

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

DATE 21 August 52		LOCATION Palmyra, Pennsylvania		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☒ Possibly Balloon	
DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2150 GMT 2150		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE civilian		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 min.		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING "Light"				11. COMMENTS	

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FM CG FLT OPS OLMSTED AFB MIDDLETOWN PENN

TO JEPHQ/DIR OF INTEL HQ USAF WASHDC

JEDUP/AIR TECHINTELCEN WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO

JEDEN/CG ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLO

INFO JEDUP/CG AMC WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO

FLYOB RPT MAEO-8-9 RE AFL 200-5 ON 24 AUG 52 APPROX 1650 EST A MR

[REDACTED] OF 1 MILE S OF CAMPBELLSTOWN PENN AT 40-15 N AND 76-35

W REPORTED SIGHTING A BRIGHT LIGHT TO THE LEFT OF HIS HOME. THE

LIGHT REMAINED IN THE SAME POSITION FOR APPROX 5 MIN AND THEN

DISAPPEARED. MR. [REDACTED] STATED THAT THE OBJECT WAS NOT TOO HIGH ABOVE

THE HORIZON ALSO THAT THERE WAS AN AIRPLANE FLYING IN THE VICINITY OF

THE LOCAL AIRPORT AND THAT THERE WAS AN OCCASIONAL REFLECTION FROM IT

BUT THAT THE OTHER OBJECT HAD NO SIMILARITY TO THE REFLECTION ON THE

AIRPLANE. THE 1630 OLMSTED WEATHER WAS CLEAR AND 15 WINDS FROM NW

AT 8.

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PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE <i>24 Jul 52</i>	2. LOCATION <i>Palmyra, Pa.</i>	3. TIME Local: <i>1750</i> Zebra: <i>2150</i>
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) <i>Intelligence office, Olmstead AFB, Pa.</i>		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED? <i>None</i>		
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:

50 Minutes

23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:

	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting
				Yes	No	
a.	<i>Harrisburg</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>W.B.</i>	☒	☐	
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:

- ☐ Was Balloon
- ☐ Probably Balloon
- ☒ Possibly Balloon
- ☐ Was Aircraft
- ☐ Probably Aircraft
- ☐ Possibly Aircraft

- ☐ Was Astronomical
- ☐ Probably Astronomical
- ☐ Possibly Astronomical

- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Insufficient Data For Evaluation
- ☐ Unknown

24. COMMENTS:

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1. DATE OF OBSERVATION		2. TIME OF OBSERVATION		3. STATION OBSERVING	
4. WINDS ALOFT:					
ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0			25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000	8	315	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:				8. VISIBILITY WAS	
_____ tenths at _____ feet.		_____ tenths at _____ feet.		_____ MILES.	
_____ tenths at _____ feet.		_____ tenths at _____ feet.			
9. COMMENTS:					

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COUNTRY United States	REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT (UNCLASSIFIED) Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (Short Title: FLYOSRPT)		
AREA REPORTED ON Middletown Air Materiel Area	FROM (Agency) Intelligence Office Olmsted Air Force Base, Middletown, Pa.	
DATE OF REPORT 27 August 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 25 August 1952	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) John L. Spiegel, 2d Lt, USAF	SOURCE Civilian Observer	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) Air Force Letter No. 200-5, 29 Apr 52		
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.)		
Mr. [REDACTED] Palmyra, Penna., [REDACTED] reported sighting an unidentified flying object on 24 August at 2150Z. Mr. [REDACTED] described a "very bright" light in the West approximately 45° above the horizon which remained stationary in the sky. The light was visible for approximately five minutes and three times during this period it "blinked on and off". At the end of five minutes it disappeared and did not reappear. Three other members of Mr. [REDACTED] family also witnessed the sightings. Mr. [REDACTED] is employed as a signal maintainer on the Reading Railroad. The observer explained that there was an aircraft in the area at the time which he was also observing, but he stated that the reflections from the plane were quite different from the light which he reported. Weather at the time was clear with 15 miles visibility with winds at 8 from the northwest. This office can offer no definite explanation of the sighting. The length of observation seems to discount the probability of an aircraft but it would appear that a weather balloon is still a strong possibility.		
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