

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 8 Oct 52		2. LOCATION KEFLAVIK, ICELAND		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☒ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 08/2105 GMT 08/2205		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE 4 AF Officers		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE SSW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Disc shaped, pinkish-orange object observed over Keflavik Airport by four officers of 932 ACW Sq. Object traveled at high speed, 5-10,000 feet, hovered momentarily over airport.				11. COMMENTS 1. The objects description sounds like a common weather balloon. 2. Little is known about balloon sites and times of releases in Iceland by ATIAA-5.	

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ILOPR-C-4. FLYOBRPT UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT OVER KEFLAVIK AIRPORT
2105 LOCAL TIME 8 OCT OIVING NNE RPT NNX TO SSW VERY HIGH SPEED BETWEEN
5 TO 10 THOUSAND FEET. DISC SHAPGED, PINKISH ORANGE COLOR. HOVERED
MOMENTARILY OVER AIRPORT, THEN GAINED ALTITUDE VERY PARIDLY AND
DISAPPEARED. REPORTED BY 4 OFFICERS 932 ACW AND OTHER. LOCAL GCA
DID NOT REPORT SIGHTINGS. NO CLOUD COVER. *ballon?*
09/1715Z

PARAPHRASE NOT REQUIRED. SEE CRYPTO-CENTER
BEFORE DECLASSIFYING

ACTION

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Unidentified Flying Object over Keflavik Airport, Iceland

Iceland

1400th Air Base Group, Keflavik, Iceland

11 October 1952

8 October 1952

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MILTON RADOVSKI, Captain, USAF

Capt Frank M. Stillwell, A0617124
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SPOTREP 52-4, 1400th ABG, 8 Oct 52, cc 1 copy IDF

At about 2100Z on 8 Oct 52 four officers of the recently arrived 932nd ACW Sq witnessed a strange object in the air approaching this airport. It was perfectly round, they said, except for an irregularity in its trailing edge, and its outline was quite distinct. One of them said that it seemed to have depth, another said that it appeared to be flat. It had a pinkish-orange color, and was variously described as pale, porous, transparent, translucent. It initially had a true bearing of 35 to 40 degrees and an elevation of about 60 degrees. It travelled very rapidly on a course of about 200 degrees in straight and level flight for about 4 seconds after it was first sighted. Then, after decreasing speed somewhat, and with a slight loss of altitude, it turned to a course of about 135 degrees, went into an almost vertical climb at an extremely high rate of speed, diminished in size and disappeared from view in about one second. Altogether it traversed an arc of about 90 degrees in about 6 seconds.

The object left no visible exhaust, vapor trail, air turbulence or sound, according to one of the officers, who is Senior Controller of the 932nd ACW Sq. He was unable to judge the altitude of the object, but two of the other officers estimated it at 5 to 10 thousand feet. One of them also estimated its speed at 600 knots and its diameter at 50 feet.

There was absolutely no cloud cover, very little surface wind and no display of northern lights at that time, they said, and a half moon allowed good visibility.

COMMENT: Local GCA did not report such a sighting, nor did either the Keflavik or the Reykjavik towers. There was only one locally based aircraft (a C-47) flying locally at that time, but none of the crew members observed this object. The weather station releases a weather balloon at about 2100Z each day, but the one released 8 Oct 52 was not colored. Local sunset was at 1837Z, almost three hours prior to the sighting, so it is unlikely that the object, if it were a balloon, could have been reflecting the sun's rays to make the pinkish-orange color ascribed to it. Local winds at 2100Z were all less than 30 knots up to 20,000 feet, directions varying from 300 degrees to 010 degrees. Thus neither the apparent speed of the object nor its initial course could be accounted for by the direction or force of the wind. NOTE: "... two men in Reykjavik recently saw a kind of ball going across the sky at a terrific speed." Source: "Morgunbladid", 23 Sep 52.

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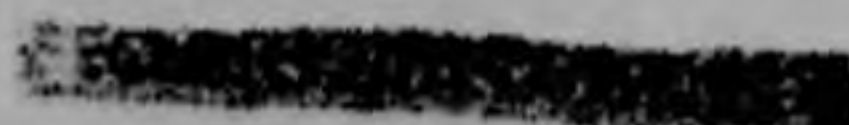


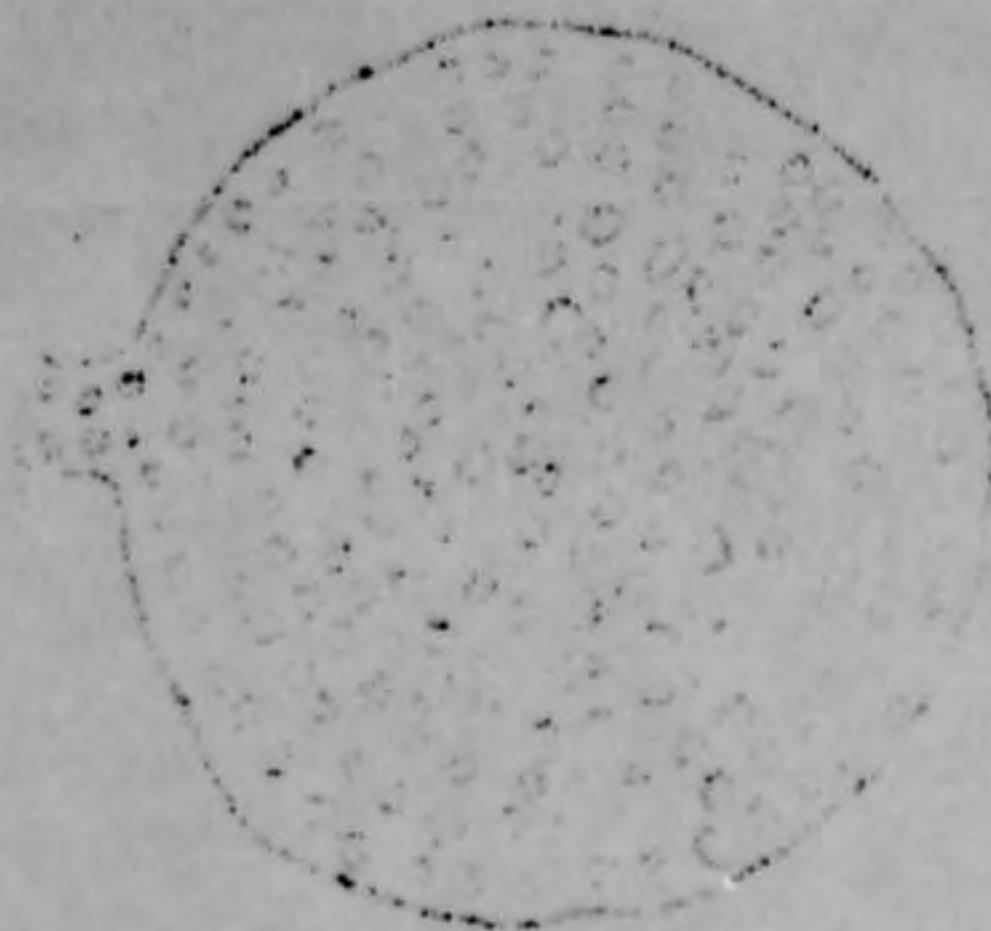
MILTON RADOVSKI
 Captain USAF
 Group Intelligence Officer

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Impressions of the object

ATIC



4 OFFICERS
INITIAL SIGHTING

INITIAL SIGHTING

4 OFFICERS

5 SECONDS

CLIMB AND
DISAPPEAR

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BASE OPERATIONS OFFICER.

WILSON RADOWSKY CAPT. USAF

/s/ JOHN A. CICHOSKI MAJOR USAF

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SIGHTINGS. NO CLOUD COVER.

BY FOUR OFFICERS NINE THREE TWO ACW AND OTHERS. LOCAL GCA DID NOT REPORT
OVER AIRPORT, THEY GAINED ALTITUDE VERY RAPIDLY AND DISAPPEARED. REPORTED
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2105 LOCAL TIME. EIGHT OCT. 52. MOVING NNE TO SSW VERY HIGH SPEED BETWEEN FIVE
ILORR - C - 7. ILORR-2 UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT OVER KENIAIR AIRPORT

CC JONAS DEFENSE FORCE KENIAIR ISLAND

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