

MILITARY AIR (RIDDLE, Col.) PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 31 March, 1960		2. LOCATION 5-6 mi South Reims, France		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 1530Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military		☒ Was Astronomical Sub Sun ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 60 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE Stationary	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object similar to a spool of thread standing on flat surface, 10-12 ft tall, 6 ft in middle and 8-10 ft on ends. Top of disc was red, center white and bottom blue-green. Observer at 6,000 ft and passed object to left. Maintained same position and altitude while a/c continued on course. In view for 60 seconds.				11. COMMENTS Probably a sub-sun. Reflections from ice crystals in area considered as the probable cause. Observation made just as a/c cleared storm area.	

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PRIORITY

FM COMDR 56 TACRUG LACN FF

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TO ADC ENT AFB COLO

ATIC WPAFB OHIO

HQ USAF WASH 25 LC

USAF RAMSTEIN GER

17 AF RAMSTEIN

1-4E 2(UFO)

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4-4x2a

~~Authenticity~~

~~INFO~~

U N C L A S E F T O Y/WDC-14-334. FOR ADC, ATIC HQ USAF, USAF
(DCS/OPS), 17AF (DCS/OPS). IAW AFR 203 2 PARAGRAPH 15 THE FOLLOWING
UFO-REPORT IS SUBMITTED. A (1) OBJECT WAS SIMILAR IN SHAPE TO
A ROPE OF THREAD STANDING ON ONE OF ITS 2 FLAT SURFACES AND
APPROX 12-12 FT TALL. (2) TOP AND BOTTOM DISC'S WERE APPROXIMATELY
3 TO 12 FEET IN DIAMETER. CENTER CYLINDER APPROXIMATELY 6 FEET
WIDE WAS ROUND BUT POSSIBLY HEXAGONAL OR OCTAGONAL. (3) TOP
DISC WAS RED, CENTER CYLINDER WHITE, BOTTOM DISC BLuish-GREEN.
(4) 1 (5) N/A (6) METHOD OF ATTACHMENT OF DISC'S TO CENTER CYLINDER
COULD NOT BE DETERMINED. (7) NONE VIEWED (8) NONE HEARD (9) NIL

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B. (1) JUST CAME INTO VIEW (2) 6300 FEET-HEADING AT TIME OF CILING
WAS 201 DEGREES MAG. A/C PASSED TO RIGHT OF THE OBJECT. (3) OBJECT
APPEARED TO BE STATIONARY OR AT LEAST MOVED VERY SLOWLY. (4) APPEARED
TO MAINTAIN 1 POSITION AND SAME ALTITUDE. (5) PASSED OUT OF SIGHT
(6) 32 SECONDS CHARLIE (1) AIR-VISUAL (2) NO OPTICAL AIDS USED.
(3) C-47 (STALL 12), 6300, 261 DEGREES MAG 145 KNOTS, PHALSBOURG
AB, FRANCE. D. (1) 31/1533Z MAR (2) DAY ECHO. ALL
OBSERVERS WERE LOCATED IN C-47 A/C. C-119 AIRCRAFT ALMOST DIRECTLY
OVERHEAD AT 3200 FEET AT SAME TIME. HOWEVER IDENTIFICATION AND
DESTINATION UNKNOWN. LOCATION OF SIGHTING 3 TO 5 NM DUE SOUTH OF
REIMS, FRANCE. ATTEMPT TO PEN POINT LOCATION OF STALL 13'S POSITION
BY LAON AB RADAR FAILED. F (1) NIL (2) OBSERVERS OF OBJECT WERE:
COL KYLE RIDDLE, COMMANDER, 55 TACR WG, MAJOR J. BEASELY, DIR OPS/
TNG, 7486 ABGP, CAPT P. J. ROUHIER, ASST OPS OFFICER, 7486
ABGP, 1/LT A. N. GOOD, UNKNOWN, 7486 ABGP, CAPT P. E. STACK
DOCTOR MEDICAL CORP, 603 TAC HOSP, L/COL J. FISCHER, DIRECTOR
MAINTENANCE CONTROL, 66 TACR SQ, A/IC N. F. SANDERS, UNKNOWN,
7486 CAMRON, A/IC R. D. KORB, UNKNOWN, 7486 CAMRON. RELIABILITY OF
ALL OF THE ABOVE CANNOT BE DETERMINED HOWEVER GENERAL AGREEMENT
AS TO SIGHTING EXISTS. G (1) A/C HAD PASSED THROUGH STORM AREA

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PRIOR TO SIGHTING BUT WEATHER AT TIME OF SIGHTING CONSIDERED
GOOD. (2) NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME (3) WILL FOLLOW (4) UNLIMITED
BETWEEN A/C AND OBJECT (5) WILL FOLLOW (6) SCTRMS OCCURRED
APPROXIMATELY 1 HOUR OUT OF PHALSBURG ENROUTE TO LACN. FLIGHT
TIME ABOUT 1 HOUR 20 MINUTES. (7) WILL FOLLOW H. OBSERVERS FEEL
THAT OBJECT WAS NOT AN ASTRONOMICAL, METEOROLOGICAL, ETC.,
PHENOMENA BUT DEFINITELY A TANGIBLE OBJECT OF SOME SORT. I.
MINOR DEVIATION WAS MADE TO AVOID CONTACT WITH UFO. POSSIBILITY
OF ACTUAL COLLISION UNKNOWN. J. SEE ITEM F ABOVE. K. WING INTELLIGENCE
OFFICER. COMMENTS WILL FOLLOW. 1. NIL. END

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A sundog seen from a plane can suggest a spectacular and fantastic structure, like the one reported over Rheims, France, at 2:30 P.M. local time on March 31, 1960. The pilot and crew of a C-47 plane described the unknown as like a gigantic spool of thread some twelve feet tall. The neck of the spool, about six feet in diameter, seemed to be capped at top and bottom by disks eight or ten feet in diameter. The upper disk was reddish, the lower, blue-green. The plane was flying at 6000 feet and had just passed from a storm area into a region of calm with unlimited visibility. The UFO remained in view for about sixty seconds, then suddenly vanished. From an analysis of the data, the position of the unknown relative to the sun and the observers, and the weather situation, Air Force investigators positively identified the object as a mock sun [1].

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UFO ANALYSIS SHEET

Location 5-6 Mi. S. of Reims, France

Date 31 March 1960 Hour (Z) 1530Z

WX Good, vis unl between obs & obj

Description Object similar to thread spool standing on one of its flat surfaces, 10-12 ft tall 6 ft dia in middle and the ends 8-10 ft diameter. Top "disc" was red, center white and bottom "disc" bluish-green. Observer was at 6000' and passed to right of xxx object that appeared to be stationary (over)

Direction of Motion Stationary (?)

Satellite: (AFCIN-4F3, Phone 69219) Ruled out

Astronomical Phenomena (Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc) Prob Sub Sun

Radar Analysis (AFCIN-4E1) None

Natural Phenomena (Ball Lightning, etc) -----

Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc. Ruled out

Other -----

Evaluation of Source Reliability Prob reliable

Analysis and Conclusions: Probably Sub Sun/. Reflection from ice crystals ~~probably~~ in area considered possible cause. Altitude was 6,000 and observation made from C-47, just after clearing storm area.

Description conts:

or at least moved very slowly. It appeared to maintain the same position and altitude.
Passed out of sight. (who, the obj or obs?) Object viewed for 60 seconds.