

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 18 Apr 52		2. LOCATION Corner Brook, Newfoundland		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 2210 GMT -0410		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Newspaper reporter			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1½ minute		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Yellowish gold color. Round. Made 180 degree turn.				11. COMMENTS Object seen twice. Seemed to disappear and come back. Source had published article debunking objects the day before.	

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SUBJECT Unidentified Aerial Object		
AREA REPORTED ON Newfoundland	FROM (Agency) Dir/Int, NEAC	
DATE OF REPORT 7 May 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 2 May 1952	EVALUATION F-0
PREPARED BY (Officer) TRUETT V. CANTRELL, Captain, USAF		STATION Ernest Harmon AFB, Newfoundland
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) IR-14-52 dtd 7 May 1952		

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.)

An unidentified aerial object was observed on 18 April 1952 by Mr. [REDACTED] at Corner Brook, Newfoundland. Object was yellowish gold and approximately the size of a man hole cover.

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1. Newspaper article by Mr. [REDACTED]
2. Sketch

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1. Description of object sighted:

Number: 1.

Shape: round.

Size: approximately the size of a man hole cover.

Color: Yellowish gold.

Speed: high rate of speed.

Maneuverability: rapid rate of climb. Steep turn.

Sound: none.

Exhaust trail: none.

Characteristics: Enroute home from a picture show Mr. [REDACTED] noticed a bright spot about 2,000 feet up in the smoke which was hanging over the Bowater paper mill and stopped to watch. The spot, which appeared as a silent blob of light about the size of a man hole cover, remained stationary for about one minute then with a slight wobbling motion moved up and to the left through the smoke at a rapid rate. The object emerged from the smoke at an estimated 3,000 to 4,000 feet where it paused momentarily and appeared to be slightly elliptical in shape. From this position it moved out of sight toward the east at a high rate of speed. Two to three minutes after Mr. [REDACTED] had resumed his walk a bright object appeared in the east resembling a dot, moving toward the west and increasing in size as it approached. At a point opposite the observer at an estimated altitude of 10,000 feet, the object seemed to make a coordinated vertical banking turn of 180° to the left and moved out of sight toward the east.

2. Time of sighting: 2210 Local 18 April 1952. Duration of one to one and one-half minutes (1-1½).

3. Manner of observation: visual from a ground position.

4. Location of observer: Mr. [REDACTED] was on a city street in Corner Brook, Newfoundland (48°57'N 57°57'W).

5. Information concerning the observer:

Name: [REDACTED]

Age: 33 years

Occupation: [REDACTED] "The Western Star" newspaper.

Address: [REDACTED] Corner Brook, Newfoundland.

Previous experience: RCAF pilot for 4½ years.

Reliability: appears to be intelligent, reliable and of an aggressive nature.

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6. Weather: clear, slight wind from the west.

7. Meteorological condition: none noted which would have a bearing on this incident.

8. Physical evidence: none.

9. Intercept or identification action: none.

COMMENTS by Information Source:

"Flying Saucers" were already in the news when Mr. [REDACTED] saw the object which he reported. He was aware of Mr. [REDACTED]'s sighting that morning (IR-14-52), and that other sightings had been reported in Canada during the few days preceding this incident. On the day of his sighting he had published an article satirizing the "flying saucers". (A copy of the article is attached to this report.)

In the draft copy of an article which Mr. [REDACTED] prepared for publication in the April 22nd edition of "The Western Star", he wrote that the reported object had "climbed in a slow spiral 3,000 feet per minute". This may or may not be construed by him to mean the same as a "slight wobbling motion".

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Incl 1 - Chic-chat:
"SAUCERED AND BLOWED" by Chic Shave

Now that Time magazine and Ed Finn have revived the Flying Saucer issue, there appears to be no further need for [REDACTED] to adhere to his self-imposed security ban.

The truth of the matter is, I have intercepted radio messages from the occupants of the airborne crockery, and with the help of a young neighbor who kindly lent me his space dictionary, I have managed to decode at least one message.

This particular message had to do with a popular song which I believe is called "How deep is the ocean" and from the Martians' report (they are Martians, you know) it appears that they are studying us intently.

It is also evident that they are a race of intelligence beetles because one of them concluded a message by saying, "Be sure you get this straight before you attempt to explain it to the big bug."

Anyway, here is the message just as intercepted, and the reader can draw his own conclusions. It was addressed to the Chief of the MBI which I presume means Martian Bureau of Investigation.

Dear Chief:

Following is an Earth message intercepted by us. It was delivered in the form of a chant, and may well be some sort of primitive incantation. We shall report it sentence by sentence along with the comments of our crew psychologist:

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How deep is the ocean?

(Psychologist's comment - Obviously these beings are of a very primitive order and know very little of the world they live in. Here they are speculating about the depth of the liquid which covers a good portion of their planet.)

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How high is the sky?

(Psych. comment - Here again their ignorance is appalling. They appear to mistake the layers of dust in the air that diffuse the light of their sun for a fixed canopy which they call "sky".)

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How much do I love you?

(Psych. comment - Apparently this is in reference to some basic emotion which seems to be constantly plaguing the entire species. An attempt to come to some definite conclusion as to the exact nature of the emotion and its cause has so far led to complete failure.

(In some of the species it appears to be the cause of great happiness while in others it leads to complete abjection. Some appear to be peacefully influenced while in others the symptoms are the exact opposite. One race, known as the Russians, claim to be the originators of the emotion, but there appears to be no foundation for this statement. In fact, our observers report that it is believed to have existed on all parts of the planet and to have originated before even the limited intelligence of the species began.

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* * * * * The remainder of the chant seemed to be composed of equally inane queries that tend to confirm the retarded development of the inhabitants of this mad world. In view of this, our scientists deemed it advisable to concentrate on trying to find some logical explanation for the irrational behaviour of the species while under the influence of this much vaunted emotion. Accordingly, we assembled all known data on the subject and fed it into our master integrator with the question, "What is love?" The integrator, which has been known to solve some of our most complex equations in a matter of seconds, blew up after many hours. In view of this, we have come to the conclusion that the emotion referred to is some sort of mental weapon which these beings have stumbled on, which would surely prove fatal to a more advanced civilization such as ours. We respectfully suggest that all plans for conquering this barbaric planet be abandoned, and that our exploratory expedition be permitted to return to base at once. * * * * * . . . That, I believe, takes care of the Flying Saucer menace once and for all, so now let's hear no more of the darn nonsense. *** DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS; DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS. DOD DIR 5200.10						

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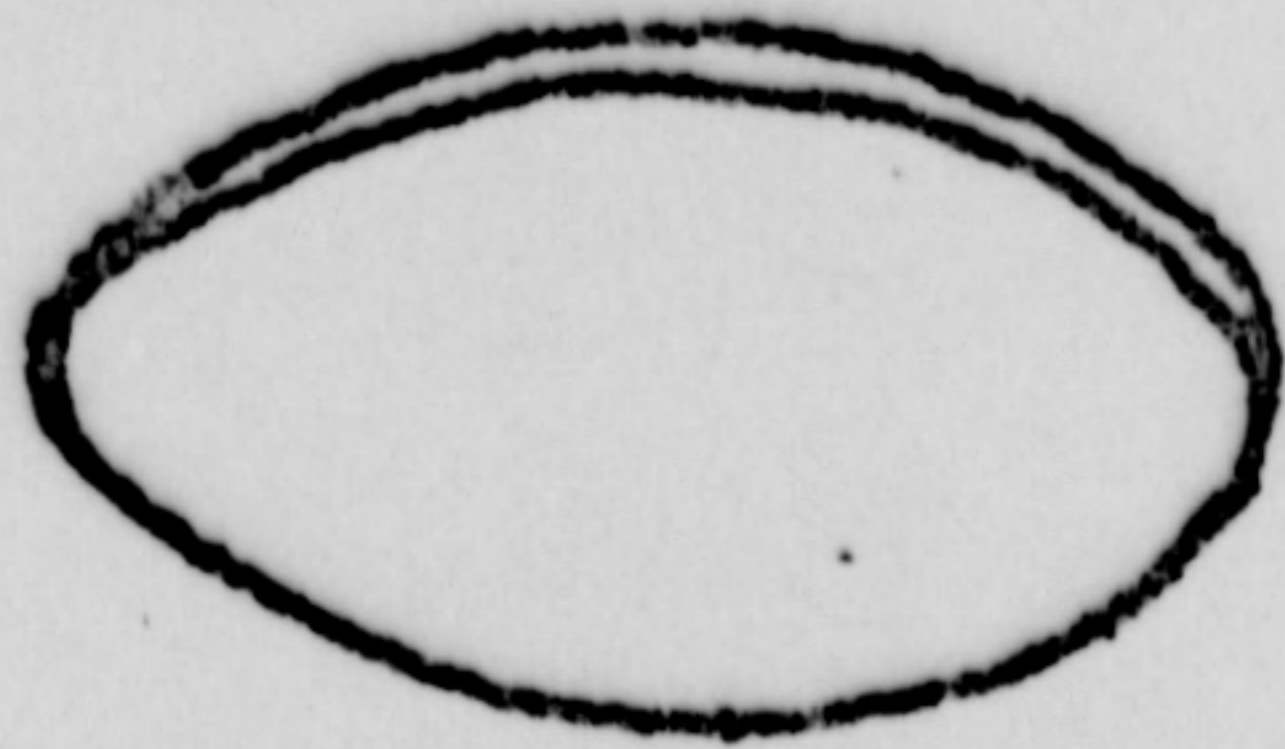
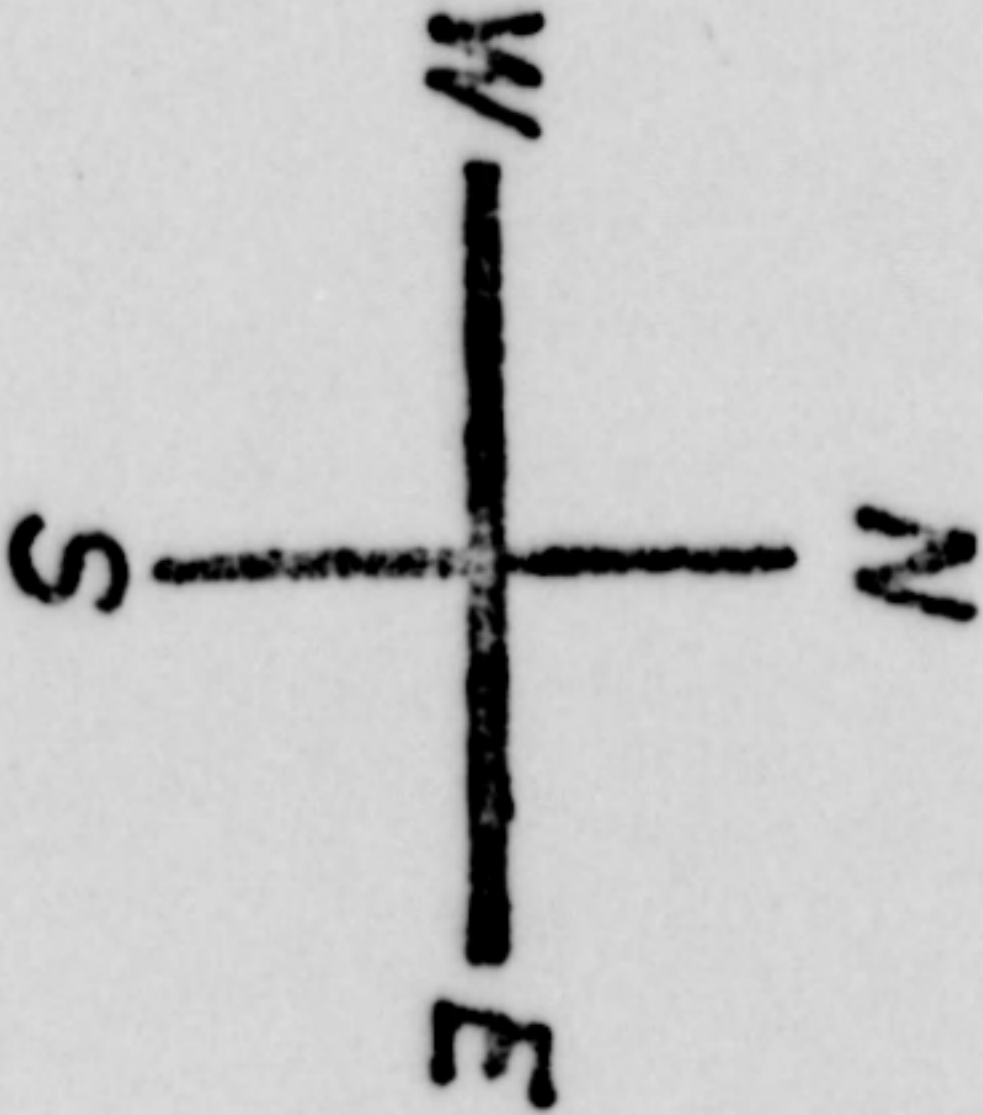
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