

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 2 Sep 52	2. LOCATION DELFT NETHERLANDS	3. CONCLUSION ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Probably hoax ☐ Insufficient data for conclusion ☐ Unknown
4. DATA-TIME GROUP Local 2/1635 CEST GMT 2/1535 Z	5. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Visual ☐ Ground Photo ☐ Air Visual ☐ Air Intercept Radar	
6. PHOTOS XXXX ☐ No	7. SOURCE Dutch engineer	
8. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10-15 sec	9. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Dutch electrical engineer, testing voltage line on roof of factory, observed and photographed bright light which source identifies it as a flying saucer. Object affected measuring instruments which source was photographing when object appeared.		11. COMMENTS

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

The following is a report of a "Flying Saucer" sighting with accompanying photographs. Also included is a statement from the Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute, concerning the photograph. The actual form of the report made by the man making the sighting is the same as that which he prepared for Life magazine. Further there is included a newspaper clipping and translation that appeared in a leading Dutch newspaper.

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1. Photo VHF Corner Reflector
 2. Photo VHF Field Strength Meter
 3. Photo "Flying Saucer"
 4. Photo M [REDACTED]
 5. Newspaper Clippings
 6. Report of Meteorological Institute

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Following is a letter from Mr [REDACTED], Radio Engineer, employed by the Netherlands Cable Factory, Delft, dated 8 September 1952:

"This letter comes to you from Delft the industrial town between Rotterdam and The Hague in the Netherlands. The Dutch Cable works are situated in this town and I am working in the Physical Laboratory of this factory.

Last week I was making tests on a V.H.F. antenna which is constructed on top of the roof. (See picture No 1). This antenna is a so called corner reflector, frequency 119.3 Mc/s*

Before this antenna I was making measurements with a field strength meter*. On a certain moment I got the maximum reading of my indication instrument and I took my Zeiss Ikon camera to verify this reading while my assistant Mr [REDACTED] hold the field strength instrument (See picture No 2).

Thereafter I asked him to go downstairs to get a soldering iron.

I went on making tests and at 4:15 C.E.S.T. (3:15 G.M.T.) I loaded the camera to make another picture of the indicator and then I suddenly saw a bright silver light moving at a tremendous speed and coming from my right side, (South direction Rotterdam) It looked like a silver V2 rocket. (We had a rocket launcher just a few miles from our home during the war). There was no sound to hear but when "the thing" came closer it turned towards me and looked like a bright silver round plate. I thought it might be a flying saucer. As I still holded my camera I only pushed the shutter (T 1/250 sec) without looking in the view finder because there was no time to lose. Then I looked at the field strength meter and I noticed a strong dip in the meter deflection of the indicating instrument. The saucer disappeared with a tremendous speed perpendicular to the earth surface. (Time 4:35 C.E.S.T. 3:35 G.M.T.)

I immediately rushed to the Photographic Laboratory where Mr [REDACTED] developed the negative (glass 9 x 12 cm) and we both got the thrill of looking at the first negative of what we thought was a flying saucer."

At home I phoned "The Telegraaf" one of the leading newspapers in the Netherlands and the next day head editor Mr [REDACTED] and I went to the Meteorological Institute in the Bilt (near Utrecht). The experts were very excited about this photo. They thought the bright corona around the saucer could be due to ultra violet rays and furthermore deformation because the lens of my camera was fully opened without using the diaphragm. (I had no time to lose. I only tried to make a photo in the shortest possible time)"

Sgd: [REDACTED] Radio Engineer, [REDACTED]

Following is a translation of a letter from the Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute, to Mr [REDACTED] dated 1 September 1952:

"It will probably interest you to know which are the results of the measurements on last Thursday. The place where you have photographed the phenomenon is situated 20 degrees south of the east. The center of the disk is situated 20 degrees above the horizon. The diameter is 9 degrees.

When you state that you have only seen the middle part of the disk, the diameter must still be 3 degrees, or 6 times the diameter of the sun. For this reason it is still a great puzzle to me that not a stream of inquiries have reached K.N.M.I., moreover as, on account of the dense traffic on the road between Rotterdam and The Hague, it should have been seen extremely well, because the sun did not interfere. For this reason the phenomenon remains for me a great query mark.

Finally I like to remind you of your promise to give me a list of all persons who did ring you up or wrote to you.

For this I thank you in anticipation.

I also express my thanks for your cooperation during the investigation."

Sgd: Dr [REDACTED] The Assistant Director of the Third Section

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Following is a translation of an article which appeared in the newspaper "Nieuws van de Dag":

STRANGE PHENOMENON PHOTOGRAPHED

[redacted] and at the same time our country has at last his flying saucer! Whimsically as a young woman the enigmatic phenomenon has, for a few seconds, frolicked in the sky of industrious [redacted] and would have disappeared again, unnoticed in the haze of the ether if a young man had not been able to arrest it in its orbit.

For whereas the intellect can only register and digest impressions, the photograph speaks plain language.

Tuesday morning the young [redacted] radio mechanic [redacted], employed by the Netherlands Cable Factory, was occupied on the roof of the weak current factory, with testing high frequency cables. For that purpose he had with him a large plate camera (Zeiss Ikon with a f6.3 lens) in view of photographing the position of some indication instruments. He was already for some time carrying out this job and just on the point of making another photograph, for which purpose he had his camera fixed, when he suddenly noticed an extremely bright light which was, as appeared later, moving from south to east.

KIND OF ROCKET

[redacted] seized his camera, held it towards the light and without looking into his viewfinder, took the snapshot. After the plate was developed the result proved to be successful beyond expectation as shown by the reproduction above.

It approached as some kind of a "rocket which produced very much light" [redacted] told later on. "It had then the shape of a coaster moving horizontally. It then toppled over suddenly and shot practically perpendicularly into the air. At about that moment I took the snap".

The whole of the phenomenon did not last more than 10 to 15 seconds. Thanks to his technical training [redacted] was able to remember all the details very well. The time was 4:35 P.M.

It was only a matter of instances. The thing approached, the eye and the brain did register it. Nyhof thought: "You never know, it might be a flying saucer..." he pressed the button of the camera and - extraordinary peculiarity - looked then at the measuring instruments which were about him. They deviated entirely and only came back to their normal position very slowly.

This afternoon I have gone with Mr Nyhof to the Royal Netherlands Meteorological Institute at the Bilt. There, with great speed, a conference was organized of a number of chiefs of sections who were very anxious to put this young "saucer researcher" through his paces.

After a debate of one hour, their conclusion was that this observation had been "very important". As far as is known unique in this country. They would investigate the matter further on the basis of the negative of the photograph of the camera with which the plate was taken.

It was ascertained that the enormous size which the object (or reflection) produced on the photograph must be an optical illusion, as the great beam of light which came from it may have formed a halo on the plate which made it appear so large beyond all proportions.

Another possibility which was suggested at the K.N.M.I. was, that the size on the photograph can be a consequence of the "invisible" (ultra violet) rays, which the eye can not see but which are registered by the photographic plate. The "deviation" of the hand of the measure instruments might be due to an electro-magnetic disturbance or to a magnetic influence of the moving coil galvanometer.

But when the matter of fact question is put "what did really happen?", the scientists keep their mouth shut and then also reason keep silent, and only imagination is let loose.

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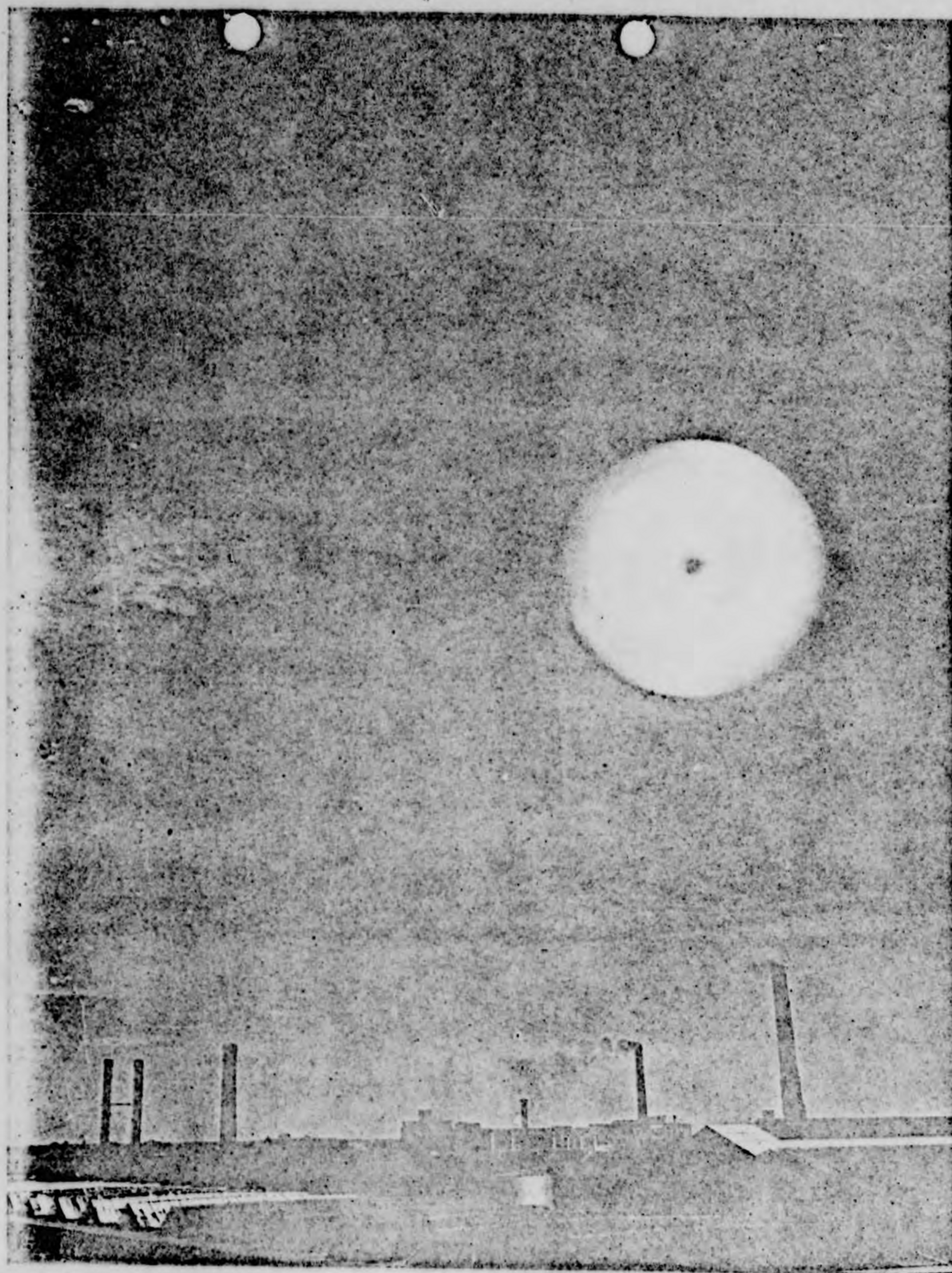
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8 X 10 GLOSSY
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UFO SIGHTED AT
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