

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 22 April 1955		2. LOCATION Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 23/0201Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☒ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION approx 4 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE stationary	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object, round, sharply outlined, white, solid, was observed to stand still for one minute and then rise slowly.		11. COMMENTS Investigated by Flight 3f, 4602d AISS, with the following conclusion: UFOB sighted was a Piper Cub.			

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/A/ ROUND

/B/ BASKETBALL

/C/ WHITE

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/F/ STOOD STILL FOR 2 SECONDS AND THEN ROSE VERY SLOW

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/A/ LIGHT IN THE SKY

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/D/ STOOD STILL FOR SEVERAL SECONDS AND THEN ROSE VERY SLOW OBSERVED
AT ABOUT 5000 FT.

/E/ WAS JUST LIKE TURNING OFF LIGHT

/F/ THREE MINUTES

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/A/ GROUND-VISUAL

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/A/ 23/3210Z

/B/ NIGHT

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/A/ NM 45.13 JERSEY SHORE PA.

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/A/ [REDACTED]

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/B/

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/A/ AVP CLEAR 15 MILES VISIBILITY 0000Z

SWF 5000 SCATTERED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND SCATTERED FOUR MILES
VISIBILITY 013. Z

AVP ACT AVAILABLE 0230Z

SWF TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND SCATTERED FOUR MILES VISIBILITY 023. Z
THUNDERSTORM 133 MILES EAST OF JERSEY SHORE PA.

1/ 270/15K

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/C/ AVP CLEAR SWF 5000 SCATTERED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND SCATTERED

D/ AVP 15 MILES SWF 4 MILES

/E/ FOUR TENTHS

/F/ THUNDERSTORM 133 MILES EAST OF JERSEY SHORE PA.

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3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 23/0201Z April 1955 GMT _____		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Approx four (4) Minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One (1)			
		9. COURSE Stationary			
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SUBJECT IISS			
AREA REPORTED ON JERSEY SHORE, PENNSYLVANIA, USA		FROM (NAME) Flight 31-16026 AISS	
DATE OF REPORT 27 April 1955	DATE OF INFORMATION 22 April 1955	EXPLANATION	
PREPARED BY (Name) CHARLES B COPAS, 1st Lt, USAF		SOURCE [REDACTED] and others	
REFERENCE (Name, Title, Agency, Location, Date, etc. if applicable) Telephone Conversation with HQ 16026 AISS, St. George 200-2			
SUMMARY (One paragraph summary of report, including title, date, location, etc. if applicable) I. CONVENTIONS: PART ONE: Description of sighting by [REDACTED] Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania. (GUM 1135) PART TWO: Description of sighting by [REDACTED] Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania. (GUM 1135) PART THREE: Supplementary Investigative Efforts PART FOUR: Comments of Preparing Office II. SUMMARY: One (1) Unidentified Flying Object was sighted by two (2) CAC observers at 230210Z April 1955, east of Jersey Shore, Pa (GUM 1135), and subsequently reported. An investigation was conducted at Jersey Shore, Pa by personnel from Flight 31-16026 AISS, and supplementary investigative efforts were made through agencies in the Pittsburgh as well as Jersey Shore, Pa areas. The information contained in this report was obtained through these investigations. III. INVESTIGATORS: 1ST LT CHARLES B COPAS ID 1910819 1/SGT PAUL E WENDELL AF 13079881 1/2C MICHAEL E SHERRILL AF 16417885			
		Charles B Copas CHARLES B COPAS 1st Lt, USAF Asst Officer in Charge	
		APPROVED:  JOHN M. WHITE, JR. Colonel, USAF Commander	
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I. SOURCE:

Address: [REDACTED] Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania

Age: 22

Occupation: Writer in Hockey Hall

Education: 8 years Grade School

4 years High School

Qualifications: FOG Observer for past six (6) months, one (1) enlistment in USAF (4 years) as musician

II. RELIABILITY: Source answered questions without hesitation, and seemed to be sure of his answers. He appeared to be intelligent, is a trained FOG Observer who is highly regarded at his unit, and is also a former Air Force man. The information given by Source is considered to be reliable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: Source a member of FOG at Jersey Shore, Pa (6-JUNE-113) while on duty 22 April 1955 and at 230210Z April observe an unidentified flying object to the east of his post. Source stated that there was no moon, light, a clear sky, and that the object was round, fuzzy or blurred, and appeared much brighter than the background of the sky. Source stated that object appeared to stand still for about sixty (60) seconds and then to rise slowly for about three (3) minutes and disappear. No sound was heard at this time. Source observed this with naked eye. He stated that object appeared to him like an automobile light at a distance of one (1) mile. Source estimated the real size of the object as fifty (50) feet in diameter. He further stated that it gave the same appearance as a single aircraft landing light. Source had seen an object similar to this in February 1955.

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I. SOURCE

Address: [REDACTED] Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania

Age: 46

Occupation: Housewife and Stenographer

Education: 8 years Grade School

4 years High School

Qualifications: GOC Observer for four (4) years

II. RELIABILITY: Source is trained GOC Observer, gave the impression of being competent in her work. Source answered questions intelligently and without hesitation. Therefore, the information received from Source is considered to be reliable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: Source, a GOC Observer, while on duty 22 April 1955, Jersey Shore, Pa (GJMM 4413) stepped outside the post and to the east noticed an unidentified flying object in the sky. Source stated that the time was 230210Z April 1955 and that there were only a few stars, no moonlight (pitch black) and no aircraft heard flying at that time. Source states object was round, sharply outlined, white, and appeared to be solid. Object appeared to stand still, then rise up slowly and then disappear. Total elapsed time during her observation was ten (10) minutes. Source stated that object was brighter than background of sky and gave the appearance of an automobile light at a distance of one (1) mile. Source stated that object just blinked out and looked like a big spotlight. Source has no opinion what object was or what might have caused it.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS

1. Williamsport Airport Weather Bureau. Information received from the weather bureau at Williamsport, Pa (GUM 0515), located sixteen (16) miles east of Jersey Shore, Pa (GUM 5513), indicated the following, which was compiled between 230125Z April 55 and 230226Z April 55:

- (1) Wind direction 290 degrees - 50 knots at altitude 6,000 feet.
- (2) Wind direction 280 degrees - 39 knots at altitude 10,000 feet.
- (3) Ceiling - unlimited.
- (4) Visibility - 12 miles.
- (5) Cloud cover - zero.
- (6) No thunderstorms observed in area.

One (1) weather balloon, color red, weight 30 grams, with standard electric lighting, was released at 230240Z April 55. It was observed for seventeen (17) minutes until 230257 April 55. Balloon continued to rise in easterly direction until out of sight.

2. Greater Pittsburgh Airport Weather Bureau. Weather report for Williamsport - Jersey Shore area received from Greater Pittsburgh Airport Weather Bureau was the same as that indicated under paragraph 1 for the same period.

3. Allegheny Observatory, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa (GUM 2701). Allegheny Observatory reported that no observations had been made during evening of 22 April 1955.

4. 665th ACGW Squadron, Benton, Pa (GUM 6112). A check made through Operations, 71st Fighter Interceptor Squadron, Greater Pittsburgh Airport to 665th ACGW Squadron indicated negative results for period of reported UFOB sighting.

5. CAA Office, Williamsport Airport, Williamsport, Pa (GUM 0505). A check made at the CAA Office, Williamsport Airport, indicated that no flight plans for any small aircraft were filed for area of UFOB sighting during time of sighting. However, the CAA Office stated that the weather was VFR during the period of the reported UFOB sighting, and that it was possible for small aircraft to be flying locally without a flight plan being filed.

6. Lock Haven Airport, Lock Haven, Pa (GUM 3405). A check was made for aircraft in the area of sighting at time of sighting. Negative results.

7. Mr. Thomas Deacon, a member of the Williamsport, Pa Weather Bureau, who was contacted by a Flight 3E investigator, stated that he had observed a small Piper Cruiser aircraft flying around to the west of Williamsport in the general area of the reported UFOB sighting from Jersey Shore, at the time of the reported UFOB sighting (230210Z April). Mr. Deacon further stated that one of the aircraft's navigation lights was out. He wasn't certain but he thought that the red light was out. A check was made with CAA to determine who owned a Piper Cruiser aircraft in the Williamsport area. It was determined that a local flying club owned a Piper Cruiser and that a member of the club had been flying in it in the area of the UFOB sighting at the time of the UFOB sighting. An investigator from Flight 3E then contacted the member Mr. Bobby Jacques whose statement follows in paragraph 8.

8. Mr. Bobby Jacques, Lycoming Creek Road, Williamsport, Pa, told the Flight 3E Investigator that he had been flying a Piper Cruiser over the area of Newberry, Pa (GUM 5513), approximately two (2) miles west of Williamsport, Pa between

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approximately 230215Z and 230230Z April 1955. He could not give the exact time that he was in this area since he had not filed a flight plan. He stated that his navigation lights were functioning. He stated he checked them on take-off and on landing, but also stated that there had been trouble with one of the navigation lights (red one) going off and on. He stated, however, that to the best of his knowledge, the lights were all functioning during the entire period of his flight.

9. Check with Flight Service Center, Olmstead AFB, Pa. Negative results. Base Operations, Greater Pittsburgh Airport, has been unable to obtain the requested information from Airways Traffic Control Center, Idlewild Airport, New York through Flight Service Center, Olmstead AFB, Pa to date (27 April 1955), due to the heavy IFR weather in the New York-Pennsylvania area during the past week and the resulting heavy work load on Airways Traffic Control Center personnel, facilities etc.

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COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. It is the opinion of the preparing officer that the unidentified flying object sighted and reported by the two (2) Air Observers, whose descriptions of the object are contained in this report, was a light aircraft, specifically the Piper Cruiser, piloted by Mr. [REDACTED] Williamsport, Pa. and described in paragraphs 7 and 8 of Part Three. Supplementary Investigative Efforts, the specific reasons for this opinion are the following:

a. Place:

Both of the Observers state that the object was seen east of Jersey Shore, Pa. The aircraft known to be aloft at the approximate time of the sighting was over Newbury, Pa. which is approximately fourteen (14) miles east of Jersey Shore, Pa. CONCLUSION: The light aircraft described above was definitely at the place where the UFOB was observed.

b. Time:

Both observers state that the object was sighted at 230210Z April 1955. One observer [REDACTED] states that she observed the object for a period of ten (10) minutes. The other observer [REDACTED] states that he observed it for three (3) minutes. The pilot of the aircraft states that his aircraft was over Newbury, Pa. between approximately 230215Z and 230230Z April 1955. (See Part Three, para 8). Mr. Deacon of the Williamsport Weather Bureau stated that the aircraft was definitely in the area of the reported UFOB sighting at 230210Z April 1955. (See Part Three, para 7). CONCLUSION: The light aircraft described above was definitely at the place of the UFOB sighting at the time of the sighting.

c. Nature of the Light:

One observer (Mr. Schall) stated that in his opinion the light might have been caused by a helicopter or plane with a spotlight that it disappeared "as you would turn out a light". The other observer (Mrs. Wandell) stated that she had no opinion regarding what this object was but she indicated that she had seen an object like the one reported "about a year ago". She further stated, "it turned out to be a plane". She also stated that the light "just blinked out". Mr. Deacon (See Part Three, para 7) indicated that one of the aircraft navigation lights was out when he observed it. The pilot of the aircraft (See Part Three, para 8) stated that all of the lights on the aircraft were functioning during the flight to the best of his knowledge, but also indicated that there had been trouble with one of the lights (red) going off and on. CONCLUSION: It is highly probable that the light described by the two (2) observers was the light given off by the navigational lights of a slow moving aircraft at a distance of from ten (10) to fifteen (15) miles with one light blinking off and on at irregular intervals. With the time and place of the aircraft established, it is the opinion of the preparing officer that the light described definitely was the light given off by the above described light aircraft's navigational lights, with one light blinking off and on at irregular intervals.

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d. Movement of the Object:

Both observers state that the object appeared to stand still and then to move slowly upward and then disappeared. CONCLUSION: The movement observed was that of the light given off by the navigational lights of the slow moving aircraft described above, possibly "disappearing" when the aircraft made a turn and/or light went out.

e. Negative Results of Supplemental Investigative Efforts:

As a result of the supplemental investigative efforts made by Flight 3E, no object or aircraft other than the aircraft described in Part Three, para 7 and 8 (Piper Cubes piloted by Lt. [REDACTED] Will Transport, Pa) has been placed in the area of UHOB sighting at the time of UHOB sighting. CONCLUSION: Aircraft described above was only flying object at place of sighting at time of sighting.

Charles B. Copas
CHARLES B. COPAS
1st Lt., USAF
Acting Officer in Charge

COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Concur with the opinion of the Preparing Officer that sighting was the result of observing distressed aircraft.

John