

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. LOCATION

20 Jan 52

MAINZ, GERMANY

12. CONCLUSIONS

3. DURATION GROUP

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

Local

☒ Ground-Visual

☐ Ground-Radar

Time 20/1730 Z

☐ Air-Visual

☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS

6. SOURCE

French Naval Officer

BY

EC

☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon

☐ Was Aircraft
☒ Probably Aircraft
☒ Possibly Aircraft

☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

9. COURSE

6 min.

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☐ Other
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

11. COMMENTS

Jet-shaped object, luminescent in color except for a black spot in the center the size of a C-47 fuselage, was seen by French Naval Officer on duty in Germany. Object moved in straight line at 600 Km per hour.

1. Jet aircraft were flying in area.

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AREA REPORTED ON Germany/ West Zone		FROM (Agency) Hq, USAF, ATI Branch	
DATE OF REPORT 6 October 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 27 September 1952	EVALUATION F-6	
PREPARED BY (Officer) Gerald M. Jones, Capt, USAF		SOURCE Capt. Dursemaine of the French Navy	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) None			

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.)

The following information was obtained by the preparing officer during an interview with Capitaine Dursemaine of the French Navy. The purpose of the interview was to obtain details of the flying object sighted by Capt. Dursemaine as required in AFL-200-5 concerning the reporting of unidentified flying objects.

1. Object was egg-shaped, luminescent in color except for a black spot in the center. Size of black spot was estimated to be approximately that of a C-47 fuselage and luminescence extended around the black object to approximately the positions where the wing tips of a C-47 would lie. Black spot was only seen when the object was coming toward or going away from Capt. Dursemaine. Exhaust that trailed the object was white in the center becoming red at the edges. (See sketch for relative sizes and distances.) Sound was a low pitched hum. Speed was estimated to be 600 km per hour. Flight path was a straight line with no unusual maneuvers observed and no apparent spinning or turning of the object noticed. Capt. Dursemaine said that before and after sighting the object he heard jets flying in the same area.

2. Time of sighting was 1730 hours Zebra, 29 September 1952. Length of time observed was about six (6) minutes.

3. Capt. Dursemaine observed the object from his home which is approximately 2 km due south of the city of Mainz, Germany. The object was estimated to be over the Rhine River at an altitude of 6000 meters on a heading of about 345°. Capt. Dursemaine estimated that he saw the object when it was about three (3) km away and that it went out of sight when about 3 km on the other side of him. It went almost directly overhead and when overhead he was unable to see the black spot.

4. Capitaine Dursemaine is the Commanding Officer of the Gendarmerie Maritime on Allemagne (French Sea Police in Germany) and has been in the French Navy for 18 years, during which time he has received credit for about ten (10) years sea duty. He stated that he has quite often seen meteors and other similar phenomena but that he has never seen anything like this. Capt. Dursemaine appeared to be very intelligent and very reliable and it is believed that his story is quite true.

5. Weather at time of sighting: 2000 feet scattered and 5000 feet scattered clouds, 12 miles visibility, winds at 1500Z: 10,000 feet 260° at 42 knots, 15,000 feet 260° at 51 knots, 25,000 feet 260° at 51 knots.

6. C-47 and F-84 type aircraft were flying in the local area at the time of sighting according to information received from Frankfurt Flight Service.

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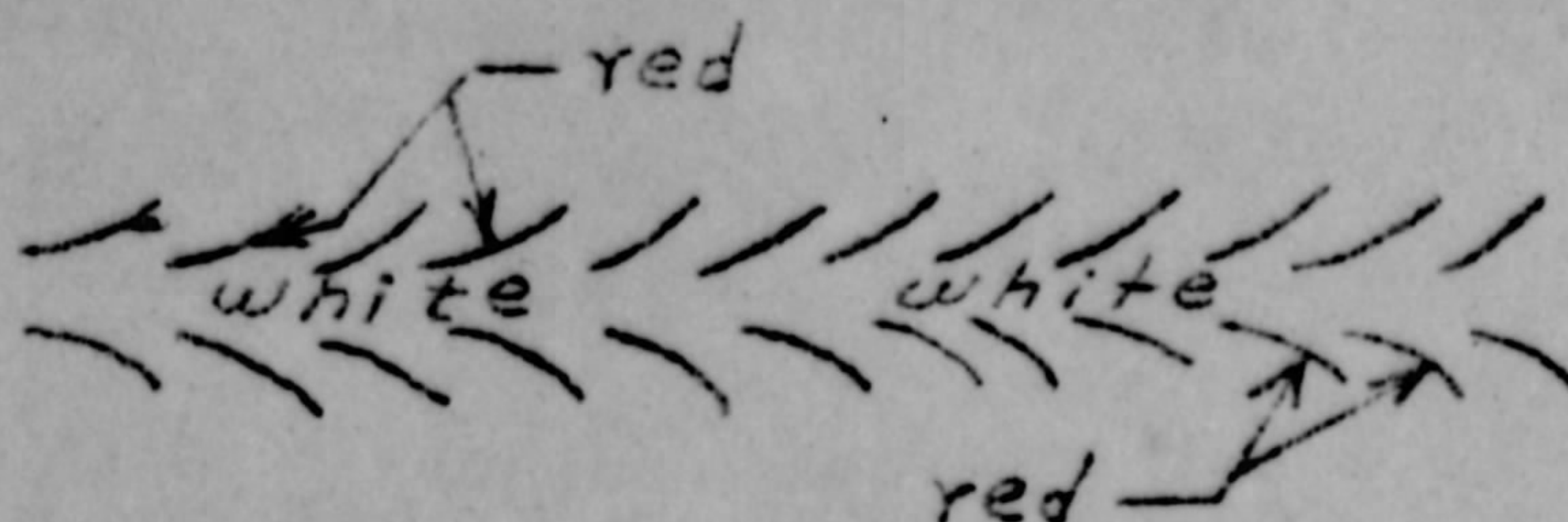
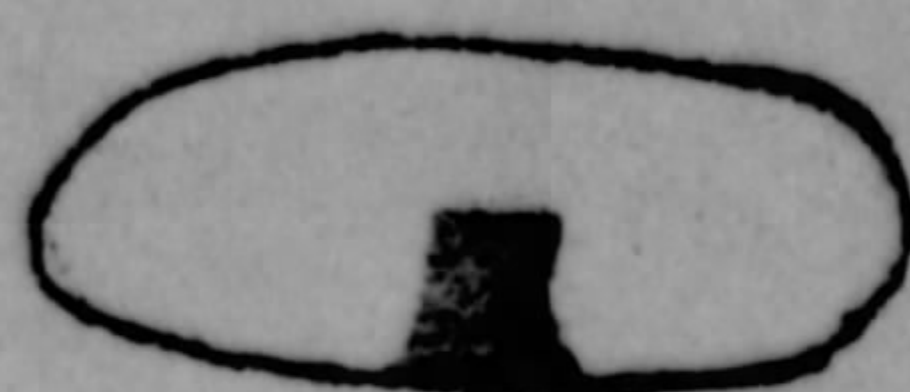
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7. This information will be of interest to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Sketch of object as described by Capt. Dursemaine:



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