

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 30 May 54 31/0502;0507;0510Z	2. LOCATION Larson AFB, Washington; City of Moses Lake, Washington
3. SOURCE 4 persons 2 military (1 wife) 1 civilian	10. CONCLUSION PROBABLY ASTRONMICAL: METEOR Electrical storm 50 miles SE of Larson AFB. In addition to sources metioned heron local radar sites also read three reports by phone. Evaluation - probably a very brilliant meteor.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Shapelike jet exhaust in size, but many times brighter. Intense white in color which changed to red before disappearing. No sound. Estimated speed - 700 mph. Estimated elevation of UFO 5000 ft. Information from source is generally in agreement as to size, color, speed, elevation and shape of object.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 seconds 2 seconds 6 seconds	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground visual	
7. COURSE S - N	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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NO UNCLASSIFIED REPLY OR REFERENCE IF DATE TIME GROUP IS QUOTED AT TIME

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TO COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO

COMDR ATIC WPAFB OHIO

COMDR TAC LANGLEY AFB VA

DIR OF INTEL HQ USAF WASHDC

PARAPHRASE NOT REQUIRED. SEE CRYPTO-CENTRAL
BEFORE DECLASSIFYING.

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UFOB REPORT NO 1. (1) (A) SHAPE OF OBJECT LIKENED TO JET EXHAUST BUT MANY TIMES BRIGHTER. (B) ABOUT THE SIZE OF A JET EXHAUST IF ACFT WAS FLYING AT 5000 FEET. (C) INTENSE WHITE IN COLOR WHICH CHANGED TO RED BEFORE DISAPPEARING. (D) 1. (E) N/A. (F) NEG (G) EXHAUST DESCRIBED IN (B) ABOVE WAS ALL THAT WAS DISCERNIBLE TO THIS OBSERVER, IT WAS SHORT, VERY BRIGHT AND CIGAR SHAPED. (H) NONE HEARD. (I) SPEED APPRX AT 700 MILES PER HOUR. (2) (A) ATTENTION DRAWN BY BRIGHTNESS OF LIGHT. (B) ELEVATION 45 DEGREES, AZIMUTH DUE SOUTH. (C) ELEVATION

A meteor probably
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45 DEG, AZIMUTH DUE NORTH. (D) STRAIGHT FLIGHT FROM SOUTH TO NORTH WITH NEG MANEUVERS, OBJECT PASSED DIRECTLY OVERHEAD. (E) LIGHT DWINDLED OUT NEAR END OF TRAJECTORY AND WAS LOST FROM SIGHT. (F) 3 SECONDS. (3) (A) GROUND - VISUAL. (B) NONE USED. (C)

(D) NOT APPL. (4) (A) 310520Z. (B) NIGHT. (5) CONTROL TOWER, LARSON AFB, WASH. (6) (A) NOT APPL (B) AMN 2 C 1905-5 AACS DET. LARSON AFB, WASH. TOWER OPERATOR, FAIRLY RELIABLE. (7) (A) CLEAR, BLACK NIGHT WITH ELECTRICAL STORM 50 MILES TO SOUTH EAST. (B) NO LOCAL WINDS AVAIL, WINDS AT GEIGER FIELD, SPOKANE, WASH MORE SOUTH EASTERLY AT 19 KNOTS AT 5000 FEET INCREASING SLIGHTLY WITH ALTITUDE THEREAFTER. (C) NONE. (D) UNLIMITED. (E) 1/10. (F) THUNDERSTORMS REPORTED IN ALL QUADRANTS BUT AT CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE FROM AREA OF SIGHTING. (8) SOUNDING TAKEN AT YAKIMA, WASH., REVEALS THAT AN UNSTABLE LAYER OF AIR EXISTED BETWEEN 5000 AND 9000 FEET DURING TIME OF THE SIGHTING. (9) NEG. (10) NONE ATTEMPTED. (11) NEG. CHECK OF RADAR SITES IN AREA ALSO NEGATIVE. (12) GROUP INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, 62 TRP CARR GP. SOURCE HAS SEEN MANY METEORITES DURING THE COURSE OF HIS DUTIES AS TOWER OPERATOR AND IS CERTAIN THAT THIS OBJECT

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NO 1. (12) THIS REPORT DIFFERS FROM THE OTHERS FORWARDED IN THE DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT. OBSERVER POSITIVE THAT HIS DESCRIPTION IS CORRECT. JUFOB REPORT NO 3. (1) (A) JET AFTER BURNER ONLY MUCH BRIGHTER. (B) UNUSUALLY LARGE METEOR. (C) BRIGHT RED BALL TRAILING A LARGE RED FLAME. (D) 1. (C)3) NOT APPL. (F) NOT DISCERNIBLE. (G) TAIL APPROX 3 TIMES LENGTH OF OBJECT. SEEMED TO BE AN EXHAUST. VERY BRIGHT AND WHITE IMMED BEHIND OBJECT AT POINT OF EXIT. (H) NONE HEARD. OBSERVER WAS IN MOVING AUTOMOBILE. (I) SPEED IN EXCESS OF 700 MILES PER HOUR (2) (A) BRIGHTNESS OF OBJECT CALLED ATTENTION TO IT OF BOTH OBSERVER AND WIFE. (B) ELEVATION 10 DEGREES, AZIMUTH SOUTHEAST. (C) ELEVATION 30, AZIMUTH DUE NORTH. (D) SEEMED TO BE TRAVELING IN LEVEL FLIGHT AT 6500 FEET. MADE CLIMBING RIGHT TURN JUST PRIOR TO DISAPPEARING. (E) FADE OUT GRADUALLY. (F) 6 SECONDS. (3) (A) GROUND VISUAL. (B) NONE USED. (C) NOT APPL. (4) 310510Z MAY. (B) NIGHT. (5) 51 MILES EAST OF ELLENSBURG, WASH, ON STATE HIGHWAY NO 7. OBSERVER TRAVELING EAST. (6) (A) MRS [REDACTED] (B) 1 CLASS [REDACTED] DET 1025 AIRWEATHER SQ, LARSON AFB, WASH. ESTIMATED AS USUALLY RELIABLE. (7) (A) SCATTERED CLOUDS,

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VISIBILITY 51 MILES PLUS. (B) THRU (F) ^{SAME} SA.3 AS IN REPORT NO 1. (8) THRU (11) SAME AS REPORT NO 1. (12) THIS REPORT IS THE ONLY DESCRIBING ANY MANEUVERS PERFORMED BY THE OBJECT. BOTH HUSBAND AND WIFE OBSERVED THIS PHENOMENA MAKING A CLIMBING RT TURN PRIOR TO ITS DISAPPEARANCE. RADAR SITES IN VICINITY HAD TELEPHONE CALLS FROM MR [REDACTED] WASH, AND FROM MR [REDACTED] MAH [REDACTED] CALLS NOT INVESTIGATED THIS HQ

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Boston, Massachusetts

87 'Saucers' Sighted in '54

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The Air Force received 1,700 reports of sightings in 1952. Last year the figure fell off to 429. If the present rate should hold up throughout 1954 the total would drop to 203.

The Air Force still is unable to explain 10 per cent of the sightings. The idea that some drift in from outer space still gets some attention, but the Air Force says it has no such evidence. It also has no evidence that they come from a foreign government.

Sights 'Disk' at Boston

Capt. Charles J. Kratovil, a Trans World Airlines pilot, didn't say he saw a flying saucer at 9:30 a. m. yesterday, but he was unshaken in his belief that a "large white disc-like" object, moving against a sixty-mile-an-hour wind near Boston, was not a weather balloon the Air Force claimed was in the area at the time.

Capt. Kratovil said he notified the Boston Airport control tower and received a reply after he reached Idlewild that Air Force jet planes were sent up to investigate, and the object was seen by their crews. He said the Air Force said the jets were at 10,000 feet and the object seemed to be 10,000 feet above them and rising fast.

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The Air Force still is unable to explain about 10 per cent of the sightings. Officials said that if anyone saw any unidentified flying objects they "would welcome the information."

The place to notify is the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright - Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

The presence of a fast-moving, unidentifiable object in the sky near Boston, visible for ten minutes, was reported yesterday.

When Capt. Charles J. Kratovil, a Trans World Airlines pilot, arrived at New York International Airport, Idlewild, Queens, after a flight from Paris, he said he had seen a "large, white disk-like" thing in the air at about 9:30 A. M. The object was also seen by members of his crew.

Captain Kratovil said the object was traveling parallel to his plane and high above it and was going against a sixty-mile-an-hour wind.

Captain Kratovil said the object was "large," but Harold Raney, flight engineer, said he thought it was about the size of a basketball.