

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 13 Aug 52		2. LOCATION MacDill AFB, Florida		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1411 GMT		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☒ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE 20 airmen, 2 civilians		☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1-3		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Elongated - shape.				11. COMMENTS	

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OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE
OMAHA, NEBRASKA

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT				
SUBJECT	Unusual Aerial Sightings			
AREA REPORTED ON	MacDill Air Force Base, Florida	FROM (Agency)	Hq 6th Air Division Intelligence Officer	
DATE OF REPORT	14 August 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION	13 August 1952	EVALUATION A-2
PREPARED BY (Initials)	A. W. J. GRANT, CAPTAIN, USAF		SOURCE Personal Interrogation	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)				

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in brief one-sentence paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Register of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

On 13 August 1952, MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, at 1411 hours local time (1911Z) approximately 20 Airmen and two Civilians made the following sighting:

From one to three flying objects were observed heading approximately 360 degrees and gaining altitude. One object changed course abruptly to the West moving in excess of 600 M.P.H. This same object then appeared to hover for about five minutes then moved at an excessive rate back to the East, then resumed its course to the North and disappeared. The two other objects did not alter course but disappeared in a Northerly direction. The period of surveillance was about twenty minutes.

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1. The objects were elongated, indefinite in shape, of unidentifiable color, possibly three in number, were not in formation, no visible aerodynamic features, no trail or exhaust, no visible propulsion system, speed (after turn) in excess of 600 M.P.H., negative sound, two abrupt 90 degree turns, one to West, second to East, disappeared in the distance and appeared to emanate white light from upper surface (possibly reflected sunlight).

2. 131911Z was time of sighting, duration was about fifteen to twenty minutes.

3. Observation was from the ground, visual.

4. Observers were located on the street side of the MacDill Base Hangar. Object was first sighted due North, speed, distance, and altitude indeterminable (see narrative # 10). Direction was due North directly away from the observers.

5. The observers were mostly young inexperienced Airmen. However three Non-commissioned Officers and two Civilians appeared to be sincere, experienced and completely reliable.

6. Weather was hot, humid, clear, no surface wind, 4/10 cumulus broken, bases about 3,000 feet, no wind. *surface? how about alt?*

7. No meteorological phenomena is known of to cause this.

8. No photographs or fragments were obtained.

9. No radar contact was established as the radar set was inoperative at this time. No other action taken.

10. Narrative - A total of about twenty Airmen and Civilians saw what at first looked like a piece of newspaper rising upward on an air current. The object was elongated and apparently flexible as white light seemed to be emanating in flashes from its upper surface (probably reflected sunlight). Five of the Airmen claimed to have seen two objects and two felt that they saw three. The balance saw one. The most reliable and experienced were in this last group.

a. One Airman claimed the object was egg shaped, all others concurred that it was shapeless but elongated like a sheet of paper that was airborne. All personnel agreed that the lower surface was dark, but color could not be determined because of its distance from the observers. The object was North of the observers and away from the sun, the sun being behind and to the left of the observers.

b. Since at least a dozen of the observers saw but one object and the balance could not agree, no formation is believed to have existed. There was no visible trail or exhaust. No propulsion system was apparent.

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c. The object seemed to rise vertically and to the North for about ten minutes at a slow rate then veered violently to the West. Just prior to this a B-50 flew into the observers line of vision. The object appeared to be at a greater range than the B-50 which was at least five miles away at about 5,000 feet. While heading West the object appeared to move in an excess of 600 M.P.H. It then stopped its Westerly course, appeared to rise for a few minutes, then move just as rapidly East back to its original course. It then went out of sight climbing and continuing North. *bulletin?*

d. The object was reported to 6th Air Division Control Room and radar in Base Operations was alerted however the radar was at that time shut down for maintenance.

e. It is my considered opinion that this report is reliable and a sufficient number of these people are experienced and sincere.

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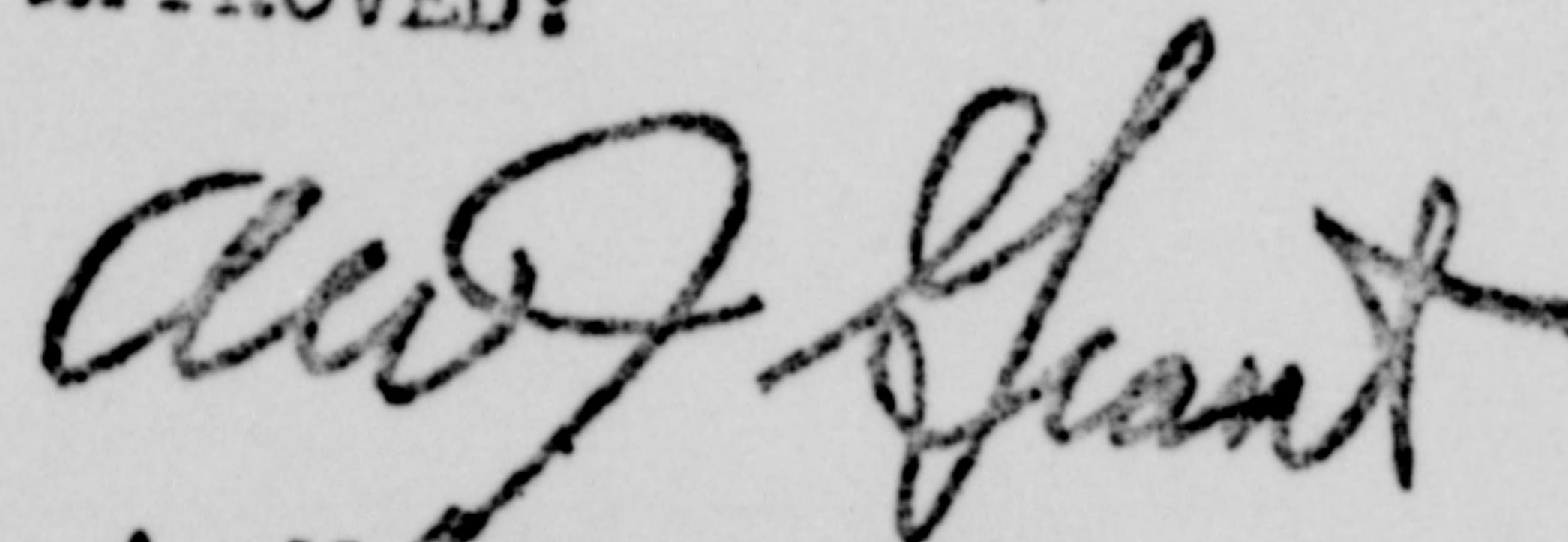
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