

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 29 May 51		2. LOCATION Spokane, Washington		12. CONCLUSIONS ☒ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0918 GMT 29/1718Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 min plus		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE SE Rising	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Elliptical object. Flat in appearance, light tan color. No noise or exhaust. Moved over observer location from WNW slowly at estimated altitude of 2500 to 3000 ft. In wallowing manner. Hovered and disappeared rising rapidly at 60 deg angle. Disappeared from sight in approximate 20 sec after object started to ascend.				11. COMMENTS Winds from WNW at 6,000 ft plus. Object moving with wind and rising. Object sighted from TC a/c at 0943 40 mi SW of Spokane Wash. Described as circular and glistening. Case evaluated as balloon sighting.	

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116TH FIGHTER-INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON
Geiger Field
Spokane, Washington

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GFG 319.1

31 May 1951

SUBJECT: Report of Information on Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
ATTN: MCIS
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

1. In accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 4 and 5, Air Defense Command Letter 200-1, dated 11 April 1951, subject as above, the following report of an unconventional aircraft or object, which was sighted over this field, is forwarded for your information:

a. Description- The object was elliptical and flat in appearance, similar to a large sheet of paper or a thin aircraft wing. It was light sun tan color. No noise nor visible exhaust were present. The object moved over the field from the WNW slowly, at approximately 2500-3000 ft above the surface (estimated), in a wallowing manner. It hovered over the field and then ascended rapidly out of sight at approximately a 60 degree angle.

b. The object was sighted at approximately 0918P, 29 May 1951. Duration of sight, approximately 4 minutes. It disappeared from sight in approximately 20 seconds after it started to ascend.

c. The object was sighted with the naked eye by observers on the ground. No aircraft was in the air over the field at the time, nor were radar observations attempted.

d. Source of information is reliable and authentic, 2 officers (pilots) and 2 airmen reported seeing the object.

e. Weather conditions over the field at the time the object was sighted were:

(1) Surface observation Geiger Field, US Weather Bureau

0930P GEG - -0150030 220/50/264/014/300-0500

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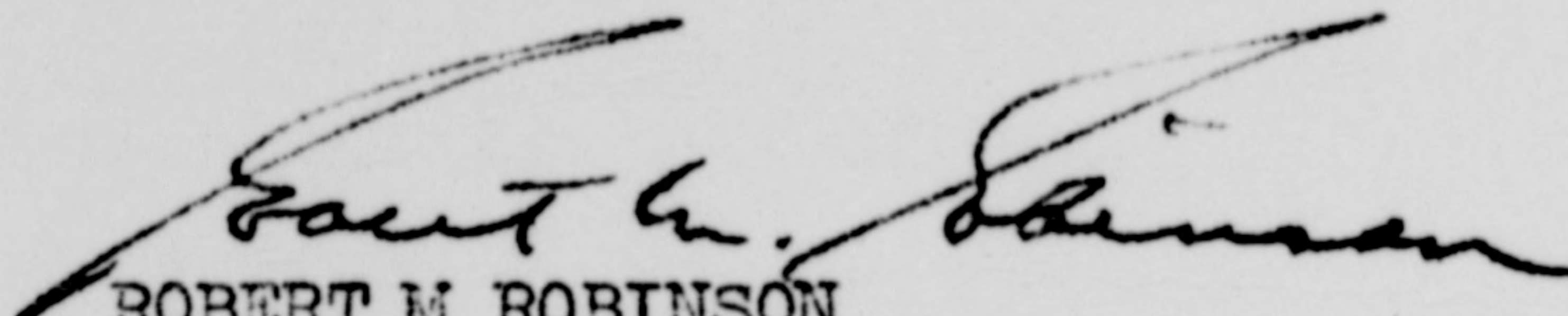
(2) Winds aloft, Geiger Field, US Wea Bur 1600Z (0800P)

2000 ft	180/05	9000 ft	300/02
3000 ft	210/06	10000 ft	320/03
4000 ft	230/08	12000 ft	320/03
5000 ft	260/10	14000 ft	320/08
6000 ft	290/09	16000 ft	340/02
7000 ft	300/05	18000 ft	290/13
8000 ft	300/02	20000 ft	240/35

2. In the opinion of the station weather officer, neither the convective activity nor the synoptic situation over the area could likely have caused a large piece of paper to float in the air and ascend at time of incident. Towering cumulus clouds were observed to the N and NE over the mountains, but there were no clouds directly over the field at the time of incident.

3. Shortly thereafter, at approximately 0943P, a passenger in a T-6 aircraft approximately 40 miles SW of Geiger Field enroute to Larson AFB at approximately 3500 ft above the surface, sighted an object high in the sky to the SE of the aircraft. The object was reported to be circular and had a glistening appearance. Duration of sight- approximately 20 seconds.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:


ROBERT M ROBINSON
Captain USAF
Adjutant

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