

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 7 Oct 52		2. LOCATION Riviera Area France		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1928 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 ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE French commercial airline pilot			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING White color. Light (egg) shaped. A luminous egg-shaped object traveling 3 times the speed of a jet was observed for 30 seconds.				11. COMMENTS French pilots have not observed these things before. It traveled in a straight line, and was visible for 30 seconds. Had a tail. Poor report - newspaper article.	

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"Flying Egg" seen by Air France Pilots

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Report contains information taken from the 8 October 1952 edition of "France Soir", a newspaper which has the largest evening circulation in France but which is not particularly noted for its accuracy. This information was forwarded to this headquarters by the Commanding Officer, 1994th AACS Squadron, Laon AB, France, in his Semi-monthly Intelligence Report dated 16 October 1952.

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TWO AIR FRANCE PILOTS ENCOUNTER A FLYING EGG

1. Statement by the pilot Francis Cavasse reads: "At 1923 hours, local time, (7 Oct 52) we noted (the town of) Draguignan, when my co-pilot, [REDACTED] brought to my attention the formation of a luminous object of a strange form. We immediately approached the form of an elongated egg. The course of the object was absolutely straight and level. Its speed was continuous and regular. The egg was entirely alight, but it was a white, not blinding, light, like a neon light. Thus, we were able to follow its course for 30 seconds without taking an eye from it. When it left our sight, it was following a straight and level course. The object left in its wake, a trail appearing to be 20 to 25 times its length. The exhaust had formed a pointed form. It was a bluish white.

2. We have estimated the lightning-like speed of the object at 2 or 3 times that of a jet aircraft at full speed. Over-determination of that value is not the result of mechanical calculations. It is simply a human calculation. According to our impressions, the Flying Egg reached two or three thousand kilometers per hour. From what we saw, we had the feeling that it was in front and about 3 kilometers above us. It seemed to us, much larger than a normal transport aircraft."

3. Joint Statement by the Pilots: "There is nothing in common between this and those oddities we have seen in the sky. We had, clearly, the impression of having run onto a machine, perfectly driven. Comets and meteors follow, in effect, curved and non-straight courses. The intensity of their light changes constantly. Towards the end of their course, they slow down, partially stopping, and usually burn out. There is no resemblance. In spite of their speed, comets and meteors remain at such a distance their speed seems to be slow, while tonight, we were in the presence of an object flying not far from us, at a high rate of speed. It was flying a course of 230 degrees; that is to say, from Northeast to Southwest, making toward Toulon".

4. In the 9 October edition, "France Soir" followed up by running another article: "The Flying Egg seen in the sky of Provence (Riviera area) has raised considerable emotion along the Cote d'Azur, where dozens of witnesses are said to have observed the phenomena under the same conditions as pilots [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. An American, vacationing at (the town of) Beaulieu, Mrs. [REDACTED], whose home is in Connecticut, told your reporter: "I was, day before yesterday, at the Airport of Nice about 1930 hours. I saw a luminous object. I can't describe it more exactly than the Air France aviators. I had clearly the impression of seeing a machine, driven or radio directed, by persons unknown".

5. The article then goes on to state that, although the observatory at Nice did not see the Flying Egg, there were many witnesses who are sure that it was not a celestial body or meteor.

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