

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 11 August 1954		2. LOCATION Pacific Ocean		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical <u>UNIDENTIFIED</u>	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2055 GMT 12/0550Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar.			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE CIVILIAN			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Unknown		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE SW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 100 ft in diameter. Line of blue light 200-300 ft above sea. Approached observers position and changed to circle about 100 ft in diameter. After passing over ship. Then slowed down and rose rapidly, through thin layer of stratus cloud (Base 2,000 ft) As passed through clouds it illuminated clouds to same hue and agitated then violently. Object lost in clouds. Full moon shifting through cirrus clouds.				11. COMMENTS UNIDENTIFIED	

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1. Object Description

a. Size - Estimated at about 100 feet in diameter when directly over and close to the vessel by Mr. [redacted] and four inches (about the size of a grapefruit held at arm's length) in diameter just before it entered the clouds at 2000 feet by Kosei Nakamoto.

b. Shape - When first sighted by Mr. [redacted] the object appeared to be a line of blue light. As it approached the ship, it became an ellipse and as it came directly over the ship it became a circle. (See Diagram I)

c. Color - The circle was bright blue at the extremity of the diameter, reddish at the inside of the circle, and jet black inside the circle of light. Mr. [redacted] described it as the same color as a blue neon tube or as the color of a burning gas jet. Definitely more blue than [redacted] etc.

d. [redacted]

e. Formation - None.

f. Features - There were no external projections discernible.

g. [redacted] - None.

h. Sound - There was no sound, so far as the observers could distinguish, emanating from the object. However, the ship was running high and its pounding could have covered the noise.

i. Other [redacted] Features - None.

2. Description of Course of Object

a. What attracted attention - The line of blue light.

b. Angle of elevation and azimuth from observer's position when first sighted - A degree or two above the horizon, about 18 miles distant at a point 50° azimuth from the observer's position. (See Diagram II)

c. At disappearance - Directly over observer's position.

d. Maneuvers, Flight Path - The object flew to the observer's position, then rose vertically and disappeared through a cloud layer at 2000 feet.

3. Manner of Observation

a. Visual only.

b. Optical Aids - None.

c. Ship's name, registry, position, speed, heading - The salvaged ship's name was "S.S. Docteur Angier." It was a wrecked vessel owned by the Koeller Salvage Company. Its position was 27°02'05"N/128°27'55"E. The vessel was not moving but was headed bow due east.

4. Time and Date of Sighting

Zulu date time group - 120555Z August 1954.

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SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Object		
AREA REPORTED ON Yoron-Jima	FROM (Agency) Deputy Chief of Staff, Intelligence Twentieth Air Force, APO 239	
DATE OF REPORT 25 October 1954	DATE OF INFORMATION 11 August 1954	EVALUATION F-6
PREPARED BY (Officer) Capt. R. H. Festalozzi	SOURCE Okinawa	
REFERENCES (Cite number, directing, previous report, etc., as applicable) DATA 3A USAF Regulation 200-2		

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)

An unidentified flying object was sighted at approximately 2055 Item time, 11 August 1954, by Mr. [redacted] of Moeller Shipwrecker Company, Okinawa, and Kosei Takamoto, his assistant.

The object was sighted from the deck of a salvaged ship anchored off Yoron-Jima at 27°03'05"N/129°09'15"E. The object first appeared north, northeast of Mr. Percharle's position as a line of bright blue light about 200 to 300 feet above the sea and about the length of an American five cent piece held at arm's length. This line of light approached him at high speed and as it drew near turned into an ellipse. Passing over the vessel it became a full circle of bright blue light with a black center and appeared about the size of a basketball held at arm's length. The ring of light then appeared to slow down and rise rapidly through a thin layer of stratus clouds at about 2000 feet. As the object passed through the cloud base, it illuminated these clouds to the same hue and agitated them violently. The object was lost from view shortly after entering the cloud layer.

The circle of light was estimated by Mr. [redacted] to be about 100 feet in diameter as it arrived directly over his position and about the size of a grapefruit held at arm's length after it had risen to the base of the clouds before disappearing. Kosei's impressions were similar.

No noise from the object could be heard above the pounding of the surf and no exhaust trail was seen.

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Major USAF

1. Diagram I, Description of Object
2. Diagram II, Track of Object

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5. Light conditions - The moon was near full and was shining brilliantly through a thin layer of stratus clouds. The condition of light was such that the observers feel sure they could have read a newspaper by it.

5. Location of Observers

Located about amidships at 27°02'05"N/128°27'55"E.

6. Observers' Identifying Information

a. Civilian

(1) Mr. [REDACTED], 30 years of age, c/o P.O. Box 55, Naha, Okinawa.

[REDACTED] 30 years of age (Oriental), [REDACTED] 4 Jan.

[REDACTED] claims to be an electrical engineer and has had six years of service with the British Admiralty. He is presently the assistant manager of the Hoeller Shipwreck Company, [REDACTED] office on Okinawa.

[REDACTED] is [REDACTED] assistant. He is rated by [REDACTED] as [REDACTED] intelligent and of above average reliability.

7. Weather and Windy Alert at Time of Sighting

a. Observers' account - [REDACTED] that the moon shined through a thin stratus of clouds [REDACTED] and that the wind was calm. [REDACTED] stated he was reasonably certain that this cloud layer was at 2000 feet and [REDACTED] agreed.

b. Wind Velocity

Altitude	Direction (from)	Speed (knots)
Surface	Calm	Calm
6,000'	70°	15
10,000'	60°	20
16,000'	60°	25
20,000'	70°	25
30,000'	90°	10
45,000'	55°	9

c. Ceiling - 2000 feet, broken.

d. Visibility - 10 miles.

e. Amount of Cloud Cover - 5/10.

f. Thunderstorms - None.

8. Meteorological or Astronomical Phenomenon Accounting for the Sighting

None.

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9. Interceptions Attempted

None.

10. Air Traffic in Area at Time of Sighting

None.

11. Physical Evidence

None.

12. Position, Title, Comment of Preparing Officer

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Operational Intelligence
Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Twentieth Air Force

b. Each of the observers was interrogated and each described essentially the same thing. This report was originally handled by the OSI in August and a comparison of the two reports reveals no major differences. Neither observer had ever seen a similar object before nor had they observed anything of an unusual nature as pertains to flying objects before this incident.

Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] appeared to be honest and forthright in their attitude toward the incident. Both seemed to be convinced that what they saw actually existed. The observers were thoroughly cooperative with the investigating officer.

The reliability of the observers is unknown.

This report is late because the observers, Mr. [redacted] and Mr. Kosei, were not available when the original report was put into Intelligence channels. The original report was extremely sketchy, necessitating re-interrogation of the two men.

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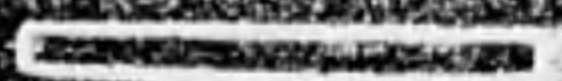
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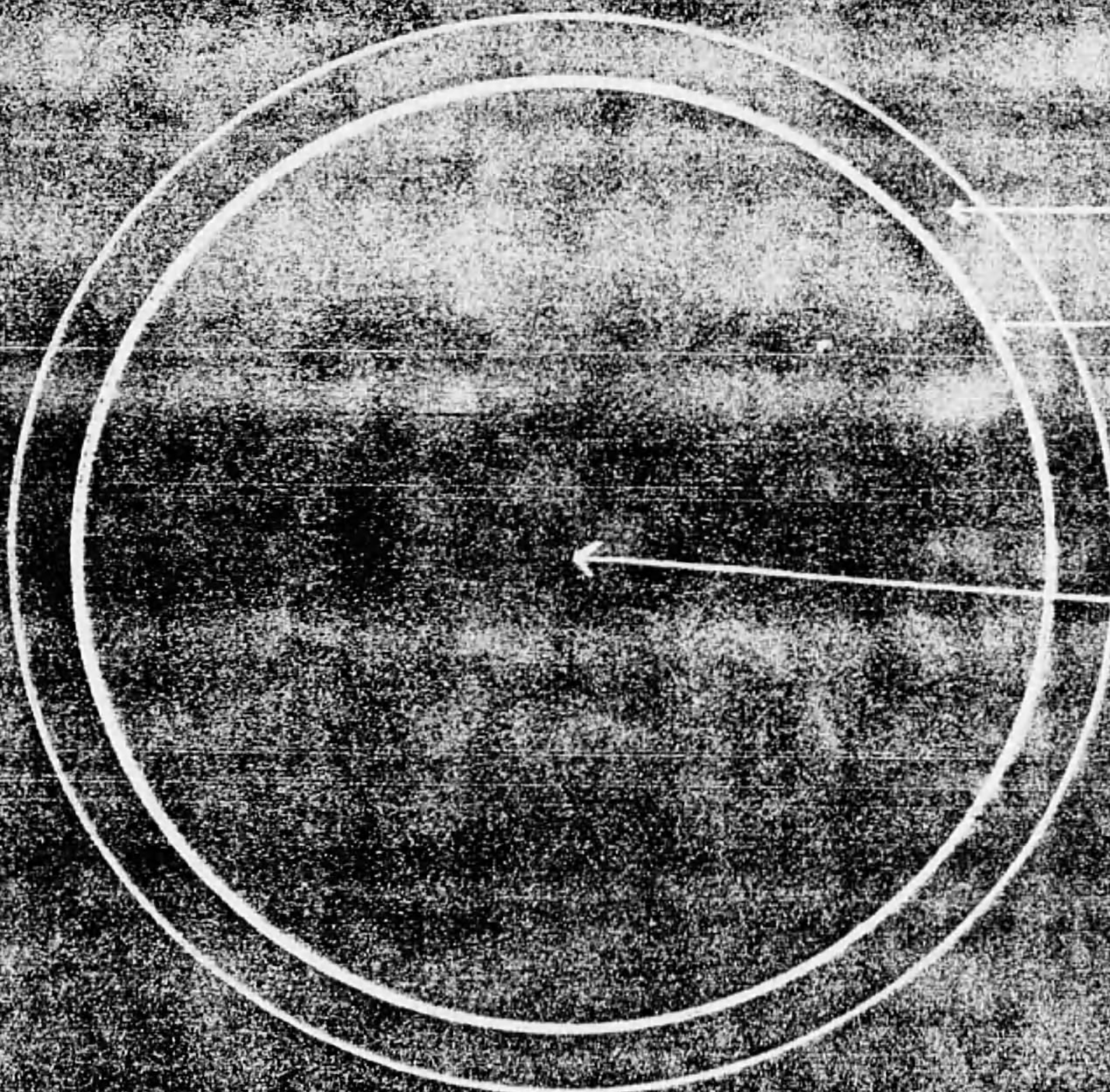
ACTUAL SIZE AT
FIRST SIGHTING



SHAPE AS
OBJECT APPROACHED



SHAPE OF
OBJECT
DIRECTLY
OVERHEAD



BRIGHT BLUE

PINK

JET BLACK

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DIAGRAM 2.

27°30' N
128°45' E

OKINO-ERABU-SHIMA

OBJECT'S FIRST
POSITION

DIRECTION OF
TRAVEL

YORON-JIMA

OBSERVER'S
POSITION

27°00' N
128°20' E

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