

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 30 Sep 52	2. LOCATION ATLANTIC OCEAN	12. CONCLUSION ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☒ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Insufficient Data for Positive Conclusion ☐ Unknown
3. DATE TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT _____	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground Visual ☐ Ground Radar ☐ Air Visual ☐ Air Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Coast Guard	
7. DURATION OF OBSERVATION	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	9. COMMENTS

Luminous greyish disc appeared in a break between clouds which were at estimated altitude of 5000'. Object estimated to be 5-600' in diameter hovered between the clouds a few minutes then started moving slowly, rapidly increasing its speed to approx 800 mph.

1. This sighting illustrates how experienced military man can be fooled by light phenomena, and it may be a key to many other sightings of this sort.

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From: Commandant
To: Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center,
Wright - Patterson Air-Force Base, Ohio
Subj: Flying saucer, possible explanation of one instance

1. A copy of subject report is forwarded for your information.

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From: Commanding Officer, TANEY (WPG-37)
To: Commandant (O)
Via: Commander, 12th Coast Guard District (o)

Subj: Flying saucer

1. One night recently, while on Ocean Station UNCLE, members of this ship observed an apparition in the sky which bore resemblance to what have been reported in the press and elsewhere as "flying saucers". Since it was possible on this occasion to identify the cause of this phenomenon, it is considered that a report of the incident may be of some interest.

2. At the time, there was a broken cloud layer at about 5,000 feet, with no mood. Suddenly, there appeared in the sky, at about the level of the clouds, a luminous, greyish disc. It looked to be about 5-600 feet in diameter and seemed to hover in a position about two miles from the ship. The Commanding Officer, who happened to be on the bridge at the time, had previously regarded reports of flying saucers with skepticism, but was then convinced that this was indeed an object of some sort for which there was no other explanation. After hovering for a while, the object started moving across the sky, slowly at first, and then rapidly, reaching an estimated speed of perhaps 800 miles an hour.

3. And then, almost by chance, the cause of the apparition became evident through a break in the clouds. At some three or four thousand feet above the cloud layer an aircraft in transit was seen to be operating a landing light. The shaft of the beam could be observed where it entered the clouds from above, but from below there was no evidence whatever of any source of light. The foot of the beam, as viewed from beneath the clouds, presented only a sharply delineated form, oval in shape, appearing to have density and substance.

4. Had the aircraft not been seen, this occurrence would have been reported in good faith as an observation of a flying saucer. All witnesses were convinced of its authenticity. The explanation set forth above has not been seen in any of the numerous newspaper and magazine articles that have discussed this subject, but it appears to be a logical explanation for many cases that are otherwise unaccounted for.

5. It is suggested therefore that this report, or the substance of it, be forwarded to the Air Force group currently investigating reports of flying saucers for such interest or value that it may contain.

/s/
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