

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE-TIME OF SIGHTING 2 AUG 52 02/2110 I		2. LOCATION ASHIYA AB, JAPAN		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other: Fireworks ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 sec		6. SOURCE Airman		9. COURSE NW	
7. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		8. COURSE NW			
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING White bulb-type object seen by S/Sgt and wife for brief time.		11. COMMENTS 1. Probably fireworks from city.			

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SUBJECT UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT		
AREA REPORTED ON ASHIYA, KYUSHU, JAPAN	FROM (Agency) 403RD TROOP CARRIER GROUP (M)	
DATE OF REPORT 5 August 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 2 August 1952	EVALUATION C - 3
PREPARED BY (Officer) 1st Lt Edwin A. Blasyk		SOURCE Staff Sergeant J.M. Grooms & Wife 403d Motor Vehicle Sq, APO 75
REFERENCES (Control number, direction, previous report, etc., as applicable)		

INT-REC, "Reporting Information on Unidentified Flying Objects".

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 118-Part II.)

One unidentified flying object visually observed by two persons at approximately 2110 ITEM, 2 August 1952 at Ashiya Air Base, APO 75, Kyushu, Japan.

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One unidentified flying object was visually observed for approximately one second by Staff Sgt J. M. Grooms of the 403rd Motor Vehicle Sq and his wife, at approximately 2110 L, 02 August 1952 while walking south towards their quarters on this station. The object appeared suddenly above the southern horizon speeding across the Air Base at approximately 1000 feet altitude and disappearing over the hills northwest of this station. (The hills, as indicated by the Sergeant, to the south of this station are approximately 1500 feet and 7 miles away and the hills to the northwest are approximately 750 feet high and 11 miles away.) The object appeared to be about seven inches in diameter, glowing with the brilliance of a "very bright white light bulb" and left behind a rose colored trail as it traveled. The light had no definite form but appeared to flatten out as it disappeared over the hills. The appearance of the object was "like a jet but no sound". The object had no external features visible nor was any exhaust or propulsion evident. There was no sound, no maneuvers performed and its disappearance was as sudden as its appearance. No physical evidence or intercept or identification action taken since report was made 12 hours after observance. Control tower operators have negative reports as to any jet aircraft in the local area at the time of the sighting of the object. No unusual meteorological conditions observed or reported. Weather at time of sighting was scattered clouds at 10,000 feet with visibility at ten miles and winds southwest at nine knots.

Since the u/i object would have passed over the Base Operations building and the Control Tower, the operators in the tower were queried as to any unusual sightings. Answers were negative for the night of 2 August 1952 but (see Comment No. 2) one operator stated that "four nights ago (29 Jul 52) I saw a round white disk traveling with the frayed end forward and it appeared to be dirty white color. It appeared at the south end of the field and disappeared over the water towards the north. It was about 6000 feet high. I went out on the catwalk, but the object disappeared by then." Check of records revealed weather was scattered clouds at 3000 feet and broken at 15000 with winds at 13 knots at 8000 feet.

COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER:

1. Weather Officer at this station is currently making practice PIRAL Balloon runs. These PIRALs have a white light and on day of this sighting, 2 August 1952, the balloon was released at approximately 2330 LTM.
2. Statement of Control Tower Operator indicates that cases of unusual occurrences or un-explainable, or not individually understood phenomena can be discounted by observer due to scoffing and good-natured kidding by associates who did not witness the incident. This can result in a hesitancy for reporting if future observation should be made. As one officer stated, "It's probably due to a vitamin deficiency". On the other hand, the current radio and newspaper publicity could tend to alert people for unusual occurrences who may read into these events a biased belief.
3. On the night of the reported object, 2 August 1952, fireworks were being displayed in the town of Ashiya, west of the Base, at approximately the same time of the unidentified object appearance.

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4. Control Tower Operator did not report his sighting for the night of July 29th because his associates passed it off as truck light reflections on the tower window. Information other than that quoted in this report was not available as operator had dismissed the observance as a "nothing to it".
5. It is believed that the Sergeant and wife probably saw something which may have been unusual. Neither of the two persons are believed to be sufficiently technically trained to interpret their observations or fully understand the current popular theories of light reflections causing the "saucers".

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