

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 9 April 52		2. LOCATION <u>Ft. Lauderdale, Florida</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☒ Probably Astronomical METEOR ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>2010 EST</u> GMT <u>10/0110Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Ex-AF Pilot			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>1 SECOND</u>		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE 	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Elliptical. Straight and level maneuvers.				11. COMMENTS Sighted at elevation of 35° south of Ft. Lauderdale.	

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~~Menninger~~, ~~2222222222~~ve., Melrose Park, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Above info called by telephone to Base Operations, McDill AFB, Fla., by observer who stated that he was a former pilot with U.S. Military. Sighted by two other people unknown to Menninger but could be identified. Conversation with observer indicated he had considerable knowledge of jet type aircraft and related speeds but had been greatly impressed with the speed. Miami 2030 weather sequence as follows: 25,000 minor scattered, 10 miles visibility, sea level pressure 219, temperature 63, dew point 54, wind East North East at 3 knots, altimeter 017. No known activity or condition to account for sighting and negative physical evidence. Negative interception.

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INFO JEPHQ/DIR OF INTELL DCS/O HQ USAF WASH DC
//~~SECRET~~ MCDOBO 5100 PD IN ACCORDANCE WITH
INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED IN LTR HQ USAF AFIN-C/CC-2 THE FOLG IS SUBMITTED
CLN ONE OBJECT CMA ELLIPTICAL OR CIGAR SHAPED CMA APPEARED TO BE
BRIGHTLY ILLUMINATED WITHOUT A TRAIL OR EXHAUST VISIBLE CMA FLYING AT
A GREAT RATE OF SPEED IN A HORIZONTAL PLANE PD MANNER OF DISAPPEAR-
ANCE CMA FLEW OUT OF SIGHT PD. OBSERVER STATES THAT IT WAS MOVING AT
A GREATER RATE OF SPEED THAN HE HAD WITNESSED BEFORE PD SIGHTED AT
TWO ZERO ONE ZERO EASTERN APR FIVE TWO PD VISUALLY OBSERVED FROM THE
GROUND AT FORT LAUDERDALE CMA FLA CMA TWO SIX ZERO SEVEN NORTH CMA
EIGHT ZERO ZERO NINE WEST PD SIGHTED APPROXIMATELY THREE FIVE DEGREES

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ABOVE THE HORIZON IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION AT ESTIMATED DISTANCE
OF ONE FIVE MILES TO TWO ZERO MILES DISTANCE CMA TRAVELING FROM EAST
TO WEST AT ESTIMATED ALTITUDE OF ONE FIVE THOUSAND TO TWO ZERO
THOUSAND FEET PD SIGHTED BY MISTER ~~REDACTED~~ CMA ~~REDACTED~~
~~REDACTED~~ CMA MELROSE PARK CMA FORT LAUDERDALE CMA FLA PD ABOVE INFO CALLED
BY TELEPHONE TO BASE OPERATIONS CMA MACDILL AFB CMA FLA BY OBSERVER
WHO STATED THAT HE WAS A FORMER PILOT WITH UNION SIERRA MILITARY PD
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CONSIDERABLE KNOWLEDGE OF JET TYPE ACFT AND RELATED SPEEDS BUT HAD BEEN
GREATLY IMPRESSED WITH THE SPEED PD MIAMI TWO ZERO THREE ZERO WEATHER
SEQUENCE AS FOLS CLN TWO FIVE THOUSAND MINOR SCATTERERY CMA ONE ZERO
MILES VISIBILITY CMA SEA LEVEL PRESSURE TWO ONE NINE CMA TEMPERATURE
SIX THREE CMA DEW POINT FIVE FOUR CMA WIND EAST NORTH EAST AT THREE
KNOTS CMA ALTIMETER ZERO ONE SEVEN PD NO KNOWN ACTIVITY OR CONDITION
TO ACCOUNT FOR SIGHTING AND NEG PHYSICAL EVIDENCE PD NEG INTERCEPTION

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Castle 5217 APR 1952

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Melrose Park
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Dear Sir:

The Air Technical Intelligence Center has been advised that you reported an observation of an unidentified aerial object to McDill Air Force Base on 10 April 1952.

In order to obtain more information, it is requested that you complete the inclosed questionnaire and return it as soon as possible.

Your action in reporting your observations is appreciated by the Air Force and the Air Technical Intelligence Center.

Yours very truly,

C. F. Z.
S. H. KIRKLAND, JR.
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Technical Analysis Division

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Questionnaire

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1. Date object was observed April 9, 1952
 2. Time object was first seen Approximately 8:10 PM
 3. Place from which you observed the object Street
 4. How was object observed (naked eye, binoculars, etc.) Naked eye
4th Lombard St. Chicago
 5. What were you doing when the object was first observed? Walking
 6. What attracted your attention to the object? The phenomenal speed
 7. Path of object.
 - a. Direction from which object appeared (degrees or direction) Flying from east to west
 - b. Direction in which object disappeared (degrees or direction) West
 - c. Elevation object appeared (degrees above horizon) 25 to 30 degrees
 - d. Elevation object disappeared (degrees above horizon) Same
 - e. Shape of flight path of object (straight and level, arched, etc.) Absolutely straight and level
 - f. How did object disappear (grow dimmer, go out suddenly, etc.) It went out suddenly
 8. Length of time the object was observed About one second
 9. Description of object.
 - a. How many objects were seen? One
 - b. Apparent size of object? Unable to determine

- c. Apparent speed of object? 1500 to 2000 miles per hour
- d. Apparent altitude of object? Unable to determine
- e. Shape of object? Cigar shaped
- f. Color of object? Appeared as a light
- g. Did object perform any maneuvers, if so describe No
- h. Did object make any sound, if so describe No
- i. Were any tails or trails seen? No
- j. Draw sketch.

10. What type of day was it (hazy, clear, etc.)? Describe. Night
Very clear

11. Clouds.

- a. Were any clouds in sky at time of observation? Less than 1/10 scattered
If so, how much of sky was covered (overcast, scattered, etc.)

b. Did object pass above, below, or near any clouds? No

c. Did object reflect light on the clouds? No

12. What is your occupation? Office Manager

13. Any details that cannot be fully explained by the above questions.

Name

Address

Date

[Signature]
[Signature]
St. Landry, Fla
4-25-52

EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 6

DATE: 10 Apr 52

TIME (Local): 2010

LOCATION: Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: Unknown

SOUND: Unknown

SPEED: High

ALTITUDE: Unknown

HEADING: 270°

SOURCE: Ex-AF Pilot

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Description similar to large meteor or fireball.

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Source observed elliptical shaped brilliantly illuminated object without trail moving at high speed. (Restricted)