

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 26 June 1957	2. LOCATION McKeesport, Pennsylvania		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 26/2355Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 to 5 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS threeeq	9. COURSE W to E	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Three objects, circular, slightly oval then elongated when disappearing, size of baseball, color white silverish. Two objects in lead one following. Red light flashed once on trailing object. IT 33 vectored to area reported many #F-84 National Guard and many light a/c in area, 2 hrs after sighting reported.		11. COMMENTS Near vicinity of greater Pittsburgh airport. Light planes in area. Evaluated as possible a/c.	

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/UNCLASSIFIED/FROM FS42INT 6-490. UFOB REF AFR 200-2 PARA 7D

REQUIRED INFO FOLLOWS: 1 A CIRCULAR, SLIGHTLY OVAL AT FIRST

THEN ELONGATED WHEN DISAPPEARING. 1B BASEBALL. 1C WHITE SILVER

ISH. 1D THREE. 1E VICTOR, TWO LEAD, ONE TRAIL. 1F UFOB RE-

FLECTED SUNLIGHT. 1G NONE. 1H NO SOUND. 1I A RED LIGHT

FLASHED ONCE ON TOP CENTER OF TRAILING UFOB AS UFOB DISAPPEARED

INTO DARK CLOUD. 2A HAPPENED TO LOOK AT SKY FROM BACK-DOOR OF

HOUSE. 2B APRX 45/SOUTH. 2C APRX 50/SSE. 2D MOVED IN A FLOATING

MOTION WEST TO EAST, STRAIGHT FLIGHT PATH, AND APPEARED TO MOVE

FASTER BEFORE DISAPPEARING. 2E INTO A DARK CLOUD. 2F THREE TO

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FIVE MINUTES. 3A GROUND VISUAL. 3B NONE . 3C NONE. (2623550000U

JUNE 57. 4B DAY. 5 OBSERVER'S RESIDENCE, THREE MILES ESE OF ALLEGHENY
COUNTY APRT, PITTSBURGH, PA. 6A MRS JEA [REDACTED], AGE 24, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], PORT VUE, MCKEESPORT PA, HOUSEWIFE. 6B N/A. 7A ONE

LARGE WHITE, AND ONE LARGE BLACK CLOUD IN AREA OF UFOB WITH BLUE

SKY BACKGROUND. 7B SFC-220/8K 6M-190/12K, 10M-250/17K,

16M-240/27K, 29M-230/29K, 30M-250/19K, 50M-240/29K,

60M- NEGATIVE. 7C HIGH BROKEN. 7D 15 MILES PLUS.

7E MORE THAN 5/10, NOT GREATER THAN 9/10. 7F NONE.

8 NONE. 9 NONE. 10 T-33 PILOT, THIS STA, ON ROUTINE

TRAINING FLIGHT, DIVERTED TO AREA OF UFOB SIGHTING

APRX TWO HOURS AFTER APPERANCE OF UFOB, AND REPORTED

NATIONAL GUARD F-84 ACFT AND CONSIDERABLE LIGHT PLANE

ACTIVITY IN THE AREA. 11 CAPT, INTEL OFFICER, 42D

FIGHTER INTCP SQ. SOURCE COULD NOT MAKE DEFINITE

STATEMENTS ON DIRECTIONS AND ELEVATION. SHE STATED

THAT SHE OBSERVED JETS THE FOLLOWING DAY THAT SEEMED

TO MOGE IN THESAME MANNER AS UFOB, HOWEVER, SHE ALSO

ASSERTED THAT WHAT SHE SAW WAS NOT ACFT OR BALOONS.

BECAUSE OF ACFT ACTIVITY IN THE AREA, AND THE FACT

THAT NO OTHER SOURCES REPORTED UFOB, THE OBJECTS

WERE POSSIBLY AIRCRAFT. 12 NONE. END

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28/1850Z JUN RJEDBW

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT

UFO

AREA REPORTED ON

McKeesport Area, Pa.

FROM (Agency)

Hq 54th Ftr Grp (AD), Gtr Pgh Airt, Pa.

DATE OF REPORT

2 July 1957

DATE OF INFORMATION

28 June 1957

EVALUATION

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PREPARED BY (Officer)

Captain Paul M. Madashkevich

SOURCE

Mrs. [redacted]

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

AFR 200-2, AFR 200-7

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

This investigator has been unable to determine what was responsible for the sighting by Mrs. [redacted]. Experience has shown that the area in which Mrs. [redacted] lives is responsible for the majority of the "Flying Saucer" reports received by this station. The steel mills in the McKeesport area produce vast quantities of dust, which, with the proper combination of twilight and artificial illumination often produce peculiar sights. I consider it very probable that this is what Mrs. Pollard and Mrs. Dodd saw.

12. None.

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Pub. a/c
A 71c comment:
Misinterpretation of
object - influenced by
A 71c comment:
UFO films and belief
in "saucers" from
a/c in the
area may have
contributed to
sighting.

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1. Description of objects:

- a. Round at first, flattening out as distance increased.
- b. Size equivalent to orange or grapefruit held at arms length.
- c. White metallic.
- d. Three
- e. Triangular. Two preceding; one following. One of the leading pair looked as if it might be the shadow of the other.
- f. None
- g. None
- h. None
- i. None

2. Description of course of objects:

- a. Observer glanced up and saw it.
- b. 35-40 degrees above horizon. Azimuth 170 degrees.
- c. 35-40 degrees above horizon. Azimuth 090 degrees.
- d. Objects appeared to be climbing straight ahead of their course.
- e. Passed out of sight.
- f. Two to five minutes.

SW to NG

3. Manner of observation:

- a. Ground-visual
- b. None
- c. None

4. Time and date of sighting:

- a. 2400Z, 27 June 1957.
- b. Dusk

5. 40 Degrees, 20 minutes North; 79 Degrees, 47 minutes West.

6. Identifying information of all observers.

- a. Civilian - Mrs. [redacted] Age - 24. Address - [redacted] Boulevard, Port Vue, Pa. Occupation - Housewife. Civilian - [redacted] Age - Approximately 45, not given) Address - [redacted] Duquesne, Pa. Research Lab Association

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b. N/A

7. Weather and winds-aloft conditions at the time of sighting.

a. Clear with a few clouds visible to the east.

b. 6,000'-220/24 10,000'-220/20 16,000'-230/23
20,000'-230/27 30,000'-260/36 50,000'-260/23
80,000'-N/A

c. Above 20,000'

d. 15 plus.

e. Over 5/10ths cover.

f. None

8. None.

9. None

10. Four F-84 type aircraft and one T-33 were airborne at the time.

11. Captain Paul N. Nedashkevich, Assistant Base Operations Officer: I received the report of this sighting at 1530 EST on 27 June 1957, and proceeded to contact Mrs. [redacted] for an appointment. I interviewed Mrs. [redacted] on 28 June 1957 and received the attached statement. I also interviewed Mrs. [redacted], who had been present at the time. Mrs. [redacted] believed that there was a natural explanation for the sighting. She did not wish to make a formal statement or to be involved in anyway. She did concur with the statement made by Mrs. [redacted]. Mrs. [redacted] impressed me as being a reliable observer although her interpretation of her observations might be open to doubt. She related her sighting to flying saucers she had seen in a science-fiction movie and said they were exactly alike.

I then contacted the Ground Observer Corps but there was no record of a sighting by any of their members. Contact with Air Traffic Control revealed that the Greater Pittsburgh Control Tower had a report of Unidentified Flying Objects in the McKeesport area at about 2020 EST. Mr. [redacted], Airways Operations Supervisor, who was in the control tower at the time stated that the only unusual blip on his radar scope turned out to be an inbound F-84F. He believed that this might have been the cause of some of the confusion. Upon contacting Silverstone, I received the report that they had investigated the report of the Greater Pittsburgh control tower and had vectored Vanguard Target and Vanguard 11 to the scene. The pilots of these aircraft reported that the lights from the steel mills in the McKeesport area might have been responsible for the reports. S/Sgt Harry McIntyre stated that he had worked the radar scopes that night and had been unable to find anything unusual that might account for the reports. Contact with the Weather Bureau revealed that no weather balloons had been released in the area at the times in question. This was reported by Mr. Robert Fulton, Observer at Greater Pittsburgh Airport, Weather Bureau.

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I was sitting on the porch in back of the house. I glanced up and saw one round white object. It looked very unusual because it was large and round and I could see it clearly. It didn't look like anything I had ever seen before. It looked like what I had seen in the movie "UFO." I said jokingly "Look a flying saucer." I stood up and saw two more in back of it and I became excited and said to my mother-in-law, "What are they?" I said this several times. My mother-in-law saw them and couldn't recognize them either. She said she didn't know what they were. I ran out in the yard to see them better and saw a reddish burst of light from one of them. It was as red as lipstick. Then I saw a silver or metallic gleam. That's what made me get so interested. Then I thought I'd better get a picture of them and I ran into the house for a camera. When I came out they were still there but I couldn't get the camera focused. I dropped the camera because I wanted to keep watching them. Then we watched them until they were out of sight.

I was sure they weren't airplanes because I see many planes every day. I know what jets look like and I'm sure these weren't jets. I saw them very clearly and very sharply. They looked about the size of an orange or a grapefruit.

B/ Mrs. ~~James P. [redacted]~~

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