

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 24 August 1954		2. LOCATION Lagarfljot River, Iceland		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other <u>UNIDENTIFIED</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☒ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>2030</u> GMT <u>24/2130Z</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		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE NW-SW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 2½ ft long. 4 to 5 inches in diameter. Cylindrical in shape. Dark grey in color. Loud whizzing sound. Level flt at rapid rate of speed, then fell in sandbar.				11. COMMENTS Recovery attempts by ADC failed due to period of two weeks from rpt rec'd and recovery attempted. River had risen over sandbar several times and changed its shape.	

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
3TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

8 December 1954

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21-159

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
Sighted in Vicinity of Egilsstadir,
Iceland, on 24 August 1954
SPECIAL INQUIRY

UNCLASSIFIED

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. Transmitted herewith for your information is one (1) photo-static copy of Office of Naval Intelligence Information Report, dated 13 October 1954, without inclosures, concerning subject matter.

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

cc: Dir OSI w/o Incl

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SERIAL NO.

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DATE OF INFORMATION

1 September 1954

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DATE OF REPORT

13 October 1954

FROM

Commander Island Defense Force

SOURCE

468th CIC Detachment

EVALUATION

REQUEST NO.

SUBJECT

Unidentified Flying Object

BRIEF (FOR REPORTS OF MORE THAN PAGE, ENTER CAREFUL SUMMARY)

Encls 468th S/I dated 11 October 1954 concerning above listed subject

1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded herewith for information and action as deemed appropriate.
2. Due to the uncertainty as to what was actually seen and the doubt as to the precise location, it is recommended that no further action be taken to locate this unidentified object.

Prepared and Forwarded,

E. L. SOMMER
Commander, USN

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

DATE

11 Oct 1954

REF ID: A610

(SF 300-530-10)

PREPARING OFFICE

468th CIC Detachment, APO 81, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

SUBJECT

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

CODE FOR USE IN INDIVIDUAL PARAGRAPHS EVALUATION

OF SOURCE:

COMPLETELY RELIABLE - - - - - A

USUALLY RELIABLE - - - - - B

FAIRLY RELIABLE - - - - - C

NOT USUALLY RELIABLE - - - - - D

UNRELIABLE - - - - - E

RELIABILITY UNKNOWN - - - - - F

OF INFORMATION:

CONFIRMED BY OTHER SOURCES - - - - - 1

PROBABLY TRUE - - - - - 2

POSSIBLY TRUE - - - - - 3

DOUBTFULLY TRUE - - - - - 4

IMPROBABLE - - - - - 5

TRUTH CANNOT BE JUDGED - - - - - 6

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

1. On 1 September 1954, information was received by this command to the effect that an unidentified flying object had been sighted at approximately 2039 hours, 24 August 1954, in the vicinity of Egilsstaðir by an individual at _____ in Northeastern Iceland.

2. The eyewitness, who was located approximately 5000 feet from the line of flight of the object, described it as being approximately the length of a man's arm (2 to 2½ feet long), approximately 4 to 5 inches in diameter, cylindrical in shape and dark gray in color. The object, emitting a loud whizzing sound, reportedly crossed the sky from the Northwest and travelled a level course to the Southeast at a rapid rate of speed. The object continued its level flight for some time and then lost speed and fell into a sand-bar in the Lagerfljot River (65°04'N-14°30'W).

3. The person who had witnessed the unidentified object did not reach the impact area until 30 August. Between the time of the sighting and the marking, the Lagerfljot River had risen twice and washed over the sand-bar where the object reportedly landed, altering the size and shape of the sand-bar.

4. After several unsuccessful attempts to reach the location of the sighting, a Defense Force investigating team arrived at the referenced area on 11 September 1954. The reported area of impact, approximately 250 feet by 250 feet, was searched with Mine Detector Set SCR-625 but with negative results. The Detector Set is so constructed as to be effective for only a depth of from 18 to 22 inches. Much of the area was under water at the time of the search, and the soil, lava-sand, is of such consistency as to render any results obtained with the Detector Set erratic at best.

5. Investigation of the reputation of the eyewitness and those individuals reported as having heard the sound disclosed that these persons are considered to be reliable and are of good reputation in the community.

6. Among the possible identities of the reported object are a bird such as the loon, whose flight pattern resembles that described by the eyewitness, a meteor or the tip-tank of an aircraft. There were no Defense Force aircraft in the vicinity of the referenced area during the reported time of sighting.

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(SE 320-320-207)

DATE
11 Oct 1974

PREPARING OFFICE

468th CIC Detachment, APO 81, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

CONCLUSION: It is the opinion of this command that some object, nature unknown, did land in the vicinity of the referenced area. Because of the constant downstream motion of the river bottom and the condition of the impact area, shifting lava-sand and water, two possibilities present themselves. The entire area could be dug up in an effort to locate the object, but this method, after consideration, was disregarded because of the great expense involved. On the other hand, it is believed that the most practical method of determining the nature of the unidentified object is a device which can detect the presence of buried substances 5 to 6 feet below the surface. Such a device is not available in this command, nor is there one on requisition. Due to the aforementioned condition of the impact area and the river bottom, it is recommended that such a device be furnished this command as soon as possible, if it is felt necessary to locate and identify the object.

Incls: To CIRCULAR only:

- 1 USAF Pilots Chart indicating area of impact
- 1 Blow-up of above chart
- 1 GFOB Beach Sector Report
- 1 Photograph of impact area
- 1 Photograph taken of impact area from house over which object was sighted
- 1 Photograph of Mine Detector Set 30R-625 engaged in search of impact area
- 1 Close-up photograph of Mine Detector Set 30R-625 and its operator

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