

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP		LOCATION	
30 August 50 30/0454Z		Ernest Harmon AFB, Newfoundland	
3. SOURCE		10. CONCLUSION	
Military		Other (WEATHER RETURNS)	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS		Evaluated as Possible Atmospheric Phenomena.	
One			
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION		11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS	
Not Reported		Object picked up on Radar travelling 40 to 60 mph at estimated 4 to 6 thousand ft on course 120 deg until reaching 5 mile ring where it paused for 30 seconds. Blip faint until reaching 5-mile range when became brighter and more distinct comparable to small a/c. No a/c in GCA area at that time.	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION			
Ground-Radar			
7. COURSE			
140 deg			
8. PHOTOS			
☐ Yes			
☒ No			
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE			
☐ Yes			
☒ No			

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REPORT NO. **UNCLASSIFIED**
IR-260-50

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT

Unidentified Radar Contacts, Newfoundland

AREA REPORTED ON

Newfoundland

DATE OF REPORT

7 September 1950

PREPARED BY (NAME)

A. G. Love, Captain, USAF

PREFERENCES (Control number, direction, previous report, etc., as applicable)

IR-244-50, USA-MATS

SUMMARY: (Brief concise summary of report. Give significance in plain language. Paragraph. List include - as before - Report of sighting on 12 August 1950.)

The following priority message received from source on 7 September 1950 by the Intelligence Division, Headquarters MATS, is quoted for your information:

"EN 1567. DTG 031515Z. Following forwarded for your information. At 0545Z 30 August 1950 [redacted] on AF Base picked up blip on GCA scope. Blip travelling estimated 40 to 60 MPH at estimated 4 to 6 thousand feet on course 120° until reaching 5-mile ring where it paused for 30 seconds. Blip picked up on second scope veered to heading of approx 210° then to 140° and disappeared approx 9 miles range. Blip faint until reaching 5-mile range when became brighter and more distinct comparable to small aircraft. Possible atmospheric phenomena. No aircraft in GCA area at that time. No weather or radiosonde balloon released during period. Two airmen reporting sightings well qualified and very reliable.

"At approx 0024Z, 2 September 1950, [redacted] Base picked up blip on scope 4 to 5 miles off shore. At 0530Z same date GCA reported sighting airborne just off-shore, speed 60 miles per hour, cruising in area. Investigation both incidents made with negative results.

"At approx 0130Z 2 September 1950 at Ernest Harmon AF Base, [redacted] AF 15299584, 43d Bomb Wing, AP, Age 17, was shot in ring finger left hand. [redacted] on east end of runway, sighted silhouette of person between beach and self. When investigated saw flash and felt hand burn. Wysong then fired 4 rounds from 45 caliber pistol and 3 rounds from carbine with unknown results. [redacted] wound believed inflicted by .22 or .25 caliber jacketed slug. No powder burns. Search of area made with negative results. Although information on above sketchy possibility exists of tie-in between shooting of airman and GCA sightings. Additional information will be forwarded on sightings if and when received."

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PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 30 August 50 30/1630Z		LOCATION Ernest Harmon AFB, Newfoundland	
3. SOURCE Civilian		10. CONCLUSION UNIDENTIFIED	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One			
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 - 4 Minutes		11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object was round, black or some dark color, about the size of a barrel and resembled a large balloon. The three expressed the opinion that at first it was thought the object was some type a/c with only a portion of it distinct, however, as it started to ascend, they decided it was possibly a balloon or some object released from an a/c. When first observed the object was just off the water, within a few minutes it began to ascend until it appeared to be 15-20 ft above the water, then slowly to descend until almost on the water again. This rising and descending occurred until it disappeared. Each cycle of ascending and descending lasted approximately 40-60 seconds. The object was observed close to the surface for approximately 3-4 minutes before it started its last ascent and was in view for approximately 20 seconds.	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual			
7. COURSE SW			
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No			
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No			

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IR-280-50

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

4227646-191

Sighting of Unidentified Object, St. George's Bay, Newfoundland

AREA OF INTEREST

Newfoundland (St. George's Bay)

Intelligence Division, Hqs, MATS
Andrews AF Base, Washington 25, D. C.

DATE OF REPORT

27 September 1950

30 August 1950

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REPORTED BY

A. G. Love, Captain, USAF

Newfoundland Employees of USAF

REFERENCE: (If any) (Name of report, title, etc.) (Date, etc.) (Location, etc.)

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SUMMARY: (Brief summary of report, giving name of report, title, etc., date, etc., location, etc., and a brief description of the sighting, etc.)

Report contains details of a 30 August 1950 sighting of an unidentified object over St. George's Bay, Newfoundland.

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The Intelligence Officer, 1226th Air Base Group, Ernest Harmon AF Base, Newfoundland, has reported the 30 August 1950 sighting of an unidentified object near Sandy Point, Newfoundland, by three (3) Newfoundland native employees of the Water Transportation Section of Ernest Harmon AF Base. The three (3) observers were [redacted], 36 years old, employed on the base for five (5) years; [redacted], 45 years old, employed for one and a half years (1½); and [redacted], 42 years old, also employed by USAF for one and a half years (1½).

"The sighting was made from approximately two miles off Indian Head (48° 29' N, 58° 30' W). The object's position was approximately three miles southwest (48° 27' N, 58° 33' W) and approximately 1 to 1½ miles off shore.

"The crew sighted an object just off the water and was described by all three men as being round, black, or some dark color, about the size of a barrel and resembled a large balloon. The three expressed the opinion that at first it was thought the object was some type aircraft with only a portion of it distinct, however, as it started to ascend, they decided it was possibly a balloon or some object released from an aircraft. When first observed the object was just off the water, within a few minutes it began to ascend until it appeared to be 15-20 feet above the water, then slowly to descend until almost on the water again. This rising and descending occurred a total of three times, then the object started to ascend and continued straight up until it disappeared. Each cycle of ascending and descending lasted approximately 40-60 seconds. The object was observed close to the surface for approximately 3-4 minutes before it started its last ascent and was in view from approximately 1630Z to 1650Z.

"The Water Transportation Officer, [redacted], rated all three men as very reliable, stating that all were quiet and truthful.

"At approximately 1910Z, 30 August 1950, Mr. [redacted] reported to [redacted] at the Kippens Receiver Site that an object, thought to be a submarine, had been sighted 3 miles off the shore of Kippens, Newfoundland at approximately 1700Z. The object was described as having the appearance of a barrel with a periscope, or long pole attached.

"At 1920Z, ARS dispatched a helicopter to reconnoiter the area from the base to Port au Port with negative results. The area around Indian Head was also checked with negative results.

"Questioning of the witness at Kippens at 2200Z, 30 August 1950, disclosed the following information:

"Mr. [redacted], age 65; his son, [redacted], age 24; and nephew, [redacted], age 26, were fishing from a dory approximately 1½ miles off shore at Kippens at 1700Z when they observed an object an estimated 1½ to 2 miles out from the dory.

"The object was described by all three men as appearing about the size of a dory and looked like a large target balloon with either a black (elder [redacted]) or brownish-yellow (other two) color. It was approximately 15 to 20 feet above the water and had a pole extending from its center to the water line and was travelling north-northeast at an estimated speed of 3 to 5 mph.

"The object was in sight approximately five minutes before it moved over the horizon. There was no smoke, exhaust noise, or markings evident.

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"All three men have a limited education with no military experience. The association of the object with a large target balloon was due to the fact that [redacted] and [redacted] had observed aircraft target practice conducted in the area during the last war. No effort was made to investigate and the three men left for shore believing that there might be aerial gunnery conducted in the area.

"The object was observed momentarily from high ground on shore, but no significance attached to sightings until later after casual remarks to other persons and then it was decided that the incident should be reported to military authorities.

"A possibility exists that a weather balloon may have descended in this area, however, it is the opinion of weather personnel that none of the locally released balloons would be in the area. Only one radiosonde balloon was released that day (1500Z) and it was white and approximately 7' x 8' in size. Ceiling balloons released and the radiosonde balloon all headed northeast after release until lost.

"The Control Tower and OCA personnel were questioned with negative results.

"Local weather sequences were as follows: 1) 1630Z, 30 August 1950, ceiling 2,000 feet overcast, visibility 15 miles, pressure 29.89 inches high, temperature 58°F, dew point 50°F, wind north-northwest at 10 knots. 2) 1655Z, 30 August 1950, ceiling 2,500 feet broken, visibility 15 miles, wind west-northwest at 6 knots. 3) 1730Z, 30 August 1950, ceiling 2,500 feet broken, visibility 15 miles, pressure 29.89 inches high, temperature 61°F, dew point 48°F, wind north-northwest at 7 knots.

"Control Tower and Operations report no aircraft in area at time of sighting. Three aircraft (a B-29, a TCA DC-3, and a KLM DC-3) were over field and tracked across the OCA scope prior to observation of the unidentified object."


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2754TH EXPERIMENTAL WING
HOLLOMAN AIR FORCE BASE, NEW MEXICO

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13 SEP 1950

SUBJECT: Aerial Phenomena

TO : Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Attn: MCI
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

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1. Strange objects of an undisclosed nature were observed in the sky over Holloman Air Force Base on two successive days, 30 and 31 August 1950. A brief account of events of these two days will be given separately.

a. 30 August 1950: B-50 aircraft for mission of Missile III-776, Bell Aircraft Corporation, was airborne and while employees of this company were scanning the sky for the aircraft, two unexplainable objects were sighted in vicinity of the aircraft. The objects appeared at approximately 1045 hours and were visible for approximately 30 minutes, and seemed to follow the aircraft on both the dry run and the hot run, prior to release of the missile. Observers' stories differed to a degree and some observers saw only one object. At least eight responsible civilians and one Master Sergeant observed the phenomena. The following points were noted by observers:

- (1) Very fast rate of speed for short distances.
- (2) Strong glare at all times that was not reflected from sun.
- (3) Left no vapor trails, seemed to hover, make maneuvers and then accelerate rapidly.
- (4) Made square abrupt turns, relative size changed sufficiently to determine ascent and descent, shape changed from round to elliptical.
- (5) The two objects retained their relative position to one another.
- (6) Appeared to be approximately ten times faster than B-50 aircraft and above aircraft.

No project or instrumentation personnel were notified on this date, therefore, no scientific data was obtained.

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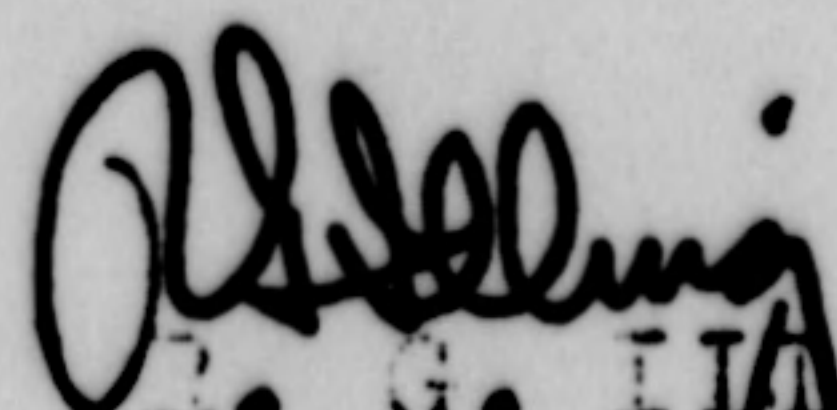
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b. 31 August 1950: Instrumentation facilities were set up this date and pictures were taken when phenomena appeared sporadically between hours of 1000 and 1300. The object appeared several times during this period, traveling at very high rates of speed, appearing from several different directions. F-36 aircraft from 93rd Fighter Group, Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, were requested and made a four-plane reconnaissance in the local area for approximately one hour, however, the pilots observed no unusual aerial phenomena. The colored phototheodolite film was immediately air-mailed to Houston Plant, Los Angeles, California, for processing and was returned by air to Holloman Air Force Base on 6 September 1950. Data Reduction Unit, this base, is presently analyzing information from film and tape recording in an effort to establish time correlation for triangulation. A final report will be forwarded to your office upon completion. Observers at phototheodolite stations noted following points:

- (1) Object had definite shape, including depth.
- (2) Disappeared when observer took eye off to read angle.
- (3) No smoke or fire.
- (4) Object seemed to rock or oscillate.
- (5) Edges of object were not sharp or distinct.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:


R. G. LIVING
Major, USAF
Acting Base Director, Operations
and Projects

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On December 1, 1950, coordination was effected with Land Air, Inc. (a subsidiary of the Department of Defense) and a contract No. 100-100-100-100 (a subsidiary of the Department of Defense) was set up by the Department of Defense. By means of this plan, the Department of Defense was able to coordinate its activities with the Department of Defense during the period of the war.

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