

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 14 September 1957		2. LOCATION Osan AFB, Korea		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 14/1010Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 40 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE SE to NW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING White, pea-sized object observed at night near Osan AFB. Had brilliant white light - moved and hovered erratically.				11. COMMENTS Wind detector shows winds from SE at that time. Object moved with winds. Numerous Korean & Japanese WX units with balloon schedule SE of Osan. A similar object reported from this base was conclusively identified as a balloon.	

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Object Report (UFOB)		
AREA REPORTED ON Osan Air Base, South Korea	FROM (Agency) Intelligence, 314th Air Division	
DATE OF REPORT 24 September 1957	DATE OF INFORMATION 16 September 1957	EVALUATION A-2
PREPARED BY (Officer) JOHN K. HRDINA, CAPT, USAF	SOURCE USAF Officers	

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

AFR 200-2 & FRAF Supplement to AFR 200-2

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.)

On 14 September 1957, an unidentified flying object was observed by USAF officers at Osan Air Base.

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None INCL.

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1. a. star shaped *← apparently caused by the balloons moving in light.*
 - b. pea
 - c. white
 - d. one
 - e. n/a
 - f. n/a
 - g. tail observed only when in zenith position
 - h. none
 - i. extreme bright light
2. a. witness glanced in sky and noticed white light
 - b. 15 degrees and 146 degrees azimuth
 - c. 15 degrees and 347 degrees azimuth
 - d. erratic path - light moved rapidly in a westerly direction, hovered, stopped all movement for a little while, moved in either a northerly or southerly direction, stopped and hovered, then continued in the westerly direction. *← moved from*
 - e. lost sight-object faded away with distance *← typical balloon characteristics*
 - f. 40 minutes *← note duration -*
3. a. ground-visual
 - b. none
 - c. n/a
4. a. 1010Z, 14 September 1957
 - b. night
5. K-55, South Korea, OSAN AIR BASE 3706N/12705E
6. a. n/a
 - b. *[REDACTED]* Colonel USAF, 58th Air Base Group
[REDACTED] Jr, Major USAF, 58th Air Base Group
[REDACTED], Captain USAF, 58th Air Base Group
7. a. unlimited and calm
 - b. 1024/Z - on surface: clear, visibility unlimited *← Note! Winds from S.E. (i.e. Lower half of Japan Sea sector 3, H.O. 206 in Ocean Balloon)*

6,000 feet:	110 degrees at 15 knots
10,000 feet:	calm
16,000 feet:	calm

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7. b. Con't

20,000 feet: 290 degrees at 22 knots
30,000 feet: 270 degrees at 36 knots
50,000 feet: 260 degrees at 51 knots
70,000 feet: 270 degrees at 23 knots
80,000 feet: not available

c. unlimited

d. unlimited

e. none

f. no thunderstorms in area or quadrant in the knowledge of the weather station.

8. none known

9. none

10. one C-47 type aircraft landed at K-55 at 1040Z, 14 September 1957

11. Captain John K. Hrdina, Chief, Operational Intelligence.

This is the first report of this nature since 1954. Some observers were immediately of the opinion that the object was a weather balloon. A check of the weather stations in the vicinity of Osan indicated that no weather balloons were released in the area at such a time as to have been visible at the time of the incident. On 3 October 1957, the reporting officer observed the same phenomenon at 2000I. An investigation of this incident revealed:

a. The light came from a battery-operated lamp attached to a weather balloon.

b. Weather balloons are scheduled for release at 2000I but there is considerable local deviation from the schedule.

Previous reports on similar incidents have been prepared by 8th District OSI. Report numbers and dates are:

a. EEI - 49-55-10B-2-1, 25 June 1954.

b. EEI - 49-55-10B-2-2, 25 June 1954.

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All indications here are that the object was a balloon.