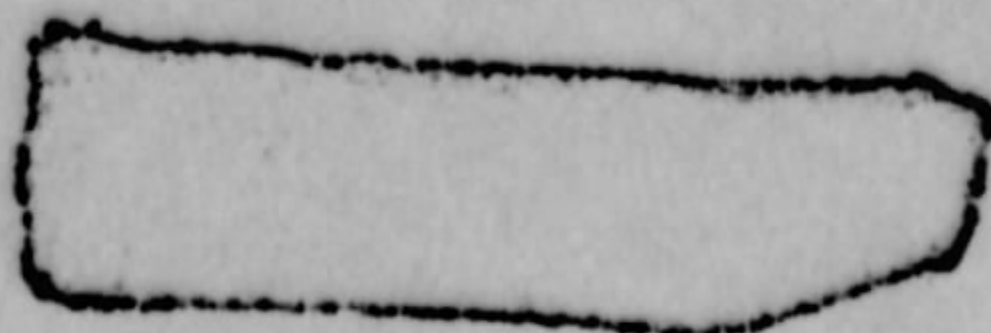


PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 18 Dec 52	2. LOCATION ITAZUKE AFB, JAPAN	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 18/0828I GMT 17/2328Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☒ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-intercept Radar	
6. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	5. SOURCE Radar Operators	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 9 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Five plots were observed on radar scope from 0828I-0831I. Average speed was 710 knots & course from initial plot was 270° varying to 312° at final plot. Temperature inversion noted at 6000' at 6°C.		11. COMMENTS See Comment of Reporting Officer Radar Analysis: Refraction due to inversion



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Date of Inci: 18 Dec 52 Location: Northern Kyushu

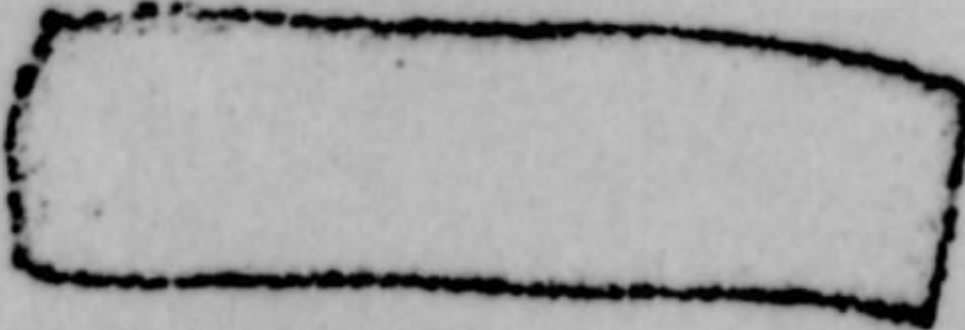
A radar target was picked up on this date by the 527th AC&W Group in Northern Kyushu. Description of the target: target size approximately that made by B-29 type aircraft. There is no evidence of target trace or trail. Target was tracked for a period of 9 minutes and appeared to be going 300 knots on initial pickup and estimated 1040 knots on the last pickup.

Air traffic present at the time of sighting consisted of five other targets which were identified as USAF aircraft. This sighting is an unknown.

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0407, SOUTHERN DEF AREA OF JADF ON 18/0828I AND IS RPTD IN
ACCORDANCE WITH AFL 200-5. 5 PLOTS WERE RECD BY DT 7 RADAR
OPR FROM 0828I TO 0837I. AV SPEED OF UNIDENTIFIED WAS 710
KNOTS AND COURSE FROM INITIAL PLOT WAS 270 DEGREES
VARYING TO 312 DEGREES OF FINAL PLOT. ALT UNKNOWN. NO INTCR
ATTEMPTED. OPERATION OF RADAR EQUIP WAS NORMAL. OBJECT
PAINTED AV ON RADAR SCOPE. WEATHER ALONG TRACK AREA VARIABLE,
CLOUD COVERAGE 5/10 TO 7/10, BASES 4000 TO 5000 FT TOPS 6000
FT. STRONG SUBSIDENCE INVERSION AT 6000 FT WITH TEMPERATURE
AT 6 DEGREES CENTIGRADE. TIME AND COORDINATES SO OF
EACH INDIV PLOT AREAS FOLS: TIME-0828I, COORDINATE-WJLD4615;
0830I, WJLD3514, 0833I, WJLD0718, 0835I, WJKD2837, 0837I,
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SUBJECT FLYOBAPT		
AREA REPORTED ON Northern Kyushu	FROM (Agency) I/O 527th AC&W Group, APO 929	
DATE OF REPORT 20 December 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 18 December 1952	EVALUATION See Comments
PREPARED BY (Officer) CLAUDE J. RIZZO, 1st Lt, USAF	SOURCE Detachment #7 (Takeo Yama)	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFL 200-5, 29 April 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.)		

Information contained in this report concerns an unidentified radar observed target viewed at Detachment #7 (WJPF 1432), on 18 December 1952 at 0828I.

APPROVED:

Alonzo N. Sloan Jr.
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1. Description of Target: Target size approximated that made by B-29 type aircraft. There was no evidence of target trace or trail. Target was tracked for a period of 9 minutes, with five plots registering over the Northern Kyushu area. Successive tracks indicated an increase in speed ranging from 300 knots on initial pickup to an estimated 1040 knots on 4th pickup.

The following information identified as track #86 was forwarded this headquarters:

<u>RANGE</u>	<u>AZIMUTH</u>	<u>GEOREF COORD</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EST SPEED</u>
185	223	WJLD 4515	0828I	---
190	225	WJLD 3514	0830I	300
205	230	WJLD 0718	0833I	490
220	240	WJKD 2837	0835I	1060
230	277	WJJE 5802	0837I	1040

2. Sighting Data: Object was detected at 0828I and remained on scope for 9 minutes.

3. Manner of Observation: Radar Scope presentation (AN/MPS-5).

4. Location of Observer: WJPF 1432.

5. Identifying Information: A/3c [redacted] reliability and proficiency have been rated high by the detachment commander.

6. Weather: Weather along track area variable, cloud coverage 5/10 to 7/10; bases 4000 to 5000 feet, tops 6000 feet; strong subsidence inversion at 6000 feet temperature at 6 degrees centigrade.

7. Other activity that might account for sighting: None.

8. Physical Evidence: None.

9. Interception: None attempted.

10. Air Traffic: There were a total of five other targets visible at time of sighting each one being in the WJLF sector.

COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER: In view of existing atmospheric conditions it is believed that refraction of radar waves could have accounted for unusual phenomena and speed.

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D/I FEAF COMMENT:

1. Contact has not been confirmed as a bona-fide target.
2. Refraction through the strong inversion at 6000 feet, combined with time errors in plotting of a normal friendly aircraft return may account for the unusual speeds reported.

for *George D. Hastings*
GEORGE D. HASTINGS
Colonel, USAF
Director of Intelligence Requirements

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STATEMENT

At 0800 hrs Item time 18 December 1952, I was assigned to report targets on the PFI console in radar operations. The scope I was reading covers the range from one hundred miles to two hundred and thirty miles. At 0828 hrs Item, an initial track appeared at 230 degrees at 185 miles. I called this to the plotting board. At 0830 hrs Item, I noticed by the position of the target that he was traveling comparatively fast. After the second move he seemed to increase speed and after his third move I turned the range markers off to make sure that he was actually moving as fast as he seemed to be. I brought this to the attention of A/2c Jimmy P. McCoy who is my crew chief. When this target left my scope I estimated his speed as over one thousand miles per hour. There was no weather on my scope and no other presentation that would impair the accuracy of my reading the scope. This target appeared as an ordinary aircraft would appear if it were a B-29 or other large type aircraft.

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