

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 30 Oct 52		2. LOCATION MADISON WISC		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☒ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 30/1035 CST GMT 30/1635 Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE 2 Airmen			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE S	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Two airmen at Truax Field observed egg-shaped silvery blue object which pursued normal course and disappeared in a rapid climb.			11. COMMENTS		

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DI JEDKF 50A

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TO JEPHQ/DI, HQ USAF WASHINGTON 25 DC

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~~78-00-4525/ATTN ATIAA-2C/ /1/ ONE OBJECT DESC-~~
WRIGED AS EGG SHAPED CMA OF SILVER COLOR WITH A BLUISH CAST CMA SIZE
APPROX THAT OF A B-36 ACFT CMA NO INDICATION OF EXHAUST TRAIL OR MEANS
OF PROPULSION CMA OBSERVED FR MAIN GATE CMA TRUAX FLD CMA WISC CMA IN
A DIRECTION APPROX WSW AT AN ANGULAR ELEVATION OF APPROX 50 DEGREES PD
OBJECT APPEARED TO BE MOVING SOUTH AT TIME OF INITIAL OBSERVATION CMA
TURNING SLOWLY TOWARD THE EAST AND MAINTAINING LEVEL ATTITUDE PD
OBJECT THEN APPEARED TO BEGIN A RAPID CLIMB WITHOUT MATERIAL CHANGE
IN ATTITUDE CMA AND DISAPPEARED FR VIEW IN HAZE AT A VERY HIGH ALTITUDE
CMA ALMOST DUE SOUTH AT AN ANGULAR ELEVATION APPROACHING 80 DEGREES

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PD SPEED WAS THOUGHT BY OBSERVERS TO BE IN EXCESS OF F-105 SPEED PD

(2) TIME OF SIGHTING OBJECT 1635Z PARIN 1335 CST WATE PD OBJECT OBSERVED FOR ABOUT 30 SECONDS PD

(3) OBSERVATION WAS VISUAL BY TWO ARMY ON GUARD BY PD NO OPTICAL OR ELECTRONIC EQUIP USED PD

(4) OBSERVERS WERE STAB AT 45 DEGREES 3 MINUTES NORTH AND 60 DEGREES 23 MINUTES WEST PD FOR LOCATION OF OBJECT WITH RESPECT TO OBSERVER SEE PAR

(1) ABOVE PD OBSERVERS INDICATED OBJECT APPEARED TO BE OVER CITY OF MADISON PD THEY WERE INDEFINITE RESPECTING DISTANCE AND ALTITUDE BUT AGREED COHERENTLY ABOUT DIRECTION BETWEEN USV AND 2 CMA AND ANGL-AR MOVEMENT UPWARD FR INITIAL SITING ABOUT 30 DEGREES TO FINAL DISAPPEARANCE ABOUT 30 DEGREES PD

(5) OBJECT OBSERVED BY A/2C HAROLD T MAHER CMA AGE 21 CMA 2 YRS SERVICE CMA 1 YR 7 MOS AT TRUAX FLD CMA AF 10306222 AND A/2C LOUIS E GIER CMA ~~AGE ALMOST 19 CMA COMPLETING 1-YR SERVICE NEXT MO CMA AF 15471813~~ PD MEN HAVE HAD MUCH OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE ACFT AND WERE POSITIVE IN THEIR STATEMENTS AND BELIEFS THAT OBJECT OBSERVED WAS NOT AN AIRPLANE OF A TYPE WITH WHICH THEY ARE FAMILIAR PD MAHER OBSERVED OBJECT FIRST AND CALLED GIER TO CONFIRM PD IN SPITE OF ANH'S SINCERITY CMA CONSIDER OBJECT MIGHT HAVE BEEN ACFT BUT NO MEANS OF CHECKING HERE CONFIRM THIS PRESUMPTION PD OBSERVERS THOUGHT SPEED WAS ABOVE 600 KNOTS PD HOWEVER CMA IN

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VIEW OF TIME REPTD SEEING OBJECTS PAREN BT SECONDS PAREN THIS WOULD
APPEAR TO BE UNLIKELY PD

(6) WEA AT TIME OF SITING WAS CLEAR CMA VISIBILITY 15 MILES PD SURFACE
WIND WAS 5 KNOTS AMW CMA 10, 15 FT WIND 25 KNOTS AMW PD

(7) THE ONLY ACCT POSSIBLE HERE IS THAT OBJECT WAS IN FACT A JET ACFT PD

(8) NEGATIVE PD

(9) NEGATIVE PD

(10) FLIGHT OF F-88 JETS LANDING FR SOUTH TO NORTH ATTRACTED ATTN OF
FIRST OBSERVER CAUSING HIM TO OBSERVE STRANGE OBJECT PD NO OTHER ACFT
ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN IN THE PARTICULAR AREA AT THE PARTICULAR TIME CMA
HOWEVER CMA OTHER ACFT WERE IN THE GEN AREA AT THE TIME AND THE OBJECT
MIGHT HAVE BEEN A CONVENTIONAL TYPE ACFT PD

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HEADQUARTERS, 31ST AIR DIVISION, Fort Snelling, Minnesota

TO: Commanding General, Central Air Defense Force, P. O. Box 528,
Kansas City, Missouri

Forwarded in compliance with AFL 200-5.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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INT 319.1 (4 Nov 52) 2nd Ind

HEADQUARTERS CENTRAL AIR DEFENSE FORCE, Box 528, Kansas City, Mo.

TO: Director of Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, Washington 25, D.C.

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78TH AIR BASE SQUADRON
Truax Field, Madison, Wisconsin

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THRU: Commanding General
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Fort Snelling, Minnesota

TO: Director of Intelligence
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

Chief Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: ATIAA-2c
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. In confirmation of our TWX, 78 CO 4625, and in the absence of availability of AF Form 112, "Air Intelligence Information Report", this letter is submitted in accordance with AFL 200-5, dated 29 April 1952.

2. Description

The object sighted was described by personnel concerned as egg shaped, of a silver color with a bluish cast, and the size approximately that of a B-36 aircraft. There was no indication of exhaust trail or oral or visual indication of a means of propulsion. The object was observed from the main gate of Truax Field, Madison, Wisconsin, in a direction approximately west south-west and at an angular elevation of approximately 50 degrees. The object appeared to be moving south at the time of the initial observation, turning slowly toward the east on a level attitude. The object then appeared to begin a rapid climb without materiel change in attitude, and disappeared from view in a haze of a very high altitude at an angular elevation of approximately 80 degrees. The speed of the object was estimated by the observers to exceed F-86 frequency.

3. The time of sighting was 02635Z (1035 CST). The line of sight was for approximately 30 seconds. 30 Oct 52

4. Observation was visual by two Air Police men on duty at the main gate. They had no use of optical or electronic equipment.

5. The coordination of the point of observation is 43 degrees, 8 minutes north and 89 degrees, 20 minutes west. Relative location of object with respect to observers is indicated in Paragraph 2. The observers indicated that the object appeared to be over the city of Madison, but could not be specific with respect to distance and altitude. They were in close agreement about direction.

6. The airmen observing the object were A/2c Harold T. Hamm, AF 19386822, age 21, 2 year service, 1 year 7 months at Truax Field;

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and A/2c Louis E. Geer, AF 15471813, age 19, completing 1 year of service next month. Both men have had opportunity to observe aircraft and were positive in their statements and beliefs that the object was not an aircraft of a type with which they are familiar. Airmen Hamm first observed the object and called Airmen Geer to confirm his observation. It must be noted that this station is within the immediate vicinity of Glenview Naval Air Station, which has jet aircraft of a type which might not be familiar to Air Force personnel. It should also be noted that the speed does not concur with the length of sight as an aircraft or object moving at that speed would disappear from view in less than 30 seconds.

7. Weather conditions at the sighting were clear, visibility, 15 miles; surface wind, 5 knots north north-west; and the upper wind was 25 knots north north-west.

8. As stated in Paragraph 6, it is estimated possibly that the object involved was a Naval Aircraft. One indication is the appearance of a bluish cast to the object. A naval jet aircraft traveling at some distance and altitude at the same time jet aircraft were landing at this station, and with the sound of landing aircraft, could thus appear to be moving without oral or visible means of propulsion.

9. There is no physical evidence such as photographs, etc.

10. No interception or identification action was taken.

11. There was a flight of F-86's landing at the time sighting occurred. It was in observation of this flight of F-86's that observers first noticed this strange object.

12. The statement of A/2c Geer, one of the observers, is attached, and A/2c Hamm's statement will be forwarded at a later date as airmen in on pass at present time.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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Statement (A/2c Geer)

Robert L. Samuelson 2nd Lt. + USAF
DON A. AMOS
2nd Lt., USAF
Adjutant

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On Thursday, 30 October 1952, I, A/2c Lewis E. Geer was standing guard on gate #1 at 1035 when I spotted an unidentified aircraft traveling in the direction of west south-west at a high speed. The object had the form of an egg and a blue cast to it. It was flying at eight (8) to ten (10) thousand feet and climbing steadily. I watched it for about 15 to 20 seconds until it disappeared in a haze. A/2c Hamm and I then reported the incident to the Air Police Operations Section.

Lewis E. Geer

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A/2c, USAF
AF 15471813

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