

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>11 September 1958</u>		2. LOCATION <u>Near Hopa, Turkey</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Ground-Ground Fire</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>11/2155Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE <u>Military</u>			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>6 minutes</u>		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>clusters</u>		9. COURSE <u>N/A</u>	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Projectile left ground & proceeded over water at elev of approx 300ft. As obj left ground it separated into cluster of 6-9 bright red fireball objs which were vixible approx 4 secs then disappeared. Three series of these objs at 30 second intervals.				11. COMMENTS Time lapse & duration of each series typical of tracers fm large guns.	

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THIS MSG IN 4 PARTS.

PART 1. FOL CONCERNING UFOB OR PROJECTILES ON USSR/TURK

BORDER IS SUMMARY OF IR-590-8. SOURCE IS USAF OFFICER AND FIELD
EVALUATION A-2.

PART 2. AT 2115Z ON 11 SEP SOURCE OBSERVED FROM DECK OF
SURFACE VESSEL APPROACHING PORT OF HOPA, TURKEY SEARCHLIGHTS AND

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PARAPHRASE NOT REQUIRED EXCEPT PRIOR TO
CATEGORY B ENCRYPTION--PHYSICALLY REMOVE
ALL INTERNAL REFERENCES BY DATE-TIME GROUP
PRIOR TO DECLASSIFICATION

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UNIDENTIFIED SERIES OF FLYING OBJECTS ON USSR SIDE OF TURK/USSR
BORDER. ACTIVITY WAS LOCATED AT 4133N 4132E. WHILE WATCHING
SEARCHLIGHTS SOURCE NOTICED UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT OR PROJECTILE
LEAVE GROUND FROM SEARCHLIGHT AREA PROCEED OVER WATER AT ELEVATION
OF APPROX 300 FT. AS OBJECT LEFT GROUND IT SEPARATED INTO CLUSTER
OF 6-9 BRIGHT RED FIREBALL OBJECTS WHICH WERE VISIBLE APPROX 4
SECONDS THEN DISAPPEARED. EFFECT SIMILAR TO 4TH JULY FIREWORKS.
3 SERIES THESE OBJECTS OBSERVED 30 SECOND INTERVALS BEGINNING 2155Z.
NO OTHER OBJECTS OBSERVED UNTIL 2145Z AT WHICH TIME 1 CLUSTER SEEN
AND ANOTHER CLUSTER OBSERVED AT 2150Z AT WHICH TIME SOURCE WENT
BELOW DECKS.

PART 3. ALL OBSERVATIONS UNRESTRICTED AS MADE OVER WATER.

NO SOUNDS ACCOMPANIED OBJECTS. ACFT WERE NOT SEEN OR HEARD DURING
OPERATION. WEATHER CLEAR AND NO MOON. DURING OBSERVATIONS SEARCH-
LIGHTS AT SAME LOCATION BEING DIRECTED INTERMITTENTLY SKYWARD AND
HORIZONTALLY OVER BOTH WATER AND LAND.

PART 4. FELD: SINCE 1 JUL 58 THIS IS 7TH TRIP SOURCE
MADE TO THIS LOCATION ARRIVING SURFACE VESSEL AT SAME HR ON EACH VISIT.
WHILE SEARCHLIGHTS OBSERVED PREVIOUSLY THIS FIRST OCCASION THIS
PHENOMENON OBSERVED UNQUOTE
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4E2: says the time lapse and duration
of each series is typical of tracers from
large guns.

Other

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By: ~~Quintanilla~~
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Country: USSR
Subject: (CONFIDENTIAL) UNIDENTIFIED FLYING
OBJECT NEAR USSR/TURK BORDER
Source: USAF Officer
Preparing Officer: Joseph A. Burt, Lt
Colonel, USAF

Set 1/1, Card 1/2

Info Spec: TK/zcw

Distr: 4A2a/4A2c/4F1/4F3-2 cys/4B/4B1a

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MC #: None

AF #: 1200208

Rpt #: IR-590-58

Agency: Air Attache, Turkey

D.R.: 16 Sep 1958

D.I.: 11 Sep 1958

Eval: A-2

Ref: BAIR 460T

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1. On the night of 11 September 1958, source - a USAF Officer - observed the following activity of searchlights and unidentified flying objects or projectiles on the USSR/Turk border. Refer to page 2 for pinpoint location.

a. At 2315 hours on 11 September 1958 source observed, from the deck of a surface vessel approaching the Port of HOPA, Turkey, searchlights and an unidentified series of flying objects on the USSR border approximately halfway between HOPA - BATUMI, Russia. While watching the searchlights, source noticed an unidentified object or projectile leave the ground from the searchlight area, proceed out over the water at an elevation of approximately 300'. As the object left the ground it separated into a cluster of six-eight bright red fireball objects.

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MC #: None

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The objects were visible for approximately four seconds, then disappeared. The effect was similar to fireworks displayed at Fourth of July celebrations. There were three series of these objects observed at 30-second intervals, beginning at 2315 hours. No other objects were observed until 2345 hours, (2145Z) at which time only one cluster was seen; another cluster was seen at 2350 hours, at which time source went below decks.

b. All observations were unrestricted as they were made over water. Source heard no sounds accompany these objects, nor did he see or hear aircraft in flight during their operation. The weather was clear and there was no moon.

c. During the time the objects were observed the searchlights were being directed intermittently skyward and horizontally both over water and land.

2. COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER: Since 1 July 1958, this is the seventh trip source has made to this location arriving by surface vessel at the same hour on each visit. While searchlights have been observed previously, this is the first occasion on which source observed this phenomenon.

December 19, 1958

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ORIGINATING AGENCY

Air Attache, Turkey

IR-590-58

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+ 4230 D
4230 E

Overlay to WAC
324 (BLACK SEA EAST)
Showing Location of SEARCHLIGHTS
And unidentified PROSECILES OR
Flying objects

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Location of Activity → USSR
• HOPA TURKEY

+ 4100 N
4100 E

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