

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 22 Apr 58		2. LOCATION Spangdahlem AFB, Germany		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 22/1730Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☒ Probably Aircraft & contrail ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military		☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE NE		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Sphere about seventy two feet in diameter, luminous w/black smoke contrail. Appeared to fade out. Obj about size of RB-66 a/c.			11. COMMENTS There was an RB-66 A/C in the area at that time. This is probably obj sighted.		

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22/1730Z

Multi

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UNCLAS THIS IS A UFOB MESSAGE.

(A) ROUND
UNCLAS LIKE LUMINOUS SHAPE ABOUT SIZE OF RB-66 AIRCRAFT.

(B) SPHERE ABOUT SEVENTY TWO FEET IN DIAMETER.

(C) WHITE LUMINOUS FOLLOWED BY BLACK SMOKE CONTRAIL.

(D) ONE

(E) N/A

(F) SEE ABOVE

(G) BLACK SMOKE CONTRAIL.

(H) NEGATIVE

(I) N/A

See * item
3C. Below

How was this determined?
Special instruments
used?

Note: CHARACTERISTIC
OF COMBUSTION
ENGINE

Note, Good clue! Indicates
Combustion engine
etc

MOON

Clue

HAZE OR CLOUD
COVER

OBSERVING A/C

UNKNOWN A/C

Diffused appearance
of a/c moving through
hazy, clouds, etc.

RECONSTRUCTION
OF PROBABLE
INCIDENT
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2 (A) OBJECT WAS FIRST SIGHTED BY PILOT AND PILOT ALERTED OTHER CREW MEMBERS.

(B) OBJECT APPEARED ABOUT FORTY FIVE DEGREES BELOW THE AIRCRAFT IN THE TEN O'CLOCK POSITION.

(C) SAME AS B.

(D) AIRCRAFT WAS AT THIRTY SIX FIVE HUNDRED FEET AND OBJECT'S FLIGHT PATH WAS STREIGHT AND LEVEL ON SAME HEADING.

(E) SUBJECT ~~BEFORE~~ APPEARED TO FADE OUT.

(F) APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTES; *blue*

3 (A) AIR VISUAL

(B) NEGATIVE

(C) RB-66 54-459, THIRTY SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED FEET, ZERO THREE ZERO, TAS FOUR FIFTY, SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, GERMANY.

4 ((-) 221730Z APR 58 1730-1 = 1630

(B) DUSK

5 (A) 48.04 DEGREES NORTH 06.02 DEGREES EAST

6 (A) N/A

(B) BLEDSE, CARROLL H. CAPTAIN 42ND TRS PILOT

CLYATT, WILLIAM L. JR. CAPTAIN 42ND TRS ECM OBS

ANTICOLI, ^{LOUIS WMT} 1978 3-28 1/1T 42ND T TRS ECM OBS

* NOTE:

There was

an RB-66 in the location at that time (See 1st item of this report - I.I. Chover states diff. shape & size of RB-66.)

Not time of sighting,
(considered the worst for
ability to sight and interpret
properly) — DUSK

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FITZGERALD, THOMAS J. 1/LT 42ND TRS NAV

RISPOLI, JOHN J. 1/LT 42ND TPS ECM OBS

SUMPTER, THOMAS W. JR. 1/LT 42ND TRS ECM OBS

MATHIS, CLARENCE R. S/SGT 42ND TRS GUNNER

ALL OF THESE PERSONNEL ARE QUALIFIED, RATED PERSONNEL AND ARE
CONSIDERED (B) USUALLY RELIABLE.

7 (A) AND UNDERCAST CONDITION EXISTED WITH TOPS APPROXIMATE-
LY AT TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED FEET.

(B) CHAUMONT AIR FORCE BASE WEATHER STATION REPORTED IN
ITS TWELVE O'CLOCK OBSERVATION SURFACE WINDS LIGHT AND VAIRA-
ABLE, SIX THOUSAND FOOT WINDS 350/5 TEN THOUSAND 310/10
SIXTEEN TTOUSAND 340/10 TWENTY THOUSAND 350/10 THIRTY THOU-
SAND 030/15 FIFTY THOUSAND JWIPXQT

(C) PILOT WAS ABOVE THE UNDERCAST AND REPORTED ONLY HAZE
ABOVE WITH TEN TO FIFTY MILES VISABILITY.

(E) N/A

(F) NEGATIVE

8 (A) PILOT REPORTED THAT OBJECT APPEARED WHILE OVER (SOLID HAZE
UNDERCAST AND FADED OUT WHEN AIR CRAFT BROKE UNTO THE CLEAR.
THE GUNNER AGAIN REPORTED THE OBJECT AFTER FIRST SIGHTING

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DURING PENETRATION AT SPANGDAHLEM AIR FORCE BASE AT 1904Z.

9 AS OBJECT MAINTAINED A STRAIGHT AND LEVEL FLIGHT PATH
PILOT MANOEUVURED AIRCRAFT FROM ONE SIDE OF THE OBJECT TO THE
OTHER IN ORDER THAT ALL OBSERVERS MIGHT VIEW THE OBJECT
10 THERE WAS NO OTHER AIR TRAFFIC IN THE AREA.

11 INTELLIGENCE OFFICER 42ND TRS. THIS SIGHTING WAS VARI-
FIED BY SEVEN CREW MEMBERS, THE DISTANCE FROM THE AIRCRAFT
VARIED AMONG THE OBSERVERS. THE OBJECT WAS DESCRIBED AS
SIMILAR TO A LUMINOUS PUFFY WHITE CLOUD FOLLOWED BY A TRAIL
OF BLACK SMOKE. ALTHOUGH THIS SIGHTING COULD HAVE BEEN A
REFLECTION FROM THE CLOUDS OF THE AIRCRAFT SHADOW SEVERAL

CHANGES OF HEADING FROM 030 TO 210 DEGREES FAILED CHANGE
THE REPORTED SHAPE FROM SEVERAL DIFFERENT POSITIONS. THE
POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA NOT SEEN BY THE
CREWMEMBERS CAN NOT BE EXCLUDED. IT IS BELIEVED PROBABLE
BY THE CREWMEMBERS THAT THE SIGHTING WAS CAUSED BY METEOROLOG-
ICAL CONDITIONS NEVER BEFORE OBSERVED BY THEM. THE PREPAR-
ING OFFICER CONCURS, WITH THIS BELIEF.

BT

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Comment:

Handed off to
reports of what
light from an aircraft at the
noon. Can do by way
of reflections inside an
overcast or haze. The
reflection will invariably
be puffy or fuzzy - never
clearly outlined - depending
on the density of the haze, clouds
or light source.

ATK Conclusion: Prob. A/C

- 1 - Object, as admitted by observer,
shaped + looked like RB-46
jet -/C
- 2 - RB-46 was in that location
- 3 - Dark, adverse cloud and
sighting conditions exist
in the area - as described -
- 4 - detail in report
does not support this premise.
- 5 - most reportedly that
jet -/C heading in contact
if over a mile and more
from a dark - not often
and very unusual appearance

Clear! under
construction
gauge

Concur:
Very good
Hypothesis, under
the circumstances

Being in the same condition
as observed by RB-46, conditions observed