

PROJECT 10072 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 23 JUL 58	2. LOCATION NAHANT, MASSACHUSETTS	3. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Sighting ☐ Possibly Sighting ☐ Certainly Sighting ☐ Was Not Sighting ☐ Possibly Not Sighting ☐ Certainly Not Sighting
4. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 21/0015 EDT GMT 23/0015	5. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	6. SOURCE COAST GUARDSMEN
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Two	9. COURSE Unknown
10. DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING Two disk-shaped, bluish lights approximately 5 ft in diameter, traveled side-by-side a relatively high rate of speed at an altitude of 1000 to 2000 ft, objects then made a sharp turn, gained altitude, and disappeared.		

PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

23 Jul 52
Nahant, Mass.

1. DATE 24 Jul 52	2. LOCATION Nahant, Mass.	3. TIME Local: 0215 EDT Zebra: 0715
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND?		☒ Yes ☐ No
		☐ Naked Eye ☐ Binoculars ☐ Telescope ☐ Theodolite
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR?		☐ Yes ☒ No
		☐ By One Set ☐ By Two Sets ☐ By Three Sets
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR?		☐ Yes ☒ No
		☐ A/C Observed Object ☐ Interception Attempted ☐ No Intercept Attempted
7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT?		☐ Yes ☒ No
		☐ A/C Scrambled ☐ Visual Contact Made ☐ A/I Contact Made ☐ No Contact Made
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME?		☒ Yes ☐ No
		☐ Normal ☒ Violent
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT:		☐ Blinking ☒ Steady
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT:		☐ 1-15 Seconds ☒ 1-5 Minutes ☐ Over 10 Minutes
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address) Detachment "B", 1st Distr. OSI USAF, Boston, Mass.		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED? None	
13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD?	☐ Yes ☐ No
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL?	☐ Yes ☐ No
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE?	☐ Yes ☐ No
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac)	
☐ Night ☐ Day ☐ Sunrise ☐ Sunset	

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA?	☐ Yes ☒ No
	☐ One Aircraft ☐ More Than One Aircraft
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD?	☐ Yes ☐ No
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE?	☐ Yes ☐ No
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION?	☐ Yes ☐ No

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA?					☐ Yes		☐ No	
22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE:					_____ Minutes			
23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:								
	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting		
				Yes	No			
a.								
b.								
c.								
d.								

(attach overlay)

V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE: ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Unreliable ☐ Extremely Doubtful ☐ Hoax	22. DETAILS OF REPORT: ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Insufficient to Evaluate		
23. FINAL EVALUATION: <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☒ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other: _____ ☐ Insufficient Data For Evaluation ☐ Unknown </td> </tr> </table>		☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☒ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other: _____ ☐ Insufficient Data For Evaluation ☐ Unknown
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24. COMMENTS:			

(PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA (EE)

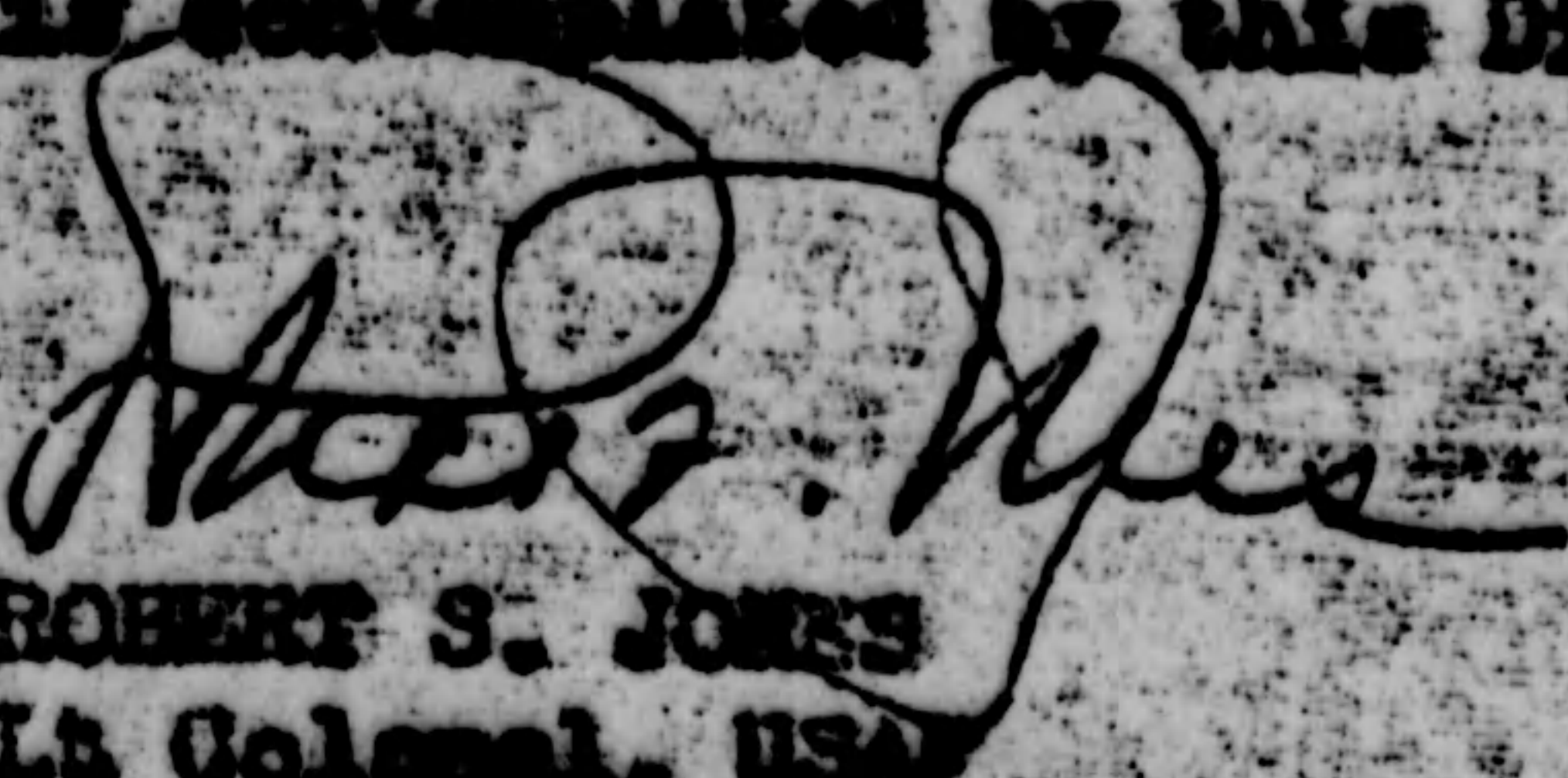
1. DATE OF OBSERVATION <i>23 Jul 52</i>		2. TIME OF OBSERVATION <i>0200</i>		3. STATION OBSERVING <i>Logan AFB Boston, Mass.</i>	
4. WINDS ALOFT:					
ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0			25,000		
1,000	<i>8</i>	<i>315'</i>	30,000		
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000			50,000		
6,000			55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000			75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		
5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? (If yes, at what altitude? _____)			☐ Yes ☒ No		
6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? (If yes, at what quadrant? _____)			☐ Yes ☒ No		
7. CLOUD COVER: <i>Clean</i>				8. VISIBILITY WAS	
_____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.				<i>12</i> MILES.	
9. COMMENTS:					

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1. Existing Conditions that might Account for Sighting: None. No physical evidence exists, and no interception action was taken at the Coast Guard Station. However, the incident was reported by ARPRIESTER to the 654 AC&N Radar Station, Brunswick, Maine on 23 July 1952.

ACTION:

Two (2) copies of this report have been forwarded to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, Attention: R&IS. No further action is contemplated by this District Office.


ROBERT S. JONES
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: ✓ CG, A&E (dup)
Cmdr, ATLD-MATS (Info)

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29 JUL 1952

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S);
Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft,
Nahant, Mass., 0215-0218 hours, 23 Jul 52

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

SYNOPSIS:

On 24 July 1952 a report was received at Detachment "B", 1st District OSI (IG) USAF, Boston, Mass., relative to a sighting of two (2) unidentified objects by a Seaman on watch at Nahant Coast Guard Station, Nahant, Mass. Details of interview with observer set forth. No activity or condition developed that accounts for sighting.

DETAILS:

On 24 July 1952 a report was received at Detachment "B", 1st District OSI (IG) USAF, Boston, Mass., to the effect that two (2) unidentified objects had appeared over the Nahant Coast Guard Station at approximately 0215 hours, EDT, on 23 July 1952. On 25 July 1952, Seaman HENRY ARMPHISTER, Coast Guard Station, was interviewed by Special Agent JULIUS B. POPPINGA and offered the following information:

a. Descriptions: Two (2) bluish lights approximately 5 feet in diameter, appearing as flat, disc-shaped objects having no aerodynamic features and moving without sound or exhaust trail at a speed faster than a four-engine airliner at an altitude of 1,100 to 2,000 feet.

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