. What do you think you saw?
- a. Extraterrestrial device?  
 b. UFO?  
 c. Planet or star?  
 d. Aircraft?  
 e. Satellite?  
 f. Hoax?  
 g. Other? (Please specify).
- not appeared to have taken evasive action to avoid us.*
30. Please describe your feelings and reactions during the sighting. Were you calm, nervous, frightened, apprehensive, awed, etc.? If you wish your answer to this question to remain confidential, please indicate with a check mark. (Use a separate sheet if necessary)

31. Please draw a map of the locality of the observation showing North; your position; the direction from which the object(s) appeared and disappeared from view; the direction of its course over the area; roads, towns, villages, railroads, and other landmarks within a mile.



32. Is there an airport, military, governmental, or research installation in the area? *Fort Worth, Texas A.B.*
33. Have you seen other objects of an unidentified nature? *no* If so, please describe these observations, using a separate sheet of paper.
34. Please enclose photographs, motion pictures, news clippings, notes of radio or television programs (include time, station and date, if possible) regarding this or similar observations, or any other background material. We will return the material to you if requested.
35. Were you interrogated by Air Force investigators? By any other federal, state, county, or local officials? If so, please state the name and rank or title of the agent, his office, and details as to where and when the questioning took place. *No*
- Were you asked or told not to reveal or discuss the incident? If so, were any reasons or official orders mentioned? Please elaborate carefully. *no*
36. We should like permission to quote your name in connection with this report. This action will encourage other responsible citizens to report similar observations to NICAP. However, if you prefer, we will keep your name confidential. Please note your choice by checking the proper statement below. In any case, please fill in all parts of the form, for our own confidential files. Thank you for your cooperation.
- You may use my name.  (X)
- Please keep my name confidential.
- Signature: *Russell V. Fishback*
37. Date of filling out this report