

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 3 June 49 03/1730-1800Z		2. LOCATION Culpaper, Virginia		355
3. SOURCE Civilian		10. CONCLUSION Astro (METEOR)		
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One		11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer saw a disc shaped object traveling at an estimated speed of 900-1500 mph. It banked at terrific speed in to the sun.		
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 - 6 Seconds				
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual				
7. COURSE Not Stated				
8. PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No				
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No				

FORM

10073 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

CONTROL NO. R-468	SUBJECT: Ltr Reporting of Info on Unidentified Flying Obj (R)	DECIMAL FILE NO.	FOLLOW UP, ON DATE
FROM: Bird Fld Richmond Va	TO: IAXS	DATED 7 June 49	NO. INCLS. 0
RECORDING DESK IAXT-1	DATE RECORDED 10 June 49	HOUR 1230	
ROUTED TO	SUSPENSE DATE	ESTABLISHED BY (INITIALS)	DATE
1 IAXS	N/A	HWT	14 June
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TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

In compliance with Ltr, Headquarters Ninth Air Force, Langley Air Force Base, Virginia file and subject same as above, dated 24 May 1949 the following report is submitted:

GENERAL:

1. Date of sighting. 3 June 1949
2. Time of sighting (zonal by 24 hr. clock). Between 12:30 & 1300 hrs.
3. Where sighted (observer's position): From auto
 - a. Ground.
 - (1) City, town. Approximately 10 miles SE of Culpeper, Va.
 - (2) Distance and direction from city or town, road, intersection, etc. Approximately 10 miles SE of Winston, Va.
 - (3) From building (story), yard, etc. From truck.
 - (4) Map coordinates (if feasible) showing latitude and longitude. 38.5° N. Latitude 78° W. Longitude
 - b. Air.
 - (1) Type aircraft, speed, altitude, direction of flight. Not applicable.
 - (2) Distance and direction from city, town, or known landmark. Not applicable.

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(3) Clock position of object from observer's aircraft.
Not applicable.

(4) Latitude and longitude. Not applicable.

c. Sea.

(1) Latitude and longitude. Not applicable.

(2) Proximity to land. (Name city, country, etc.)
Not applicable.

4. Number of objects. One

Formation type (if any), sketch if possible. None.

5. Observable celestial phenomena or planets that may account for the sighting. (Local facilities or organizations which follow such celestial phenomena should be consulted for such information.) Unknown.

6. Distance of object from observer. Estimated two miles.

a. Laterally or horizontally. Horizontally.

b. Angle of elevation from horizon. 60° angle.

c. Altitude. 1500 - 2000 feet

7. Time in sight. 5 -6 seconds.

8. Appearance of object.

a. Color. Silver.

b. Shape. (Sketch if possible). Shaped like oyster.

c. Apparent construction. (Of what material or substance) Aluminum.

d. Size.

(1) Estimated size. Estimated size of 5 or 6 room house.

(2) Size as it appeared from observer's view. (compared to known object). Same.

9. Direction of flight. Horizontally.

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10. Tactics or maneuvers. Banked with terrific speed into sun.

Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering, evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc.

11. Evidence of exhaust.

a. Color of smoke. None

b. Length and width. None

c. Odor (if any). None

d. Rate of evaporation. None

e. Does trail vary with sound? (spurts). None

12. Effect on clouds.

a. Opened path thru clouds. None clear sky.

b. Forced cloud or mists. None clear sky.

c. Reflected on cloud. None clear sky.

d. Showed thru cloud. None clear sky.

13. Lights.

a. Reflected or attached. None.

b. Luminous. None.

c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed. None.

14. Support.

a. Wings. None.

b. Aerodynamic list of fuselage. Unknown.

c. Vertical jet. Unknown.

d. Rotating cylinder or cone. Unknown.

e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible). Unknown.

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15. Propulsion.

- a. Propeller or jet. Unknown.
- b. Rotor. Unknown.
- c. Aerodynamic vanes (flapping or oscillating) (Katz Mayer effect).
None.
- d. Visible exhaust or jet openings. None visible because of speed.

16. Control and stability.

- a. Fins. Not seen.
- b. Stabilizers (horizontal or vertical).
 - (1) Size. None seen.
 - (2) Shape. None seen.
 - (3) Location. None seen.

17. Air ducts. None seen.

- a. Slots. None seen.
- b. Duct openings. None seen.

18. Speed - M.P.H. Estimated 900 -1500 MPH

19. Sound.

- a. Continuous whine or buzz. None
- b. Roar, whistle, whoosh. None
- c. Intermittent. None

20. Manner of disappearance.

- a. Explode. No.
 - (1) Possibility of fragments. None
 - (2) Other physical evidence. None

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- b. Faded from view. Into sun.
- c. Disappeared behind obstacle. No

RELATIVE TO THE OBSERVER:

1. Name of observer. Mr. [REDACTED]
2. Address. [REDACTED] St., Richmond, Va.
3. Occupation. Cabinet maker.
4. Place of business. [REDACTED] St., Richmond, Va.
 - a. Employer or employee. Self employed.
5. Pertinent hobbies.
 - a. Is observer amateur astronomer, pilot, engineer, etc. Amateur pilot.
 - b. Length of time engaged in hobby (experience). Approximately 300 hrs.
6. Ability to determine:
 - a. Color. Good
 - b. Speed of moving objects. Good
 - c. Size at distance. Good
7. Reliability of observer.
 - a. Sources.
 - (1) Neighbors. Good
 - (2) Police Department. Unknown
 - (3) FBI records. Unknown
 - (4) Employer. Self employed.
8. Notes relative to observer on:
 - a. Sightings in general. Good
 - b. How attention was drawn to object(s).

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- (1) Sound.
- (2) Motion.
- (3) Glint of light. Glint of light (Reflection of Sun)
- c. Degree of fatigue and duration of flight at time of sighting in cases where observer is airborne. Not applicable.

9. Witnesses.

- a. Addressees. None
- b. Occupation. None
- c. Reliability. None

10. Comments of interrogator regarding the intelligence and character of person interrogated. Mr. [REDACTED] states he had extensive service with the CID in which time he had learned to identify all types of aircraft but could not identify one seen. Seems to be of average intelligence.

RELATIVE TO RADAR SIGHTINGS:

- 1. Re radars operating on ground. Not applicable.
 - a. Observations of range, speed, altitude and size of target. Not applicable.
 - b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angles (180°), etc, and what radius of turn. If radius of turn is not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed? Not applicable.
 - c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible. Not applicable.
- 2. If airborne when object sighted. Not applicable.
 - a. Were there any radar inductions or extra noise on radio circuits? Not applicable.
 - b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc. Not applicable.

GENERAL:

- 1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions. Weather in vicinity of Culpeper. Clouds of cirrus type less than 5/10 coverage base at 25,000 ft. MSL. Visibility 15 miles or better. Temp. 77°. Dew point 41. Surface winds 040°/8 knots.

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2. Winds aloft report. 2000 ft. winds 040°/10 knots
 4000 ft. winds 060°/25 knots
 6000 ft. winds 070°/30 knots
 8000 ft. winds 040°/20 knots
3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time. (Check Canadian activity if close to that border). Not available.
4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other. Not available.
5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purpose of making comparison of soils. No contact.
6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparisons with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc. None in sight.
7. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of: Not available.
 - a. Object.
 - b. Surrounding terrain where observed.
 - c. Place where it contacted earth (if this happened).
 - d. Maneuvers.
 - e. Formation if objects were more than two.
8. Secure signed statement. Not available, taken by phone.
9. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible. Not available.
10. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as such). None seen.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Copies furnished:

- 1-Director of Intelligence, Hq USAF,
Washington 25, D. C.
- 2-CG, 9AF, ATTN: Director of Intelligence

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INCIDENT NO. 355

1. Date of Observation 3 June 1949 Date of Interview _____
2. Exact Time (local) 1230-1300
3. Place of Observation 10 Miles SE Culpeper, Va. 38° 30' North, 78° - 00 West
4. Position of observer Ground in Auto
5. What attracted attention to object
6. Number of objects One
7. Apparent size 5 or 6 Room house
8. Color of object Silver
9. Shape Oyster (Disc)
10. Altitude 60° - 1500 - 2,000 ft
11. Direction from observer
12. Distance from observer 2 mile
13. Direction of flight of object(s)
14. Time in sight 5 - 6 seconds
15. Speed 900 - 1500 mph
16. Sound and odor None
17. Trail None
18. Luminosity
19. Projections None
20. Maneuvers Banked into sun at terrific speed
21. Manner of disappearance into sun
22. Effect on Clouds No clouds
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather Conditions Clear visibility 15 miles

(over)

Aster (meteor)

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Name and address of observer: **Mr. [REDACTED], Richmond, Va.**

Occupation and hobbies:

Cabinet Maker

Amateur Astronomer, Pilot

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

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