

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP		LOCATION	413
26 Jul 49 27/0220Z		Spokane, Washington	
2. SOURCE	10. CONCLUSION		
Civilian	Other (BIRDS)		
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS			
Eight			
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS		
Not Reported	Observer was attracted by a sound similar to a formation of jet aircraft. The only aircraft he saw was a B-29 heading from East to West. At an estimated 1000 ft above the B-29, traveling in the same direction and at much greater speed he sighted 8 disc-shaped objects. A group of birds flying at a much lower altitude than estimated could have the appearance of large objects traveling at high speeds and high altitude. It is of my opinion that this was the case since the pilot of the B-29 had observed nothing unusual.		
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION			
Ground - Visual			
7. COURSE			
West			
8. PHOTOS			
☐ Yes			
☒ No			
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE			
☐ Yes			
☒ No			

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1. Date of Observation 26 July 1949 Date of Interview _____
2. Exact Time (local) 2020 P
3. Place of Observation Spokane, Washington
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object
6. Number of objects 8
7. Apparent size Larger than B-29
8. Color of object Not stated
9. Shape Dish shaped
10. Altitude 14,500'
11. Direction from observer
12. Distance from observer
13. Direction of flight of object(s) East to West
14. Time in sight
15. Speed Faster than B-29
16. Sound and odor Similar to formation of jet a/c
17. Trail
18. Luminosity
19. Projections
20. Maneuvers
21. Manner of disappearance
22. Effect on Clouds
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather Conditions 14,000 lower broken clouds, upper broken clouds
22,000 visibility 40 miles
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Name and address of observer: [REDACTED] Spokane, Washington, Phone Lake-view 7933

Occupation and hobbies:

Commercial Pilot

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

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

General remarks: Mr. [REDACTED] reported he was in his home and was attracted by a sound similar to a formation of jet aircraft. He went outside his home and the only aircraft in sight was a B-29 heading from east to west. At an estimated one (1) thousand feet above the B-29 Mr. [REDACTED] reported he saw a formation of eight (8) dish shaped objects, each larger than a B-29, traveling in the same direction as the B-29 and at a much greater speed. The pilot of the B-29, AF-7742, stated he was at thirteen (13) thousand five (5) hundred feet at the time and had not sighted anything unusual. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he had not been drinking and had good vision.

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MCCHORD FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER
McChord Air Force Base
Washington

TCM 452

28 July 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AF Base, Ohio
ATTENTION: MCIAXO-3

1. The following report of sighting unidentified flying objects is submitted:

a. Location and time of sighting: Over the city of Spokane, Washington, at 2020 PST, 26 July 1949.

b. Weather at the time: The 2030 PST weather report for Spokane, Geiger Field, estimated ceiling fourteen (14) thousand feet, broken, lower broken, visibility forty (40) miles, upper broken clouds estimated at twenty-two (22) thousand feet.

c. Names, occupations, and addresses of witnesses: [REDACTED] civilian commercial pilot, [REDACTED] Spokane, Washington, Phone Number [REDACTED]

d. Photographs of objects, if available: Photographs of objects were not available.

e. Sketches of object's configuration: Sketches of object's configuration were not available.

f. Objects sighted:

- (1) Number: eight.
(2) Shape: Dish shaped.
(3) Size: Larger than a B-29.
(4) Color: Not reported.

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- (5) Speed: Much faster than a B-29.
- (6) Heading: From east to west.
- (7) Maneuverability: Not reported.
- (8) Altitude: Estimated fourteen (14) thousand five (5) hundred feet.
- (9) Sound: Similar to a formation of jet aircraft.
- (10) Exhaust trail or not: Not reported.

g. General remarks: Mr. [REDACTED] reported he was in his home and was attracted by a sound similar to a formation of jet aircraft. He went outside his home and the only aircraft in sight was a B-29 heading from east to west. At an estimated one (1) thousand feet above the B-29 Mr. [REDACTED] reported he saw a formation of eight (8) dish shaped objects, each larger than a B-29, traveling in the same direction as the B-29 and at a much greater speed. The pilot of the B-29, AF-7742, stated he was at thirteen (13) thousand five (5) hundred feet at the time and had not sighted anything unusual. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he had not been drinking and had good vision.

h. Mr. [REDACTED] gave this report to Spokane Radio who forwarded it to Seattle Air Route Traffic Control Center who in turn forwarded the report to the McChord Flight Service Center.

Earl J. Livesay
EARL J. LIVESAY
Lt. Col., USAF
Commanding

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TO WP AFB ATTN MCIAXO-3
INFO AACS WASH NATL AIRPORT WASH DC ATTN DIR OF INTELLIGENCE

FOL RPT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS IS SUBMITTED: A. OVER CITY
OF SPOKANE 2020P 26 JUL. B. SPOKANE 2030 P EST CEILING
14000 FT BROKEN LOWER BROKEN VISIBILITY 40 MILES UPPER BROKEN
EST AT 22,000 FT. C. CIVILIAN COMMERCIAL PILOT
20.411 CARAHAN, SPOKANE WASH PHONE LA 7533. E. NOT AVAIL.
E. NOT AVAIL. F. (1) 8. (2) DISH SHAPED (3) LARGER THAN B 29 (4)
NONE GIVEN (5) MUCH FASTER THAN B-29 (6) EAST TO WEST (7) NOT NOTED
(8) ABOVE 13500 FT (9) SOUNDED LIKE A FORMATION OF JETS (10) NOT
NOTED G. MR. REPORTED HE WAS IN HIS HOME AND WAS ATTRACTED
BY A SOUND SIMILAR TO A JET FORMATION. HE WENT OUTSIDE HIS HOME AND
THE ONLY ACFT IN SIGHT WAS A B29 HEADING EAST TO WEST. AT AN
ESTIMATED 1000 FT ABOVE THE B 29 HE REPORTED HE SAW A FORMATION
OF 8 DISH SHAPED OBJECTS EACH LARGER THAN THE B 29 TRAVELLING IN
SAME DIRECTION AS B 29 AND AT A MUCH GREATER SPEED. THE PILOT
OF THE B 29, AF 7742, STATED HE WAS AT 13500 FEET AT TIME AND HAD
NOT SIGHTED ANYTHING UNUSUAL. MR MILLER STATED THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN
DRINKING AND HAD GOOD VISION

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