PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 29 Oct 52	2. LOCATION ERDING AIR DEPOT, GERMANY	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 29/0650 Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION XXX Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes XXX No	6. SOURCE 2 Airmen	☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE WNW
		☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation XXX Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Airmen sighted silver colored object which was moving away from observers at about 7000'. Object "glided" at a steady speed of about 400 MPH.

11. COMMENTS

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ATTN: ATAAA RPT ATIAA-2C

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FLY OB RPT UNIDENTIFIED OBJ SIGHTED IN WESTERN SKY. ERDING AIR DEP, GER, 29 OCT 52 AT APPROX 0650 HRS Z. OBJ VISIBLE FOR APPROX 20 SECONDS. OBJ APPEARED TO BE SILVER COLORED. CIR IN APPEARANCE . MVG DIRECTLY AWAY FROM SOURCES AT TIME OF SIGHTING. OBJ ESTD AT 7000 FT HEIGHT. OBJ APPEARED TO GLIDE AT A STEADY SPEED HESTD AT 400 MPH IN A WEST NORTHWEST DIRECTION. WEA CONDS AT TIME OF SIGHTING BDRE AS FOLS : WINDS AT 5000 FT WERE 260 DEGREES AT 20 KNOTS TEMP PLUS 8 DEGREES CENTIGRADE RELATIVE HUMIDITY 72 PERCENT. WINDS AT 10000 FT WERE 250 DEGREES AT 44 KNOTS TEMP MINUS 2 DEGREES CENTIGRADE RELATIVE HUMIDITY 67 PERCENT. WINDS AT 15000 FT WERE 240 DEGRESS AT 57 KNOTS TEMP MINUS 9 DEGREES CENTIGRADE RELATIVE HUMIDITY 85 PERCENT. SURF CONDS WERE OVERCAST AT 1000 FT WITH 7 MILES VISIBILITY. NO KNOW MET OR CEL ACTIVITY AT TIME OF SIGHTING. NO AIR TRAF IN AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING. VIS SIGHTING WAS MADE BY STAFF SGT [redacted] COMPR SEC THIS STAAND AMN SECOND CLASS MAX [redacted] THIS STA. COMPL REPT ON AF FORM 112 FOLS.
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GERMANY	38-52	

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS REPORTING (SHORT TITLE: FLYOBRPT)

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
ERDING, GERMANY	85TH AIR DEPOT WING, APO 207, US AIR FORCE

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
31 OCTOBER 1952	29 OCTOBER 1952	B-6

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
CHARLES S. PELLINGER, CAPTAIN, USAF	S/Sgt [redacted] A/2C [redacted]

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
TWX MCD 255A, dated 30 OCTOBER 1952

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.)

1. The following information pertaining to the sighting of an unidentified flying object near Erding Air Depot, Erding, Germany (4818N/1156E) is a follow up report on Restricted TWX MCD 255A this station, dated 30 October 1952. Information is based on visual observations of S/Sgt [redacted] and A/2C [redacted] Headquarters Squadron Section, 65th Air Base Group, Depot, Erding Air Depot, Germany.

a. At approximately 0750 hours local time (Central European) on Wednesday 29 October 1952, S/Sgt [redacted] and A/2C [redacted] were walking to their place of work at Wing Headquarters building. They were walking from building 121 toward the bowling alley which is in a westerly direction (see Inclosure #3). This specific area is located on a hill with no trees or buildings obstructing view of observers.

b. Upon looking into the sky S/Sgt [redacted] sighted an unidentifiable object in the western sky and immediately pointed it out to A/2C [redacted] This object appeared to be silver in color, circular in shape, and traveling away from observers in a gliding fashion at a speed estimated to be 400 MPH. SOURCES estimated the height of the object at approximately 7,000 feet. Object was in view for approximately twenty (20) to thirty (30) seconds.

c. SOURCES stated that at no time did they hear any sound or observe any train or exhaust connected with object.

d. A check by this office with the Operations Officer on duty at the Radar Site at time of observation met with a negative result.

e. No air traffic was in the general area at the time of sighting according to Flight Service Records.

f. Weather conditions at time of sighting were as follows: Winds at 5,000 feet were 260 degrees at twenty (20) knots with temperature at plus eight (8) degrees centigrade, relative humidity 72%; winds at 10,000 feet were 250 degrees at forty-four (44) knots with temperature minus two (2) degrees centigrade, relative humidity 67%; winds at 15,000 feet were 240 degrees at fifty-seven (57) knots with temperature minus nine (9) degrees centigrade, relative humidity 85%. Overcast at 10,000 feet with visibility of seven (7) miles.

According to the Weather Office this station, observing conditions were good.

3 INCLS.
1. Statement & Sketch - S/Sgt [redacted]
2. Statement & Sketch - A/2C [redacted]
3. Sketch of area where sighting occurred.

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g. No known meteorological condition or other celestial activity was present at time of sighting.

h. Attached as Inclosures #1 and #2 are statements of persons observing this object, with sketches on behavior of object while they were observing same. These statements and sketches were made separately and without corroboration with each other. Inclosure #3 is a sketch of area in which sighting of object occurred.

i. This office has received no other reports of similar sightings.

2. A/2C [redacted] is on duty with the Wing Intelligence Section at this station and in the opinion of this office is a person who can be relied upon to make an accurate statement.

3. S/Sgt [redacted] is on duty with the Comptroller Section at this station and in the opinion of this office is a person who can be relied upon to make an accurate statement.

Charles S. Pellinger
CHARLES S. PELLINGER
Captain USAF
Wing Intelligence Officer

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Erding, Germany
29 October 1952

STATEMENT

At approximately 0750 hours on the morning of October 29, at which time I was leaving building #121 walking due west toward the Erding Bowling Alley accompanied by A/2C [redacted] I sighted what appeared to be an unidentified flying object in the sky. Immediately I asked airman Handy "what is that in the sky", while pointing at the object at the same time. At first glance, skeptically, he replied "it might be a plane", but then admitted it definitely was not a conventional aircraft, after taking a more serious look.

This object was in sight approximately 20 seconds until it disappeared from our immediate view, behind the bowling alley. It seemed to be traveling at a speed estimated at approximately 400 MPH, heading West North West on a level course, and estimated at approximately 25 degrees from the horizon. No sound was heard at any time. It was a partially cloudy morning with good visibility beneath the cloud formations where the object was sighted.

The object seemed to slide or glide smoothly through the air at constant speed. I could not distinguish any wings or tail on the object and it seemed to be round in shape. I could not distinguish any definite color as the object was silhouetted against the cloud background.

[redacted]
S/Sgt
[redacted]

ENCL: #1

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RUDG #1
ROAD BOWLING ALLEY
INCL #1

Erding, Germany
29 October 1952

S T A T E M E N T

At approximately 0750 hours on the 29th of October, while walking West toward the Erding Bowling Alley accompanied by S/Sgt [redacted] I sighted what appeared to be an unidentified flying object in the sky. My attention was called to this object by S/Sgt [redacted]sking "what is that in the sky"? I replied "it looks like a plane". Then I changed my mind on a further glance and said "it isn't any conventional type aircraft".

This object was in sight for approximately 20 to 30 seconds and then disappeared from our view behind the bowling alley. Its speed exceeded that of a conventional type aircraft. It was flying on a West North West course and maintained a level altitude. It appeared to be at approximately 25 degrees from the horizon. It seemed to glide through the air at a constant speed. I could not distinguish any wings or propellers. It appeared round in shape. It seemed to have a silvery color.

At no time during the sighting was any sound heard.

[redacted]
A/2C

INCL: #2

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Hq Bldg. #1

ERDING BOWLING ALLEYS

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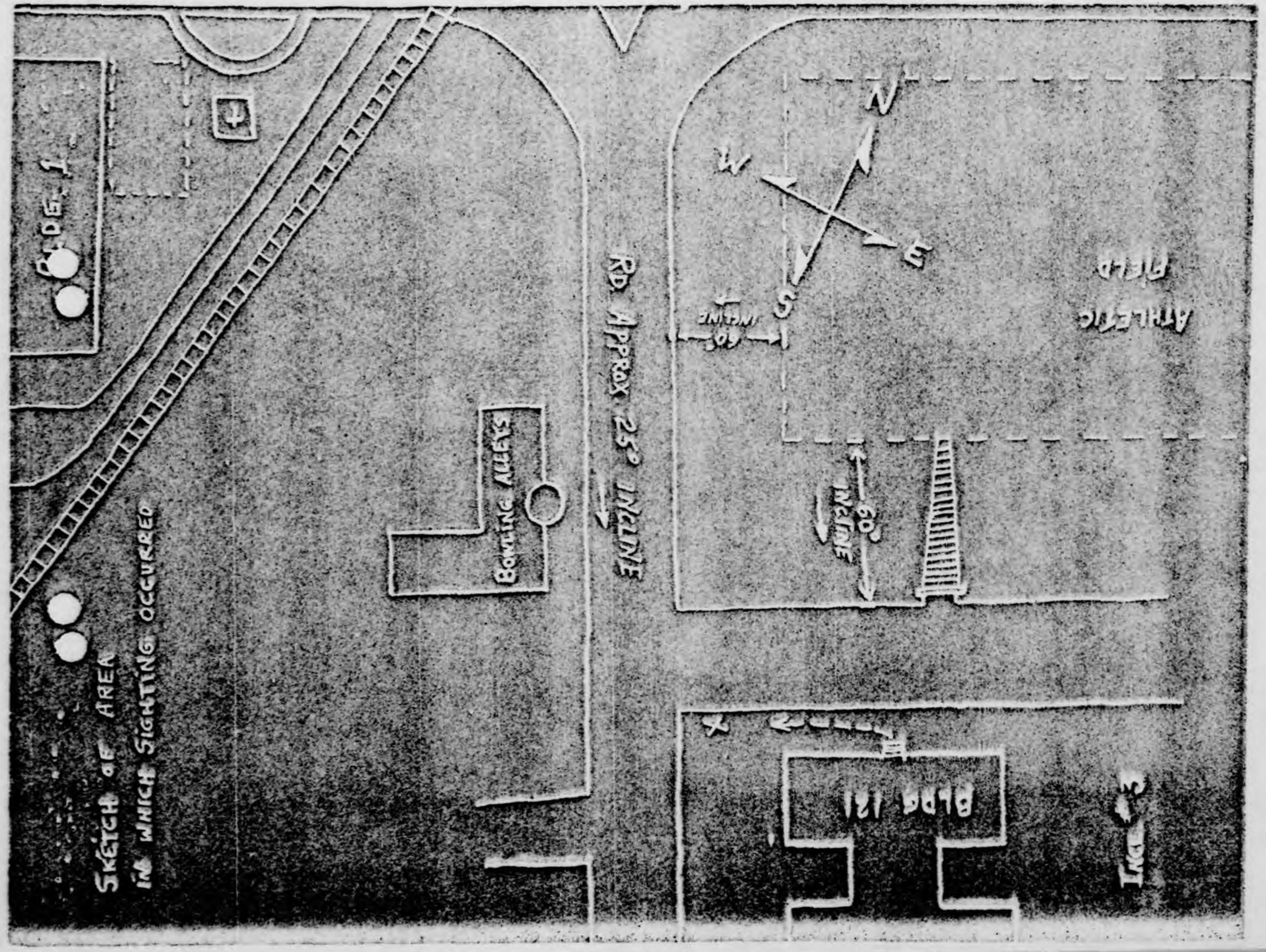
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