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The following report is submitted in accordance with instructions contained in Letter, Headquarters USAF, Subject: Reporting of Information on Unidentified Flying Objects, dated, 19 December 1951, File No. AF0IN-C/CC-2.

1. A single circular object, brilliant white in color and ten times the size of the brightest stars, was reportedly sighted by a ground observer at 32 29N - 93 48W, 2228 hours, 16 April 1952. The exposed surface of the object appeared to be flat. The object, travelling at unbelievable speed on an unwavering heading of about 100 degrees, omitted no trail, exhaust, or sound. After passing over the city of Shreveport, it suddenly executed a 180 degree turn and continued its unwavering course on the reciprocal heading until lost to sight. The observer reported the object accomplished the 180 degree turn in approximately six seconds. During the execution of its turn, the object appeared to become pinkish in color, gradually turning to red on the reciprocal heading. After turning, appearance of the object seemed to change from flat circular shape to a whirling lens shape, and, approximately ten seconds after completing its turn, the object appeared to emit, for an instant, a slight reddish trail, as if a few glowing fragments had become detached from the main body. Neither size nor altitude of the object could be estimated, and there was no apparent change in altitude or speed during the period of observation.
2. The object was first observed directly overhead by the observer at 2228 hours, 16 April 1952. Duration of the observation did not exceed seventy seconds, during which time the object had passed over the entire city of Shreveport and returned and was lost to sight, having covered an observed distance of at least twenty-five miles.
3. The observer had no visual aids other than relative bearings from the stars.
4. The observer reporting the sighting was standing on his lawn at 3832 Jackson Street, Shreveport, Louisiana, 32 29N - 93 48W, at the time of observation.
5. Observer reporting the sighting, Captain Eusebio R. Mathis, AO-680927, 352nd Bomb Squadron, 301st Bombardment Wing, Medium, is a SAC Aircraft Commander, a senior pilot with more than 3000 hours and eight years experience in heavy and medium bombardment and transport type aircraft. Captain Mathis has had prior experience as a Special Agent for the Counter-Intelligence Corps, and for the past several months, has been assigned to duty as Squadron Intelligence Officer. His background training and experience qualify him as a competent observer. Insofar as his observation permitted, the information regarding the above reported sighting may be considered completely reliable. At the time of the incident, Captain Mathis was accompanied by a neighbor, Mr. Jack Touchstone, 3830 Jackson Street, Shreveport, Louisiana. Mr. Touchstone was a paratroop sergeant during World War II, and is presently employed as manager of Baker's Shoe Store, 606 Texas Street, Shreveport. Mr. Touchstone has not been interviewed.
6. Weather and wind conditions (teletype sequences) at time of sighting: 2230C 30M thin broken, vis-15 mi; winds PIBBALD 2000 20M 320 17k; 25M 300 12k;

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