

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 24 July 1951		2. LOCATION Portsmouth, N.H.		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>UNIDENTIFIED</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>1910</u> GMT <u>25/0010Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1- 20 Secons 2- 5 - 10 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE W	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Shape like a long tube with a fin construction on one end, 100 to 200 ft long. Thickness 1/5 the lenth. Object resembled fused glass, being grayish to invisible in color. Entire surface covered w/balck polka dotted spots. No exhause or vapor trail, except a swath like a very weak rainbow. No sound. Disappeared very quickly (20 seconds) as though it had gone into a cloud bank.				11. COMMENTS UNIDENTIFIED.	

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, DAYTON, OHIO

H. L. Scurlock
IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-0

24 August 1951

SUBJECT: UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT SIGHTED
AT PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
24 July 1951
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding Officer
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: ATI

Attached hereto for your information are two copies of the
report of investigation by Special Agent EDWARD A. BRAY, 1st OSI
District, file 24-119, dated 21 August 1951.

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R/I, DO #1, dtd 21 Aug 51

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Major, USAF
Acting District Commander

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DETAILS:

1. Investigation predicated upon verbal report of [REDACTED], Captain, AO-[REDACTED], 4675th Air Base Squadron, Hanscom AF Base, Bedford, Mass., who advised that on 24 July 1951 he had observed an unconventional aircraft in flight over the area of Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

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2. On 14 August 1951, the writer interviewed Captain [REDACTED] Base Operations Officer, Hanscom AF Base. It was disclosed that on 24 July 1951, [REDACTED] was driving north on main U. S. Highway No. 1 towards the toll bridge at Portsmouth, New Hampshire. He was accompanied by Cpl [REDACTED], also of Hanscom AF Base. (At approximately 1910 hours, EST, he observed an object pass over the toll bridge leading into Portsmouth. The object was traveling from east to west at an estimated elevation of 1,000 to 2,000 feet, and at a speed of 800 to 1,000 mph. The description given by [REDACTED] is as follows:

A long tube with a fin construction on one end, 100 to 200 feet long, with a thickness of 1/5 the length. The object resembled fused glass, being grayish to invisible in color. The entire surface was covered with black polka dotted spots. There was no exhaust or vapor trail, excepting a swath resembling a very weak rainbow. There was no sound emanating from the object. The sighted object was in view for approximately 20 seconds, at which point it disappeared very quickly, as though it had gone into a cloud bank.

[REDACTED] advised that he is familiar with the contents of AFOIC-CC-1 Letter, dated 8 September 1950, dealing with the reporting of sighting of unconventional aircraft through military channels through Air Materiel Command. Steps have been taken to procure a teletyped sequence of weather conditions over Portsmouth, New Hampshire, at the time of the alleged sighting, and [REDACTED] will prepare the standard AF Form 112, in accordance with cited AFOIC Letter.

3. Cpl [REDACTED], AF-[REDACTED], 4675th Air Base Squadron, Hanscom AF Base, was interviewed with regard to his observations surrounding SUBJECT aircraft. Informant stated that he was with Capt [REDACTED] on the evening of 24 July 1951 and that he saw a long tubelike object such as the one described by Capt [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] further stated that he could supply no more information than the Captain and that he was relying on [REDACTED]'s judgment as to the height and speed of the object in question. Informant's knowledge and experience with military aircraft is negligible and there is nothing in his background that would lend credence to his ability to estimate height and speed of an exceptionally fast moving object.

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4. In view of [REDACTED]'s statement declaring his intention to prepare a standard Form AF 112 regarding this matter, the case is considered CLOSED in the files of this office.

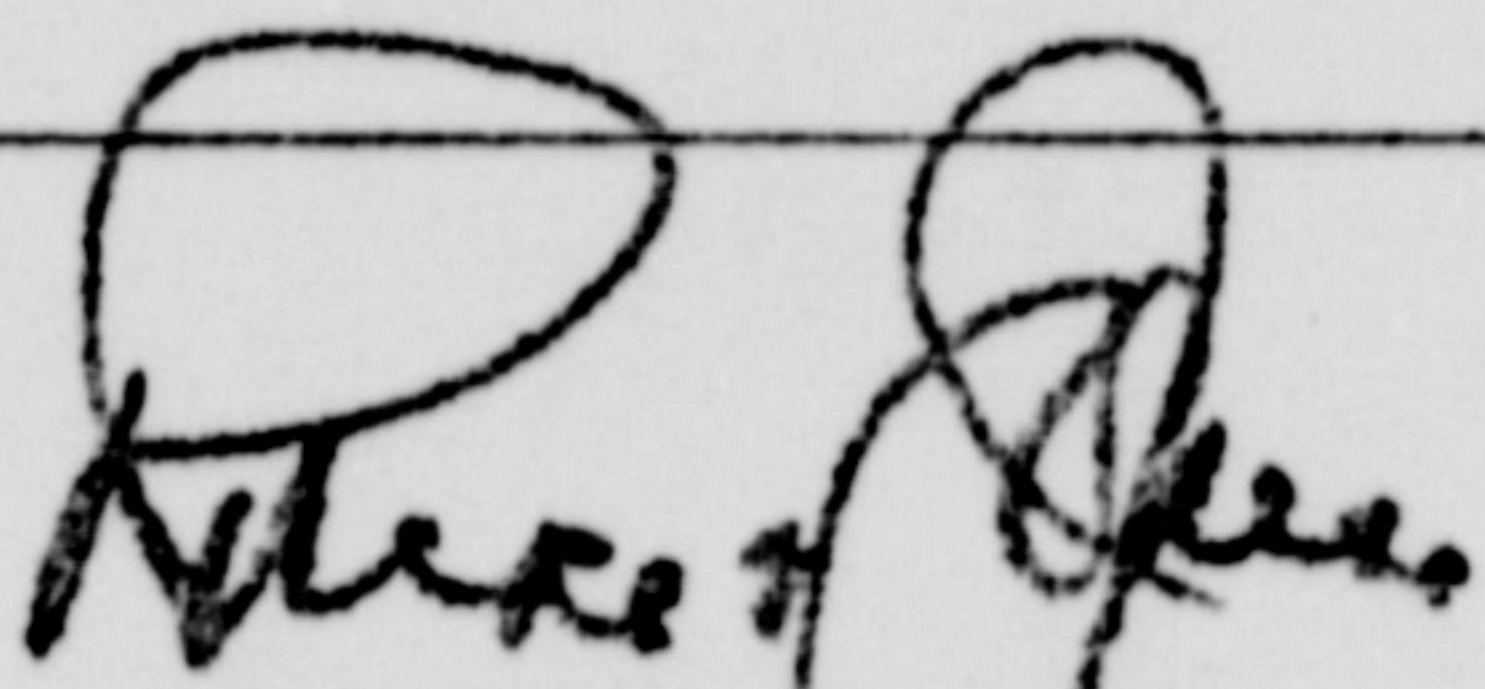
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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. 24-119	DATE 21 August 1951
TITLE UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT SIGHTED AT PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE 24 July 1951		REPORT MADE BY S/A EDWARD A. BRAY hbm	
		REPORT MADE AT DO #1, Westover AFB, Mass.	
		PERIOD 13, 14 August 1951	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #1, Westover AFB, Mass.	
		STATUS CLOSED	
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY			
REFERENCE None, this is an initial report.			
SYNOPSIS Investigation predicated upon reported sighting of unusual unconventional aircraft over area of Portsmouth, N. H., by Captain [REDACTED], USAF, Hanscom AFB. [REDACTED] presently preparing standard AF Form 112 for AMC regarding the sighting. Investigation closed. DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS; DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS. DOD DIR 5200.10 - CLOSED - Disclosure of the nature, sources, or even the existence of the information in this report to persons not normally entitled to such information may be made only when expressly authorized by the Director of Special Investigations, IG, or higher authority. Unauthorized disclosure of such information will be considered to be a violation of AFR 205-1.			
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HEADQUARTERS
6520TH AIR BASE GROUP
Laurence G. Hanscom Field
Bedford, Massachusetts

13 September 1951

SUBJECT: Report of Unconventional Aircraft

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

In accordance with GenAC Letter 200-1, 12 Feb 51, the enclosed report and statements are hereby submitted.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Louis E. Glavel
LOUIS E. GLAVEL
1st Lt., USAF
Air Adjutant

3 Incls:
2 cys - Report of Sighting
2 cys - Statement of Observer
2 cys - Weather Sequence Report

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REPORT OF SIGHTING OF UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

1. Description: Long tube with fin construction on rear end of tube. 100-200 ft. long and thickness 1/5 of length with black spots dotted entire length. Overall color, almost colorless resembling fused glass, greyish to invisible almost transparent. It left no exhaust trail or vapor trail, except a swarth resembling a very weak rainbow. This rainbow was between our position and the sun making a reflection impossible. Estimated speed was very roughly 800-1000 MPH. No sound involved. No maneuvers, it was in level flight, travelling from east to west. It disappeared as quickly as it came into sight. It was clear out and no clouds visible in sky.

2. Time: 1910H, duration of observation was approximately twenty seconds. 24 July 1951

3. Manner of Observation: Visual observation from an automobile going in a northerly direction on a main U. S. highway.

4. Location of Observer: Proceeding north along main highway towards bridge at Portsmouth, N. H., about two miles from toll gate at bridge. The object passed over the bridge from east to west at approximately 1000-2000 ft. The object could have been 2-4 miles away from observers position.

5. Observer: Cpl. [REDACTED], AF [REDACTED], and, Capt. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], AO [REDACTED]

6. Weather: Weather sequence attached.

7. No meteorological conditions present.

8. No photos or physical evidence available.

9. Two F-47's flying in southerly direction at 1900H about 10-15 miles from object. Miscellaneous small aircraft flying in same area with F-47's.

[REDACTED]
Captain, USAF
Asst Base Operations Officer

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STATEMENT OF OBSERVER OF UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT

On Tuesday, 24 Jul 51, while travelling north on U.S. Route 1, near Portsmouth, New Hampshire, in the company of Captain [REDACTED], USAF, I saw an unusual object in the sky. This object was travelling in from the sea in a westerly direction and I would estimate its altitude at between 500 and 1000 feet.

Although I could make no estimate regarding the speed of the object, I can say that it was travelling at a considerably greater rate of speed than any other type of aircraft that I have ever seen. Although the object was not well defined, its shape resembled that of a large hot-dog, tapering slightly toward the rear and perhaps four or five times as long as it was high.

The object was in my sight for between five and ten seconds and then seemed to disappear from sight, as if into a cloud bank, although there were no clouds in that area at that time.

The time of the sighting was 1910 EST.

6520th Air Base Group
Laurence G. Hanscom Field
Bedford, Massachusetts

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
AF 22 860 354
Corporal, USAF

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WEATHER SEQUENCE REPORTS

1930Z, 24 Jul 51, teletype sequence reports.

Portland, Maine 250 thin sctd 15 plus 163/68/53/saw8/001

Manchester, N.H. 200 thin sctd 25 M/75/60/saw4/M

Boston, Mass. 270 thin sctd 15 plus 177/72/54/s11/004

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