

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 30 Jan 58		2. LOCATION 25- Mi SW of Tokyo, Japan		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Poss Missile</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>not given</u> GMT _____		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Flashes - $\frac{1}{2}$ sec duration		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS twelve		9. COURSE flashes	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Flashes of light sighted on three separate occasions in groups of 5, 4, and three. Flashes were described as being yellow to yellow-orange, between the size of a basketball & a bushel basket. Flashes were stationary of $\frac{1}{2}$ sec duration.				11. COMMENTS After investigation, it was determined this may have been test missile firing.	

Memo for Case file

1. Japan recently fired ~~as~~
rockets with a plastic body.
2. The plastic rocket, first
of its kind, is reported fired
from a balloon.
3. It is not known whether the
balloon is "free" or "anchored".
However, as these are presumably
test firings, it is believed
the balloon may have been
anchored - and hence stationary.
4. Report states the purpose of
these rockets is upper atmosphere
research.

Capt. Gregory

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COUNTRY JAPAN	REPORT NO. IR-1-53	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL LIGHTS BY USAF PILOTS		
AREA REPORTED ON JAPAN	FROM (Agency) DOC-I, Hq 41st AIR DIV. APO 994	
DATE OF REPORT 31 Jan 58	DATE OF INFORMATION 30 Jan 58	EVALUATION B-2
PREPARED BY (Name) JOHN F. KEATING, T/Sgt, USAF	SOURCE Maj. H.M. Carr, USAF Maj. C.F. Gray, USAF	
REFERENCES (Control number, direction, previous report, etc., as applicable)		

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.)

While on a routine training flight from Johnson AB, Japan, on 30 Jan 58, sources sighted a total of 12 unusual lights on three separate occasions. These lights were on a heading of 200° at a range of more than fifty miles.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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DOC-I 41st AIR DIV.	IR-1-58	2		

1. On 30 Jan 58, Maj. Herbert M. Carr, 16249A, and Maj. Clayton F. Gray, AO 437330 were flying a T-33 aircraft approximately 25 miles SW of Tokyo, Japan when they sighted a total of 12 unusual lights south of them. These lights were sighted on three separate occasions in groups of 5, 3, and 4. Flashes were described as being yellow to yellow-orange in color, between the size of a basket ball and a bushell basket. Flashes were of approximately 1/2-second's durruration, and sharply defined. Flashes were stationary as opposed to moving like a rocket.

2. Chronology:

1812I: sighted five unusual flashes at intervals of from 5 to 8 seconds. Appeared to be on the surface. Upper two-thirds of a circle visible. A/C (T-33) at 30,000 ft. heading 180° in vicinity of Zama RB. Visibility unlimited thin cloud layer at 10,000 ft, flat on top. Maj. Gray at controls, Maj. Carr IP.

1830I: A/C directly over Zama RB heading 330° Maj Carr at controls 3 identical flashes sighted in same position. Range estimated at at least 50 miles possibly much farther.

1855I: A/C approximately 25 mi NE of Johnson AB, Due N of Tokyo on heading of 270° Maj. Carr at controls. Four additional flashes observed. Maj. Carr turned nose of A/C directly toward flashes. New heading 200°. Flashes appeared to be on the same level as T-33 or possibly higher.

3. Description of Sources:

Major Herbert M. Carr, 16249A is assigned to Hq 41st Air Div as Assistant Chief of Maintenance, Director of Materiel. Graduated Pilot Training Jan 44. 16 years service. 2,600 hours flying time, approximately 450 in jets. Qualified in T-33, F-80, F-84, and F-86F A/C. Senior Pilot. 2 years college at Southern Methodist University. 34 years old.

Major Clayton F. Gray, AO 437330 is assigned to Hq 41st Air Division as Assistant Chief, Plans and Programs, Director of Operations. Graduated Pilot Training Feb 42. 10 years active service, 6 years inactive. 3,800 hours flying time, 200 hours jet (all in T-33), 700 hours combat in B-29. Senior Pilot. AB in Economics from Dartmouth in 1941. 39 years old.

4. Comments of preparing officer: Recent reports received in this office state that the Japanese Defense Agency was establishing a missile test facility on the southern end of NII JIMA approximately 60 nautical miles south of Zama RB. This could account for this sighting. (SECRET)

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