

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>20 Apr 52</u>		2. LOCATION <u>Hallingdal, Norway</u>		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 <u>2235</u> GMT <u>20/2135Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE <u>3 civilians</u>			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>25 minutes</u>		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>1</u>		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING <u>Ball shape. Erratic -high speed - stop in mid air.</u>				11. COMMENTS <u>REFRACTION of SETTING SUN OR MOON.</u>	

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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.)

Forwarded herewith are complete translations, plus newspaper accounts and pictures of a recently reported unidentified flying object or aerial phenomenon. Due to the distance from Oslo this office has been unable to check personally any further on the story and has been unable to uncover any further information locally.

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Vardens Gang, 7 June 1952

"Flying Saucer" Observed in Hallingdal

1. Late in the evening on Easter Sunday this year, three reliable people were standing up in the hills of Torpo, witnessing one of the most extraordinary phenomena ever observed in this country. A glowing ball which must have been remotely controlled or maneuvered, performed the strangest stunts. At first it was perfectly stationary in mid-air, not very high above the valley; then it rose at a terrific rate straight up into the air, and then launched off sideways as a rocket. Dead against all laws of physics it stopped in the middle of the atmosphere, and performed one stunt stranger than the last. The whole time it radiated light of a varying strength, and when the glowing ball finally disappeared over the snow-covered mountain plateau, it looked as though it swept across the snow wastes as a powerful searchlight.

2. For more than half an hour three adults were standing watching this phenomenon - at first somewhat bewildered and confused; then they realized that they were actually witnessing a phenomenon, and then observed very closely all the movements.

3. Even though a certain skepticism has been exercised in recent years in respect to all the reports of flying saucers and other obscure detections in the atmosphere, these latest reports must be taken seriously. All the experts in this country who have been consulted about the strange ball of fire, have displayed a great interest in the phenomenon, and they do not try to conceal the fact that this time they really believe that it is a remotely controlled gadget which has been observed.

4. The three persons witnessing the phenomenon were 54-year old [redacted], his 19-year old son [redacted], and his daughter [redacted], aged 16. They were alone [redacted] of the valley above Torpo, with a clear view across to Riddaasen on the opposite side of the valley. Along this hill run the large electric power cables from the Hol electric power works, but apart from these there is nothing but wilderness and rough country where no man can pick his way. It was just below this hill that the phenomenon was first spotted.

5. The one who observed the events most closely was [redacted], who was home on Easter holidays. [redacted] is a matter-of-fact and level-headed man, at present studying for his immatriculation exam at Voss, and those who know him relate that he is highly reliable.

6. [redacted] related to the above paper that he first spotted the ball of fire at 22:35 hours on Easter Sunday. He was sitting indoors reading when his sister told him that a bonfire was burning up in the hill across the valley. [redacted] went out and saw the "fire".

7. "But", he said, "I thought it a bit odd that a fire should be burning out in the wilds of the forest at that late hour, and had a closer look at the spot. Then the extraordinary thing happened: the 'fire', or ball of fire, rather - all of a sudden ascended straight up into the air, at a colossal rate, only to stop instantaneously. It stood there as though nailed to the background. For some moments it remained absolutely still, then it shot off to one side also at a great rate, stopped still, sank a little, possibly vibrating somewhat. The whole time it was radiating light, sometimes dull, resembling strong moonlight, but for the most part of the time it looked like gas light. The strength of light changed several times.

8. "We were now three persons standing watching the phenomenon", [redacted] continued, "and then my father went back into the house to fetch a small pair of binoculars, but we could not see very clearly. To us all it seemed as though it was a ball of fire;

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through the binoculars it resembled the kind of ball used in sports for throwing, only that it radiated light the whole time.

9. "It finally ascended above the hill at a great rate and then, after I had been watching it for exactly 25 minutes, it shot off in a southerly direction at an incredible speed. The ball of fire emitted a very strong light causing the entire hill to be illuminated as though by a strong searchlight. The light was turned a couple of times, first to the east, then to the west. The ball of fire then set off in an easterly direction, and appeared to stop once again, but we could see it clearly no longer.

10. "The whole thing had made a great impression on me. I have studied physics to some extent at high school, and it struck me that it must be a terrific power which controlled the ball. And the way it stopped dead in mid-air, contrary to all laws of physics!"

11. [REDACTED] father states that at first he thought it was something wrong with the electric power cables from the Hol installations. "The ball of fire at first appeared right above the cable net, but when it rose and then stopped quite still in mid-air, I realized it must have something to do with these modern inventions. To me it appeared to be a glowing ball of fire, and when it started to move up and down in the air at great speed, it was obvious that it was some sort of a gadget guided by remote control. The odd thing was that there was no sort of a noise emerging from it. Admittedly it was a fair distance away, three kilometers as the crow flies, and the river runs fast down in the valley, but with the speed the ball was travelling, there ought to have been some sort of a roar, or drone. But none of us heard a sound of this kind."

12. The father bears out the story of his son, of the steady changing of the light. Particularly at the moment the ball disappeared over the mountain plateau, the light was very strong. It looked as though the entire mountain side was bathed in electric light from a projector which moved in various directions.

13. "It was impossible to say about the dimensions of the ball," he continues, "due to the distance and to the fact that the ball was radiating light the whole time."

14. [REDACTED] is also known as a very reliable person, who never wastes many words. It was typical of him that he only mentioned what he had seen to his closest neighbors and friends at work. He was an active member of the Underground Forces during the war, when he witnessed a number of strange occurrences.

15. Apparently there was no one else at [REDACTED] who witnessed this happening. It took place pretty late at night, and although the weather was fine, there were few people out of doors.

16. Not far from the [REDACTED] farm lies Torpomoen, a Home Defense camp. The C.O. of the camp, Captain [REDACTED], states that he received a report from [REDACTED] about the phenomenon they had observed, but as far as he knew no one else had witnessed it. Captain Wig has great confidence in the story, and in his opinion there is no doubt that the object must have been something like a flying saucer.

17. Only a few officers remained in camp over Easter, and they were all indoors that evening.

Flying Saucer

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Hens Gang, 9 June 1962

1. As a result of the report in the above newspaper on 7 June about a flying

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saucer having been observed, the paper has received a number of calls from people who think they are able to explain the phenomenon.

2. Several people are of the opinion that it must have been a ball of lightning which was observed, but this possibility has already been investigated by Vordens Gang, who has consulted meteorologists and scientists, in whose opinion it was an unlikely explanation. The weather that night was very calm and almost clear, a type of weather to exclude ball lightning. It is also most exceptional that a ball of lightning stays in the atmosphere for as long as was the case with the object observed in Hallingdal, and the object was too large in size, also, to have been a lightning ball.

3. It has been guessed that the occurrence might be caused by disturbance of the Hol electric cable net, but the electro-engineer states that this is out of the question. Had that been the case, there would have been a small explosion.

Vordens Gang, 14 June 1952

The Flying Saucer in Hallingdal

1. Confronted with a question of what is the attitude of the Norwegian Air Force to the reports of the flying saucer observed in Hallingdal on Easter Sunday, this year, the Chief of Staff at the RMAF Headquarters, Colonel Tufte Johnsen states:

2. It is obvious that reasonable men within the Air Force are bound to take the reports in respect to mystical light phenomena, flying objects, etc. seriously, and one cannot dismiss such reports as purely optical illusions.

3. It transpires that a similar phenomenon has been observed during the last winter higher up the Hallingdal, at Vats above Aal. Here a reliable person informs the above paper that he has seen it as much as four times in the course of the winter. The person in question is [redacted] of Kjellergaard, and states that he first observed the phenomenon just before Christmas, the other times between Christmas and Easter. It occurred each time late at night, between 21:30 and 23:00 hours. He was able to give a detailed account of the movements of the ball of fire. In this case too, the ball stood perfectly still in mid-air, then shot off to the side at a great rate, stopped dead once more, and performed a number of queer maneuvers, with abrupt movements. The ball the whole time emitted a very strong light, but according to Mr. Svendsen the light had a green hue. Once [redacted] regarded the ball of fire through a pair of binoculars, but the light was too strong to allow him to distinguish the contours. Each time it appeared that the object was a perfectly round sphere. The ball of fire in each case disappeared in the same direction behind a hill at great speed.

COMMENT of the Preparing Officer:

The location of the village of Torpo is 60 38' N and 06 45' E. It is on the Oslo-Bergen RR and is in the wild, isolated center of Norway. This office has no way to check the veracity or dependability of the observer but has been promised by the RMAF to be informed on any results they get from their investigations.

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