

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 7 Mar 54		2. LOCATION Arlington, Virginia		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Stars ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2340 GMT 08/0415Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION two hours		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS four		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Appeared as stars except for movement. No radar pickup.				11. COMMENTS Astronomer, Dr Gessner of U S Naval observatory evaluated sighting as stars.	

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SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Director of Intelligence
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

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FOR THE COMMANDER:

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COUNTRY United States of America	REPORT NO. 1-54	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Object		
AREA REPORTED ON Arlington Hall, Arlington, Virginia	FROM (Agency) Director of Intelligence, Hq Comd, USAF	
DATE OF REPORT 12 March 1954	DATE OF INFORMATION 7 March 1954	EVALUATION Unknown
PREPARED BY (Officer) 1st Lt Albert N. Hutchinson, Jr.	SOURCE 1st Lt [REDACTED] USAF	
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.)

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dated 26 August 1953.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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1. Report of sighting an unidentified flying object submitted by 1st Lt [REDACTED] USAF, Duty Officer at Arlington Farms.

2. 1st Lt [REDACTED] reported seeing three, then soon after a total of four spheroid shaped objects. The object on the right was white, the middle was dim red, the other two seemed to flash different colors, they being red, blue and white. There appeared to be no sound and no exhaust from these star sized objects. ?

3. The objects were first seen at approximately 2340 hours, 7 March 1954, by Lt [REDACTED], who was at the time of sighting, the Duty Officer at Arlington Farms, a station located near Arlington Cemetery. He was looking through a window at the time of sighting, seeing three moving objects on a horizontal plane at an angle of elevation from 15° to 18°. The objects appeared to be orbiting in the area, and would intermittently climb and descend. Three of the objects seemed to disappear from view, but one did drop below the horizon. They all were viewed going in a southwesterly direction, and were seen for approximately one hour and forty minutes. They appeared to be as far away as the stars themselves.

4. The manner of observation was ground to air, and visual.

5. The location of observers was at Arlington Hall, which is located on Glebe and Arlington Boulevard in Arlington, Virginia.

6. Identifying information of the observers is as follows:
1st Lt [REDACTED], USAF, age 23, 6969th AFSS, Suitland Hall, Maryland. Reliability unknown.
Captain [REDACTED], Army, Arlington Hall, Virginia. Reliability unknown.
Lt [REDACTED], Navy, Navy Intelligence Service. Reliability unknown.

7. Weather conditions at the time of sighting were described by Lt Rayle as visibility 15 miles, no clouds, temperature 47°, dew point 31, and wind N at 8 knots. No unusual conditions were observed which might account for the sighting.

8. There was some air traffic in the vicinity, but it was sparse.

9. Upon investigation by 1st Lt [REDACTED], Jr., USAF, Intelligence Division, Hq Comd, USAF, the preparing officer, the following facts were brought to light. Lt [REDACTED] at the time of sighting checked with Washington National Radar and drew a negative report of any radar contact with unidentified objects. He also stated that the objects looked as if they were being controlled, and one had to watch them carefully to keep eye contact with them. In checking on the flying objects, the investigating officer contacted the Naval Observatory, and there talked with Dr. Gessner, an astronomer employed there. He offered the following explanation. An individual, with the naked eye, can observe a twinkling star, which may appear to be changing colors. Dr. Gessner said one could also observe a setting star, which would explain one of the objects going below the horizon in the west. High cloud cover, undetectable by visual means, could also explain the other objects disappearing from view. He said that he was quite certain that the objects seen by Lt [REDACTED] were stars, as he has checked into such sightings on previous occasions. In view of this information, the investigating officer is satisfied that the astronomer's explanation was sufficient to explain the unidentified flying objects, as no definite information can be obtained to believe otherwise.

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