

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 17 September 1954		2. LOCATION N. Rome Ciampino, Italy		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 _____ GMT 17/0645Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military (Italian)			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 45 Minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Cigar shape, in motion with trail-jelly fish shape when stationary. Sighting just before sunset toward clouds. Disappeared into clouds. Several observers. Reported to have been detected by radar - Rept not complete on this.				11. COMMENTS Probable balloon	

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The following is an extract of a series of UFO sightings observed over various sections of Europe during the period 31 July-20 Sep 54. Reference ATIC 201047 [REDACTED], dated 29 Oct 54.

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✓ Austria - 19 Aug 54

Small, gleaming disc-like object, about twice as large as Venus. Observed for 2 minutes. ATIC Eval: Possible Balloon.

Finland - 14 Sep 54

Circular flying object over Helsinki at night. Flying at 800 meters (alt), it gave off an intense light and left trail of reddish smoke. Visible for 7 sec. ATIC Eval: Possible meteorite.

✓ France - 30 Aug 54 - Paris

A Paris resident observed a luminous circular object flying over the city. ATIC Eval: UNKNOWN - Insufficient data.

Somme Department - 7 Sep 54

A 27 year old mason and his assistant observed a "flying saucer" at 0715 hrs, 7 Sep 54. The object was grey and was observed hovering over a field about 200 meters from the observers. The object oscillated slowly and seemed to have a closed door on its side. When the men had run about 50 meters toward it, the object began to fly away. Smoke was then visible from a sort of exhaust pipe on the underside. After an oblique flight of about 15 meters, the object rose vertically and disappeared. No trace of the object was found by police. The object was about 10 meters in diameter and 3 meters in height, did not glow and departed noiselessly, trailing smoke. Visible for about 3 minutes. ATIC Eval: UNKNOWN

Aisne Department - 7 Sep 54

A luminous red orange disc observed by three persons. The disk stopped suddenly 300-400 meters from the ground. It seemed to have on its upper side a small luminous tail forming an integral part of the object. ATIC Eval: UNKNOWN - Insufficient data.

Italy - 14 Sep 54

Two inhabitants of Pitigliano report sighting of a round, white object making a strange, loud noise. The object came to a stand still and then disappeared at high speed. ATIC Eval: UNKNOWN - Insufficient data

Rome - 17 Sep 54

On the afternoon of 17 Sep 54, the control tower at the Ciampino Air Base observed a mysterious object shaped like a half a cigar flying slowly at an altitude of 1,200 meters. The object, leaving a trail of luminous smoke, was visible for 40 minutes. ATIC Eval: Probable high Altitude a/c. 16

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✓ Netherlands - 4 Aug 54

Ten fireman observed two "flying saucers" over the Hague on the night of 4 August between 2300 and 2400 hours. They moved at incredible speed, at times remaining motionless for as long as 30 seconds. They were flat ovals with a whitish gray light. ATIC Eval: Possible searchlight beams.

Note: During the summer and fall months of 1954, there has been a marked increase in UFO sightings throughout Europe. ATIC attributes the majority of these sightings to two basic reasons.

1. The European press has been quick to publish, in detail, UFO sightings which has resulted in influencing a great number of persons for personal publicity.

2. Mr. D. Keyhoe's book was recently translated into various foreign languages and went on sale at newstands throughout Europe during the summer of 1954.

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JEPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HQS USAF WASHINGTON 25 DC

JFPBW/CMDR USAFE WIESBADEN AB GER

UFOB CLN ONE CLN SHAPE OF JELLYFISH WHEN STATIONARY BUT CIGAR
SHAPED IN MOTION DUE PARTLY TO TRAIL PD LESS THAN A CENTIMETER
AT ARMS LENGTH PD SILVER COLOR WITH RED VIOLET STREAKS ALONG
ONE SIDE WITH CIRCLE OF DARK GREY OR BLACK BENEATH POSSIBLY
SEPERATE OBJECT PD ONLY ONE OBJECT DEFINITE PD WHEN MOVING TRAIL
APPEARED LIKE SHORT CONTRAIL BUT ALWAYS SAME LENGTH ABOUT TWO
CENTIMETERS AT ARMS LENGTH PD NO SOUND HEARD PD TWO CLN CIAMPINO
CONTROL TOWER OPERATORS WERE WATCHING SKY SAW OBJECT APPROACH
FROM AZIMUTH OF 272 TO 282 DEG ANGLE ELEV UNK BUT APPEARED HIGH
APPROACHED TO ABOUT THIRTY KILOMETERS DISTANT DESENDED TO APPARENT

ALTITUDE OF 8330 TO 12300 FT CMM REMAINED STATIONARY CMM THEN
MOVED NORTH TOWARDS CIVITAVECCHIA TO AZIMUTH OF 290 DEG CMM
GAINED ALTITUDE THEN MOVED WESTWARD DISSAPPEARING AT AZIMUTH
OF 270 DEG LOW ELEVATION ANGLE BECAME CONFUSED WITH SOME CLOUDS
PD IN SIGHT 30 MINUTES CLEARLY AND OCCASIONALLY FOR ANOTHER 15
MINUTES PD THREE CLN SEEN WITH NAKED EYE AND WITH BINOCULARS
FROM CIAMPINO AIRFIELD CONTROL TOWER CMM ALSO REPORTED TRACKED
BY RADAR BY AIR DEFENSE UNIT BUT REPORT NOT AVAL PD FOUR CLN
1645Z TO 1715Z OCCAS UNTIL 1730Z ON 17 SEP 54 PD JUST BEFORE
SUNSET AND TOWARDS SUN PD FIVE CLN VISUAL OBSERVERS WERE IN
CONTROL TOWER CIAMPINO AIRFIELD 14 KILOMETERS, SOUTHEAST ROME
ITALY PD RADAR UNIT ON COAST TO WEST EXACT POS UNK PD SIX CLN
THIS RPT BASED ON OBSERVATION OF LT GIUSTINIANI OF CIAMPINO
CONTROL TOWER PD OTHER OBSERVERS WERE COL MUSCO COMDR CIAMPINO
AIRFIELD AND COL PAGLIACCI DEPUTY COMDR CMM CAPT MONTANA OF ROME
CONTROL CMM SEVERAL VISITORS AND OTHER CONTROL TOWER OPERATORS
PD IDENTIFY OF RADAR PERSONNEL UNKNOWN PD SEVEN CLN WEA LESS THAN
ONE EIGHTH CLOUD OVER WATER TO WEST WINDS 6000FT 330 DEG 15 L
10000 FT 330 DEG 12K CMM 16000 FT 310 DEG 25K CMM 20000 FT 320
DEG 23K CMM 30000 FT 320 DEG 30K CMM 50,000FT 310 DEG 13K CMM
30000 FT UNK PD CIG UNL CMM VIS 25 MI CMM CLOUD NIL CMM NO
THUNDERSTORMS PD EIGHT CLN UNKNOWN PD NINE CLN NIL PD TEN CLN
NIL PD ELEVEN CLN NIL PD TWELVE CLN COMDR WEA DET 29-6 PD
WOULD NOT APPEAR TO BE RADIOSONDE PD
18/1323Z SEP JFPDS

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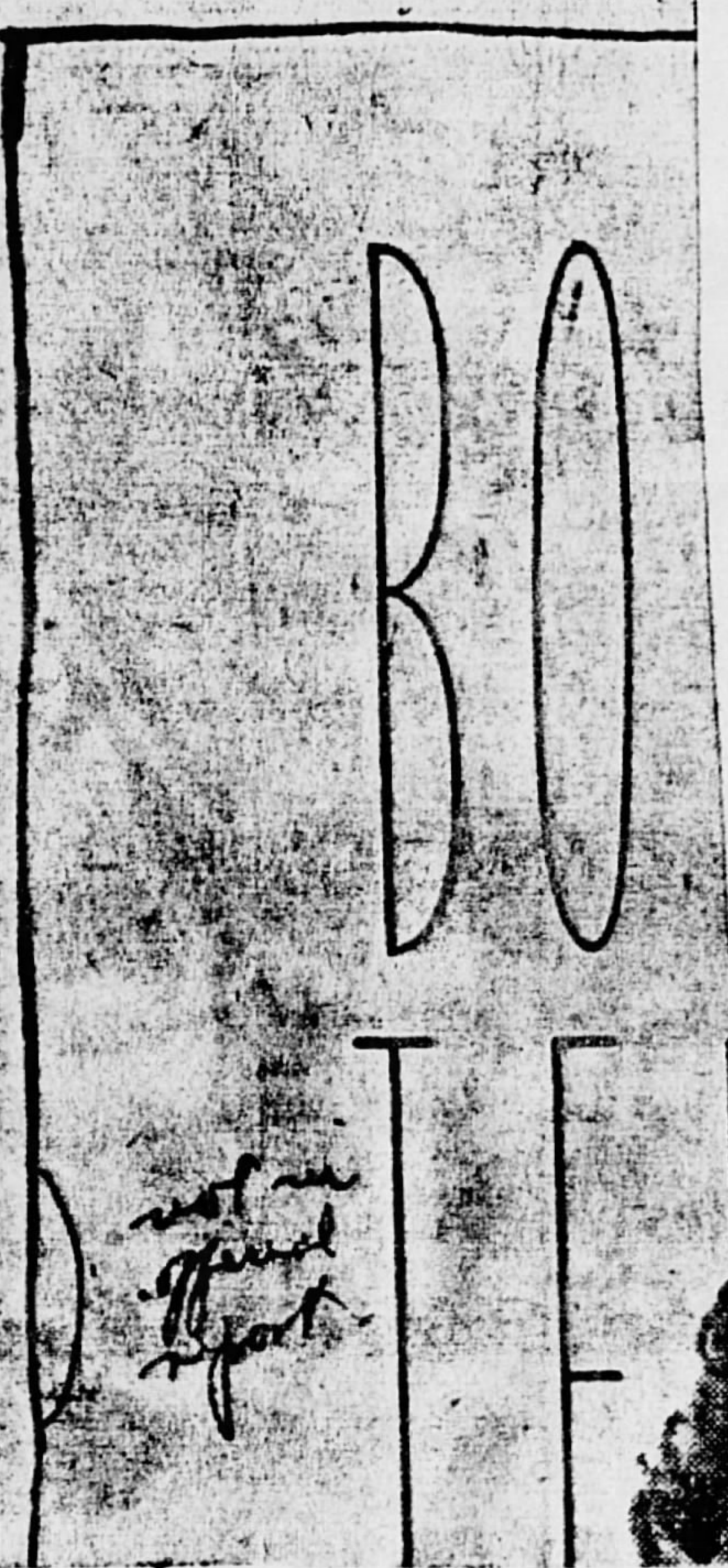
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This is not the first pipe line to be built from the coast to the Alaskan interior. A three-inch line built from Skagway to Fairbanks via Whitehorse during World War II as part of the Canol project is still in partial operation.

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ROME, Sept. 18 (AP)—Startled Romans who saw a strange cigar-shaped object streaking over this capital last night flooded newspaper offices with anxious calls. Radar operators also reported picking up the object on their instruments.

Technicians at Ciampino airfield outside Rome described it as a "half-cigar" which appeared at one instant to plummet toward the earth for more than 1,000 feet, then rose at tremendous speed and finally vanished, moving northwest.

Port Opens to Japan



No Case (Information Only)

18 Sep 54
Rome, Italy

Source: CRIFO Newsletter 1 Oct 1954

C-23, Rome, Italy ... 9/18/54) A.P. Wire: Startled Romans who saw a strange cigar-shaped object streaking over the capital flooded newspaper offices with calls. Radar operators also reported picking up the missile on instruments. Technicians at Ciampino Airfield described the "half-cigar" as plummeting toward earth for more than 1000 ft., then rising at tremendous speed before vanishing. (Thanks to George Popowitch, Barberton, Ohio.)

An INS release by eyewitness Michael Chinigo states: "What attracted my attention was the strange sound as it passed overhead. It was like thunder with a staccato effect ... a series of explosions that grew louder as the object got closer. This was followed by a dead silence as the thing stopped, or appeared to, at a height of about 6000 ft. Suddenly it shot upward and left an exhaust trail of milky white smoke. It went straight up into the sky. The Defense Dept. described it as a 'clipped cone' with a smaller surface on the bottom, or as two semi-circular disks, one bigger than the other, with a bigger one on top. To me it seemed like an inverted sawed-off cone. What was strange was the object's ability to 'park' in mid-air for several minutes. The radar station at Rome which picked up the 'cigar' or 'cone' said it registered for 30 minutes." (Thanks to Warren Morse, Palo Alto, Calif.)

Editor's Note: Significant here is the AP and INS release. First they break us the news on the Labrador sighting in July, then silence, then the Norwegian space man story in August, now Italy. Foreign sightings all -- a subtle preparation.

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