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# FAA discounts fliers' report of UFO as a meteor in Central Texas skies

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AUSTIN — A bright light streaking across the Central Texas sky Thursday night startled several dozen people, some pilots flying near Austin and an air traffic controller. Reports of a UFO sighting poured into the sheriff's offices of Hays and

Travis counties, and others were received at Bergstrom Air Force Base in Austin.

"As far as I know, there were no reports of little green men or the thing landing," said Curtis Weeks of the Travis County sheriff's office. "All we got was reports of a bright light going across the sky."

The illumination swept through

the sky about 10 p.m., Weeks said.

"We've been receiving some calls about it," said Air Force Sgt. Thomas Carier. "All I can tell you is that since Project Bluebook has been closed, we no longer investigate UFOs."

Project Bluebook, an Air Force study of unidentified flying objects, was shut down in 1969 after it was

determined that UFOs did not pose a threat to national security.

Allan King, area supervisor for the Federal Aviation Administration control tower at Robert Mueller Municipal Airport, said two pilots and an air traffic controller reported the object flashed across the sky in a matter of seconds.

"We had a controller up here in the

tower report what he thought was a meteor or a satellite, but he said it was too bright for a satellite," King said. "The controller said he saw it break up before it got to the horizon."

Two pilots flying near Austin also contacted an FAA radar operator to report sighting the light, King said. But the radar operator saw nothing.

"It happened so quick, you'd never have time to look at the radar," King said.

Barring some other explanation, King said he will consider the sighting as a meteor.

"It was real clear last night, add that probably added to the brightness," he said.

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# UFO spotted Thursday in Central, South Texas

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An unidentified flying object that lit up the sky for nearly 10 seconds was reported by citizens from San Antonio to Austin, including an air traffic controller and two pilots, authorities said.

The bright, speeding object was reported about 10 p.m. Thursday. "A man who was driving with four other people from San Saba to Fredericksburg said they saw a big, round pool of light which lasted from eight to 10 seconds," a Gillespie County sheriff's office spokeswoman said Friday.

"It was so bright he said it almost blinded him. They figured it was about 100 miles ahead of them," she said.

Several other citizens called the office to report the UFO sighting and a spokesman with the Hays County sheriff's department reported receiving several calls about a bright flash of light.

Air traffic controllers were contacted in San Antonio Thursday night by the Express-News after several callers said they had seen a bright light in the sky over the Alamo City, but tower officials said they had not sighted anything and had not received any UFO reports.

Curtis Weeks, spokesman for the Travis County sheriff's department, said officers investigated calls as well as reports from Robert Mueller Municipal Airport personnel.

"There's something seen, but what that something was is unknown at this time," said Brian Grady, Hays County sheriff's dispatcher. "Nobody can locate anything that might have caused it."

Allan King, area supervisor for the Federal Aviation Administration control tower at Mueller airport, said two pilots and an air traffic controller described the object as an extremely bright light traveling at high speed.