

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 18 January 1956		2. LOCATION Itazuke, Japan		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 18/0100Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 45 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE southerly	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING White, appearing to have shape of project balloon at 40000 ft. moving fast. No smoke, no contrail.			11. COMMENTS Object moving in opposite direction of sighting. Probable balloon sighting.	

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ITAZUKE, JAPAN, 18/0620Z. FIRST PARA IS ERROR. THIS IS NOT
INTERFERENCE REPORT. "BALCON MESSAGE NUMBER 261. ATTN INTELLIGENCE
OFFICERS A. INTERFERENCE REPORT. B. UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OR MOVING
OBJECT. C. 18/0100Z APPROX. D. 41.30 N 139.0 E. E. A MOVING OR
FLYING OBJECT TRAVELING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION, OBSERVED DIRECTLY
ABOVE CENTER 40. OBJECT SEEN BY CAPT OWENS, SEATED IN LEFT SEAT
AND 1 LT WILDER, FLYING IN RIGHT SEAT. CAPT OWENS STATE STATED
OBJECT WAS NOT AIRCRAFT AND MOVING FAST ABOUT 1000 FEET ABOVE,
DISAPPEARING IN APPROX 15 SECONDS. CENTER 40 WAS ON NOR IERLY
HEASING AT THE TIME. LT WILDER STATED OBJECT WAS SEEN FOR APPROX
45 SECONDS DIRECTLY OVERHEAD AT ALTITUDE HIGHER THAN 15000 FEET
AND MOVING SOUTH. OBJECT LOOKED WHITE, APPEARING TO HAVE SHAPE
OF PROJECT BALLOON WHEN AT 40000 FEET BUT MOVING FAST IN OPPOSITE
DIRECTION OF AIRCRAFT. WEATHER ABOVE WAS CLEAR. NO CONTRAILS OR SMOKE
OBSERVED IN WAKE. 2 E AIRCRAFT WERE OBSERVED BELOW AND TO THE RIGHT
ABOUT 20 MILES AWAY AT THE TIME." THIS HQ HAS NO RECORD OF UNIDENTIFIED
BALLOON BEING IN AREA AT TIME. MSG WAS TRANSMITTED TO DET 1, 746
TRP CARRON (M), JOHNSON AB, JAPAN. INTEL OFFICER, THAT SQDN, HAS
BEEN DIRECTED TO INFORM BASE INTEL OFFICER, JOHNSON, AND TO COORD
IN PROCESSING FURTHER REPORTS
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COUNTRY JAP. M	REPORT NO 1746-6-57	(LEADER NUMBER) AF 729956
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT REPORTED SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OR MOVING OBJECT		
DATE OF REPORT 19 Jan. 56	DATE OF INFORMATION 18 Jan. 56	EVALUATION C-2
PREPARED BY EDMUND T. PAWELEK C.FT.		SOURCE INTERROGATION OF AIRCRAFT
REFERENCES (Enter number, date, title, previous report, etc., as applicable) N/A		
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.)		

1. While flying on a mission on Project 119-L, the crew of aircraft Center 40 sighted an object above their aircraft traveling in an opposite direction during daylight hours.

2. The object appeared to have motion. It was first seen directly above the aircraft at an unknown azimuth and the two estimates of length of time in sight varied from 15 seconds to 45 seconds. The two observers' estimate of the object's height varied from 1,000 feet above the aircraft to well over 5,000 feet.

3. The shape of the object was described by one observer as that of a weather balloon as it appears to the eye at 40,000 feet.

4. No significance can be attached to this sighting because of the lack of helpful details.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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DET-1-74th T.O.S. APO #994

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1. The aircraft commander and co-pilot of aircraft Center 40, of Detachment 1-74th Troop Carrier Squadron, based at Itazuke, Japan reported the sighting of an unidentified flying or moving object. Center 40 was flying a mission on Project 119-L. Capt. Owens, Edward J., AO 818203, the aircraft commander, stated he saw an object, which was not an aircraft, moving directly overhead, about 1,000 feet above his aircraft and in the opposite direction at approximately 18/0100Z. He estimated the sighting lasted approximately 15 seconds while his aircraft was on a northerly heading. The weather was clear at the time.

2. 1st Lieutenant Wilder, Richard A., AO 3022511, the co-pilot, stated he observed a fast moving object at an altitude much higher than 15,000 feet, directly overhead and traveling on a southerly heading, i.e., opposite the heading of his aircraft. Object looked white and appeared to have the shape of a large weather balloon when at 40,000 feet. He stated that the sighting lasted approximately 45 seconds. He observed nothing in the object's wake. Lt. Wilder stated his aircraft was at 10,000 feet at the time, the weather above was clear and the date/time group was 18/0100Z. He observed two EASY (CODE) aircraft below his level and about twenty miles to the right at the time.

3. 2nd Lt. Smith, William W., AO 3076593, the navigator, stated he did not observe anything unusual but extracted the following information from his log: aircraft position at 18/0100Z - 139.00E; flight altitude - 10,000 feet; heading 340°; airspeed approximately 30 knots (true).

4. COMMENTS OF APPROVING OFFICER: The observation by the aircraft commander should not be considered. Capt. Owens was taken to the Base Dispensary after landing and retained there for observation. The flight surgeon diagnosed his trouble as hyperventilation caused by unknown factors. Lt. Wilder's estimate of the altitude is too vague to deduce the size of the object.

5. Signature of preparing officer:

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COMMENTS OF APPROVING OFFICER: No comments.