

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 15 June 1954		2. LOCATION Vero Beach, Florida		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 <u>2124</u> GMT <u>16/0224Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Light changed from amber to bright white, to a green color. Appeared to be at 1,000 ft alt. Object appeared to descend below the trees and rise again. No definite silhouette.				11. COMMENTS INSUFFICIENT DATA.	

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

5D-24-21-147

7 July 1954

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects Sighted at
Indialantic, Florida, Patrick AFB, Florida,
and Vero Beach, Florida
SPECIAL INQUIRY

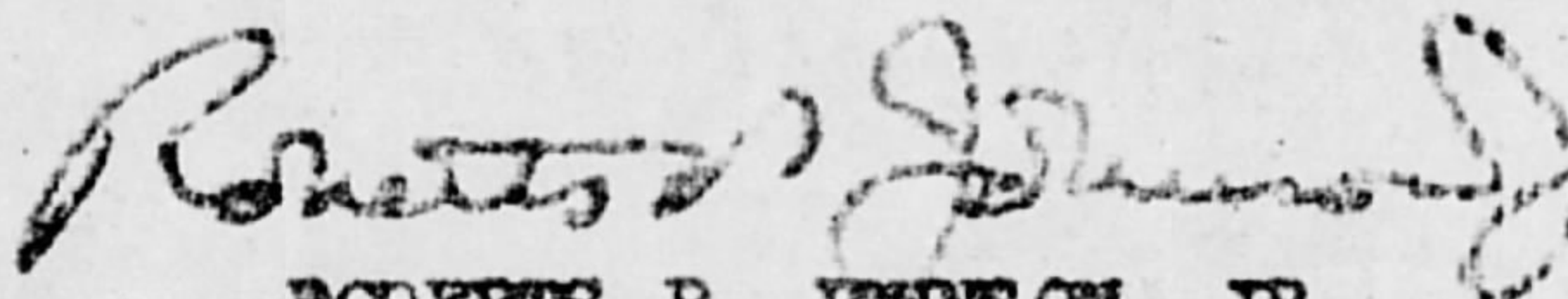
TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: AFIAA-20

1. Transmitted herewith for your information are two (2) copies of a letter, dated 23 June 1954, from the 7th OSI District, MacDill AFB, Tampa, Florida, concerning subject matter.

2. Your attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-2, which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

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cc: Dir OSI w/o incl


ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, JR.
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

15 June 1954, under Air Police Desk Sergeant's log, reflected that A/SG LEVIN R. HANLEY, AF-14479480, 6550th Air Police Squadron, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, saw a bright object flying approximately 100 feet high, to the Northwest of Post #28. The object turned from white to red, to green, and to blue. The control tower was notified. HANLEY was interviewed on 15 June 1954, and advised that approximately 2130 hours, EST, 15 June 1954, he noticed a glowing light in the sky, Northwest of Post #28, at approximately 200 feet altitude, over the edge of the flying field or the Banana River. The glow appeared nearly round in shape and resembled an aircraft landing light. The glow was first noticed as a bright white, dimming to red and disappearing without moving from original position sighted. The glow appeared almost immediately in the same position, red in color, changing to bright white; remained visible a short time and disappeared suddenly. The entire period of visibility was approximately five (5) minutes. HANLEY stated that he saw a small cloud drift behind object while visible. HANLEY stated that the moon was visible south of his post and was practically obscured by clouds. The object sighted was approximately one-fourth the size of the moon, which was nearly full. It is noted that HANLEY has previously completed most of the Air Force pilot's training course.

5. On 16 June 1954, S/SGT EARL H. BENEDICT, AF-12317434, Weather Detachment, Patrick Air Force Base, advised that the following information is contained in the weather report for 15 June 1954:

Observation made - 2129 hours, EST
 Scattered clouds at 4,000 feet
 Overcast clouds at 12,000 feet
 Visibility 15 miles
 Wind SSW - 5 miles per hour
 Altimeter - 29.980 inches
 Surface temperature - 74.1 degrees Fahrenheit
 Weather balloon released at 2200 hours
 Wind at 1,000 ft. altitude - SSW at 10 miles per hour
 Wind at 2,000 ft. altitude - SSW at 11 miles per hour

6. On 16 June, this office was requested to contact Base Operations Officer, Patrick Air Force Base, concerning the sighting of an unidentified object at Vero Beach, Florida, 15 June 1954. Captain WILLIAM E. PERRY, Base Operations Officer, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, advised that the Airframe Officer's report for 15 June 1954 contained information to the effect that Mr. [REDACTED] Airways Operations Specialist, CAA, Vero Beach, Florida, reported an aerial object observed at 2124 hours, EST, 15 June 1954, located approximately 10 miles WSW of Vero Beach. The light changed from amber to bright white, to a green color. The aerial object was again observed at 2128 hours, EST, by [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] of Eastern Airlines. The

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TO: Commander
Air Force Missile Test Center
Patrick Air Force Base, Florida
ATTN: Provost Marshal

1. The following information is in confirmation of information furnished verbally to your Command on 17 June 1964, and, also, to facilitate compliance by your Command in accordance with instructions outlined in Paragraph 7, AFI 300-3.

2. On 18 June 1964, at approximately 1030 hours, this office was requested by the Provost Marshal, Air Force Missile Test Center, to contact the Air Force Missile Test Center Intelligence Officer, regarding the sighting of unidentified flying objects near Indialantic, Florida.

3. On 18 June 1964, Major E. C. SWALLEY, Intelligence Branch, AFMTC, advised that on 11 June 1964, Mr. [REDACTED], Civilian, RCA Services, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, had reported that at 2130 hours, EDT, 5 June 1964, [REDACTED] was looking out over the Atlantic ocean, East of Neptune Hall, Indialantic, Florida. The weather was overcast, with intermittent showers. An intense white beam, brighter than a flashlight beam, but approximately the same size as a large flashlight beam, was noted shining from a point of approximately 100 yards offshore. The light flashes lasted for approximately four (4) seconds and rotated clockwise for approximately 10 cycles. After an approximate three (3) minute interval, the light began to cycle again for approximately 10 cycles. [REDACTED] turned on the spotlight of his automobile and directed the spotlight at the area of the lights. At this time, the light quit cycling and nothing could be seen. The lights did not reoccur after the spotlight was turned off. A check of the local charts and tide tables indicate approximately forty (40) feet of water at the site of the above occurrence at the time it occurred.

4. On 18 June 1964, this office was requested to determine circumstances surrounding an entry in the Air Police Desk Sergeant's log, concerning the sighting of an unidentified aerial object on 15 June 1964, by an Air Policeman on guard duty at Patrick Air Force Base. Entry #140, recorded at 2134 hours.

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object sighted at 2132 hours appeared to be at 1,000 ft. altitude, over the Vero Beach VOR transmitter, with no definite silhouette. The object appeared to descend below the trees and arose again. EMERY stated that the operations records reflect no aircraft known to be operating in the area of Patrick AFB at the time of the sighting. S/Sgt BAYEDICT, previously referred to, Weather Detachment, Patrick AFB, advised the following information is contained in the weather observer's report for 16 June 1954:

Observation made at 2129 hours, EST
 Scattered clouds at 4,000 feet
 Overcast at 12,000 feet
 Visibility 13 miles
 Wind - ESE at 5 miles per hour
 Altimeter - 29.960 inches
 Surface temperature - 74.1 degrees Fahrenheit
 Weather balloon released at 2200 hours
 Wind at 1,000 ft. altitude - ESE at 10 miles per hour
 Wind at 2,000 ft. altitude - ESE at 11 miles per hour.

7. On 17 June 1954, this office was advised by Major GERRILL P. ROSSLEY, 10590A, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, that at 2325 hours, EST, 16 June 1954, he sighted an unidentified aerial object from the aircraft parking ramp, adjacent to the southwest corner of Hangar 800, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. ROSSLEY called to airmen from Base Operations to witness the object. These two (2) airmen were: BYRON D. TILLEY, A/3C, AF-12433040, and JIMMIE E. DUNCAN, A/3C, AF-14406280, both of 8550th Air Base Group, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. The object was first sighted SSW of ROSSLEY, at a 20 degree angle of elevation, and as a bright light moving in a northerly direction. The object moved northward to a position directly west of observers, at an angle of elevation of 50-60 degrees. The object traveled a general northerly course during this movement and appeared to veer right and left at sharp angles while moving. The rate of speed was greater than that of an aircraft. The color of the object was a blue florescent, changing intermittently to white. No discernible features were visible, no sound was heard, and no trail or exhaust was discernible. The light blinked continually and at regular intervals. The object appeared to climb in a northwest direction after the stop directly west of Patrick AFB. The object appeared to continue to climb and was visible until obscured by cloud coverage at 0015 hours, EST, 17 June 1954. The object appeared to be several times larger than the brightest visible star. A full moon was visible in the sky also. Occasionally, when the light blinked and became brighter, it appeared that the object might be crescent shaped on the lower side. No air traffic was known to be in the area at the time. It was noted that Major ROSSLEY is a Senior Pilot and also on duty as Airdrome Officer at the time of the sighting. Records of the Patrick Air Force Base Weather Detachment reflect the following information for 16 June 1954:

Observation made at 2330 hours, EST, 16 June 1954
 Surface temperature - 72 degrees Fahrenheit
 Surface wind - ESE at 12 miles per hour
 Clouds - 3/10 cumulus at 1700 feet

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Clouds - 2/10 stratus at 2,500 feet
 3/10 cirrus at 25,000 feet
Humidity - 81%
Visibility - 10 miles
Weather balloon released at 2200 hours.

8. All of the above information was furnished verbally to Lt. Colonel
TILLY M. BIECH, Staff Provost Marshal, Air Force Missile Test Center, Patrick
Air Force Base, Florida, on 16 and 17 June 1954.

cc: Dir OSI (2 cys)
Air Technical Intelligence
Center, AFHQ AF114-20,
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio,
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JAMES W. LOYENBURT
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District Commander