

SECRET  
UNCLASSIFIED

7 July 1975

Atlanta, Georgia

## Description

On the night of 7 July 1975, three observers from Atlanta were driving on Highway 78 near Marietta, Georgia, when they encountered a "flying saucer" in the middle of the road. There were three small animals which they had colored "saucer", as the observers here down on this object, two of the animals escaped the "saucer" and escaped. As the "saucer" rose and disappeared at a 45 degree angle, it turned a light blue in color. Observers' car struck the third animal and knocked him unconscious. After getting out of the car, and finding this animal which was approximately 22 inches in length, had long ears, no tail, and no tail, observers stayed at the scene and several other automobiles stopped. The animal died in about 30 minutes and was taken to one of the Atlanta newspapers. A reporter for the newspaper called the FBI, who in turn called the OSI to investigate the incident.

## Discussion

This animal was first reported by a local veterinarian who stated that he had never seen such an animal before. Later the animal was taken to Emory University where no Emory authority identified it as a member of the monkey family and not an "animal from space". A member of the State Crime Laboratory had another member of the Emory University staff identified the animal as a monkey which had been shaved and from which the tail had been removed. Observers confirmed that the whole story was a hoax resulting from a \$40.00 bet with a friend that he (the observer) could not get his picture in the paper. Observer was fined \$40.00 for obstructing the highway and was released at that time.

## Conclusion

Other - None.

Note: This is one of many similar reports received by Project Blue Book.

 U  
 E  
 S  
 S  
 F  
 A  
 C  
 E  
 I  
 S  
 U  
 S  
 C  
 L  
 A  
 S  
 S  
 I  
 F  
 I  
 E  
 D

75-1176

UNCLASSIFIED

SECRET