

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 18 January, 1960	2. LOCATION Gulf of Mexico		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other <u>Anomalous Prop.</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>12/2255Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☒ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 18 Seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	9. COURSE E to W	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING B-52 Radar picked up object with estimated speed of 10-14,000 mph on collision course at 38,000 ft with heading of 060 deg. Air speed at time was 440 kts. Object bearing 20 deg on inbound track and 240 deg after passing a/c. Initial pickup on one radar at 60 nm. After passing a/c followed by second radar with 2 sec sweep and followed for 6 seconds with pickup at 1,500 yds, 5,000 yds and 9,000 yds. No meteorological inversion. No other a/c in area and not picked up by ground Radar.		11. COMMENTS Consultation with Mr. Bryant of TDE-1 and his belief was that the object was interference from within the A/C due to the collision course and the fact that the object was not picked up by ground Radar. Considered to be caused by anomalous propagation.	

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AFCIN-4E2

SUBJECT: Radar Sighting

22 January 1960

TO: AFCIN-4E1

The attached UFO report is submitted to your office for evaluation.

Richard R. Shoop
RICHARD R. SHOOP
Colonel, USAF
AFCIN-4E

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UNCLASSIFIED FROM DCOI 2504. DAYWIGHT.

ACTION: ADC, 20ADIV, ATIC, HQ USAF, SAF. INFO: SAC, 2AF,
4AIRDIV. SUBJ: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS. MEPSAGE TRANSMITTED

IAW INSTRUCTIONS IN AFR 220-2 UFO. A. (1) FOUR CREW MEMBERS

OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A LARGE OBLONG OBJECT ON TWO

RADARSCOPES. (2) OBJECT ABOUT THREE, 3, TIMES THE SIZE OF A

B-52 PRESENTATION ON AN ASB-4 RADARSCOPE. (3) COLOR NOT

OBSERVED SINCE OBJECT APPEARED ELECTRONICALLY. (4) SINGLE OBJECT.

(5) FORMATION N/A. (6) NO DETAILS OTHER THAN OBLONG SHAPE.

(7) NO TAIL, TRAIL OR EXHAUST OBSERVED. (8) ELECTRONICALLY

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OBSERVED, NO SOUND. (9) OBJECT TRAVELING BROADSIDE, RATHER THAN HEAD AND STERN. B. (1) OBSERVERS FIRST NOTED OBJECT TRAVELING AT A TERRIFIC RATE OF SPEED, ESTIMATED TO BE 13,000 TO 14,000 KNOTS, ON WHAT APPEARED TO BE A COLLISION COURSE FROM 65 NM SCOPE RANGE TO 25 DEGREES LEFT OF THE CENTER OF AIRCRAFT, IN 15 SECONDS. (2) WHEN FIRST OBSERVED OBJECT APPEARED TO BE TRAVELING AT SAME ALTITUDE ON HEADING OF 220 DEGREES. (3) WHEN LAST OBSERVED TAIL GUNNER HAD PICKED-UP OBJECT AS IT PASSED AIRCRAFT AND DISAPPEARED ALMOST INSTANTANEOUSLY ON A HEADING OF 240 DEGREES. (4) FLIGHT PATH OF OBJECT APPEARED HEAD-ON IN STRAIGHT FLIGHT PASSING THROUGH CENTER OF NAVIGATORS SCOPE IN A BROADSIDE FLIGHT PATTERN. (5) OBJECT DISAPPEARED ALMOST INSTANTANEOUSLY AFTER PASSING AIRCRAFT IN WESTERLY DIRECTION. (6) OBJECT WAS OBSERVED FOR 15 SECONDS BY THREE OBSERVERS ON THE ASB-4 AND REPEATER SKOPES AND ABOUT 6 SECONDS OR 3 SWEEPS ON THE TAIL GUNNERS SCOPE. C. (1) OBSERVATION WAS AIR ELECTRONICS ONLY - PICKED UP ON ASB-4 AND REPEATER SCOPE AND MD-9 RADARSCOPE. (2) NO OTHER OPTICAL AIDS USED. (3) OBSERVATION WAS OBSERVED ON RADAR ONLY, OF B-52 AIRCRAFT NUMBER 570072 AT 38,000 FEET, ON A HEADING OF

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263 DEGREES, TRUE AIR SPEED 442 KNOTS. HOME STATION BARKSDALE AFB, LA. D. (1) DATE TIME GROUP OF SIGHTING 18/2255Z. (2) LIGHT CONDITIONS WERE DAYLIGHT. E.S(1) APPROXIMATE LOCATION 2745N-9545W OVER WATER APPROXIMATELY SOUTH OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE DANGER AREA W223.

F. MILITARY PERSONNEL:

VAN ZANDT, RICHARD D., 1ST LT., 436BS, NAVIGATOR.

NISLE, ARTHUR L., 1ST LT., 436BS, RADAR OFFICER.

WALLACE, JOHN N., JR., CAPT., 3928 S.S.G., INSTR. NAV.

FERRELL, EDWARD E., S/SGT. 436BS, GUNNER.

ALL PERSONNEL ARE CONSIDERED COMPLETELY RELIABLE. G. WEATHER CLEAR, WINDS FROM 263 DEGREES AT 132 KNOTS, TEMPERATURE MINUS 45 DEGREESD CENTIGRADE, CORRECTED AT ALTITUDE INDICATED. H. NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITIES OR CONDITIONS AT TIME OF SIGHTING. I. SIGHTING REPORTED TO "TAPE WORM" GCI, ABOUT 15 MINUTES AFTER SIGHTING-TAPEWORM REPORTED NO OBSERVATION OR UNUSUAL ACTIVITY. J. B-52 ONLY AIRCRAFT CLEARED FOR RANGE AT TIME OF SIGHTING-FACT CONFIRMED BY GCI. ONLY OTHER AIRCRAFT IN AREA HAD ALREADY CLEARED THE RANGE AND WAS HEADING IN WESTERLY DIRECTION-HOWEVER NO VISUALLY OBSERVED. K. REPORT PREPARED BY 4238TH STRATEGIC WING INTELLIGENCE OFFICER. NO FURTHER

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COMMENT NOR ANALYSIS OTHER THAN NATURAL PHENOMENON OR PERHAPS
INTERFERENCE FROM GCI STATIONS IN VICINITY. "NOTAMS" FOR W223 WERE
CHECKED PLUS TAPE WORN CLEARED AIRCRAFT ON TO THE RANGE. DETACHMENT
11, 26TH WEATHER SQUADRON AT BARKSDALE AFB, LA. WAS CHECKED FOR
WEATHER CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING FOR USUAL CONDITIONS
PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING: JET STREAM APPROXIMATELY 140 NM NORTH OF
CORPUS CHRISTIE, MAXIMUM WIND 140 TO 150 KNOTS BROKEN CIRRUS, BASES
32,000 FEET TOPS 42,000 FEET IN LAYERS. L. NO PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN IN
EXCITEMENT OF INCIDENT BUT WAS OBSERVED BY TWO DIFFERENT RADAR SCOPES
BY FOUR COMPETENT OBSERVERS NO VISUAL SIGHTING WAS OBSERVED BY
OTHER CREW MEMBERS.

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JOINT MESSAGEFORM				SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED			
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FROM: ATTC, W-P AFB						SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS	
TO: BARKSDALE AFB, LA <i>RJEBKL</i>							
/UNCLASSIFIED/FROM: AFCIN-4E2 <i>2-453-E</i>							
ATTN 4238 STRATWG. YOUR MSG DCOI 0504. REQ FOLLOWING INFO BE FWD THIS CENTER: WERE ANY RANGE READINGS AVAILABLE? WERE ANY LARGE SURVEILLANCE OR ACQUISITION RADAR OPERATING ON THE GROUND IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING? AS COMPLETE METEOROLOGICAL DATA AS POSSIBLE FOR THE AREA AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING.							
						DATE 8	TIME 1520
						MONTH FEB	YEAR 1960
WRITER	SYMBOL AFCIN-4E2			SIGNATURE <i>Philip G. Evans</i>			
	TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature, if required) Major Robert J. Friend			TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE			
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TO AIR TECHICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WPAFB

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UNCLAS FROM DCOI 1073. DAYLIGHT.

YOUR MSG AFCIN 4E2 2-453¹E. RANGE READINGS: THE AIRCRAFT
HEADING WAS 60 DEGREES. THE OBJECT FIRST APPEARED ON THE
ASB-4 AND REPEATER SCOPES AT RANGE 60 NAUTICAL MILES ON A 40
DEGREE TRUE BEARING FROM THE AIRCRAFT. THE OBJECT MOVED ON
A HEADING OF APPROXIMATELY 220 DEGREES DISAPPEARING INTO THE
CENTER OF THE SCOPES IN APPROXIMATELY 15 SECONDS WHAKPPT
APPARENTLY PASSED OVER OF UNDER THE AIRCRAFT. IT THEN APPEARED
ON THE TAIL GUNNER'S MD-9 RADAR SCOPE, WHICH HAS A 2 SECOND
SWEEP RATE. THE OBJECT PAINTED THREE TIMES, AT RANGES OF

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COORDINATION:

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APPROXIMATELY 1500 YARDS, 5000 YARDS, AND 9000 YARDS. THE ONLY KNOWN GROUND RADAR OPERATING IN THE VICINITY WAS "TAPE WORM" GCI. TAPE WORM WAS INFORMED OF THE SIGHTING BUT STATED THEY SAW NOTHING. WE UNDERSTAND THEIR SWEEP RATE IS 12 SECONDS, THEREFOR THE OBJECT WOULD NOT LIKELY HAVE APPEARED ON IT. THE ONLY AVAILABLE METEOROLOGICAL INFORMATION WAS INCLUDED IN THE ORIGINAL REPORT.

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26 January 1960

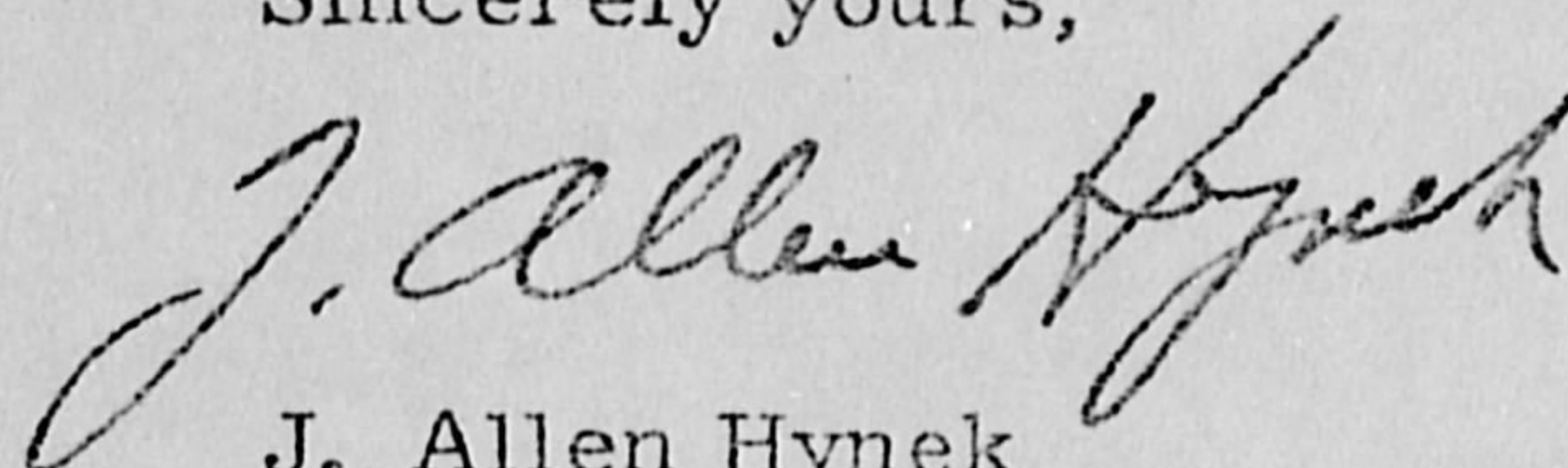
Major Robert J. Friend
ATIC
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Major Friend:

With reference to the anomalous radar sighting of which I took a transcript, I have checked with some of our radio astronomers and find that this might be a scattering phenomenon. In order to check this it is necessary to find out (as soon as possible, I hope) whether either of the radars had any range readings. Also, it is important to know whether there were any large surveillance or acquisition radars on the ground in the neighborhood. It is possible that there was a meteorological condition at the tropopause which was scattering the beam from a powerful ground radar. In this case, the radars on the plane would have observed a blip, but they would not have been able to get a series of range readings on it. Thus this information is rather crucial.

I will await further information from you on this before I take the matter up with ARDC.

Sincerely yours,



J. Allen Hynek
Associate Director

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P.S. There may be a bird on our next meeting. Our briefing for General Wray at WPAFB is set for Feb. 25 - I don't know how much time it will take. In any case, I will be with you the evening before, and we might have some time the next day. If I can't be with you for the whole panel meeting, I'm sure I could be with them for 1 hour anyway.