

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 1 Mar 52		2. LOCATION Goose AFB, Labrador		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local: _____ GMT: 1544		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☒ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <i>Vapor Trails</i> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE 2 USAF pilots			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS		9. COURSE NE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING MATS crew sighted vapor trails at very high altitude.				11. COMMENTS Director Aerospace Studies Inst ATTN: Archives Branch Maxwell AFB, Alabama RETURN TO: K243.6012-1 Mar 1952	

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DATE: 1 Mar 52

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TIME (Local): 1514Z

LOCATION: Goose AFB, Lab.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: Unknown

SOUND: Unknown

SPEED: Unknown

ALTITUDE: High

HEADING: 45°

SOURCE: AF Pilot

ACTION OR COMMENTS: No conclusions. Insufficient data.

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Source observed high vapor trail. Check showed no aircraft in area other than local flights at low altitude. 

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COUNTRY USA-MATS	REPORT NO. IR-103-52	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Vapor Trails over Goose Air Base, Labrador		
AREA REPORTED ON Labrador	FROM (Agency) Intelligence Division, Hq MATS, Andrews AF Base, Washington 25, D. C.	
DATE OF REPORT 12 March 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 1 March 1952	EVALUATION A-2
PREPARED BY (Officer) Charles J. Powley, Captain, USAF	SOURCE Captain W. C. Matthews	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

1. Source, an instrument instructor pilot, Flight "D", 6th Air Rescue Squadron, MATS, Goose Bay Airport, Labrador, reports that at 1544Z, 1 March 1952, while flying NEAC C-47 #9184 at 6,000 feet over Goose Air Base, he observed vapor trails overhead. According to the source, the trails were caused by a fast moving aircraft, probably jet, which was flying at a very high altitude and in a north-easterly direction over Goose Air Base.

2. Captain Matthews immediately reported the incident to Goose Air Base tower operator who stated that he had no knowledge of any aircraft in the area other than the local aircraft he was working at the time.

3. Source added that there was no doubt in his mind that the vapor trails were real, as he had seen them often while flying in Europe during World War II.

4. The sighting of the vapor trails was confirmed by Major R. Hange, pilot of the aircraft.

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