

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 3 Feb 61		2. LOCATION Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical <i>Meteor</i> ☒ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1803 GMT 071703Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 8-12 Seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE SW-NE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round, almost pure white object, size of baseball held in hand at arms length. Appearance of large bright star, only much closer. No tail, trail, or exhaust observed. No sound heard. Estimated 35° angle approaching observation tower on estimated 055° heading at unknown elevation. Object disappeared at estimated 50° angle on estimated heading of 055°. Passed through opaque cloud with light remaining visible then into solid cloud to NE.				11. COMMENTS Object was moving to NE, or in a direction overtaking the Earth as it rotated. Speed of object rules out possibility that object was a satellite; therefore, object was probably a meteor, and duration of sighting was probably due to object overtaking the Earth.	

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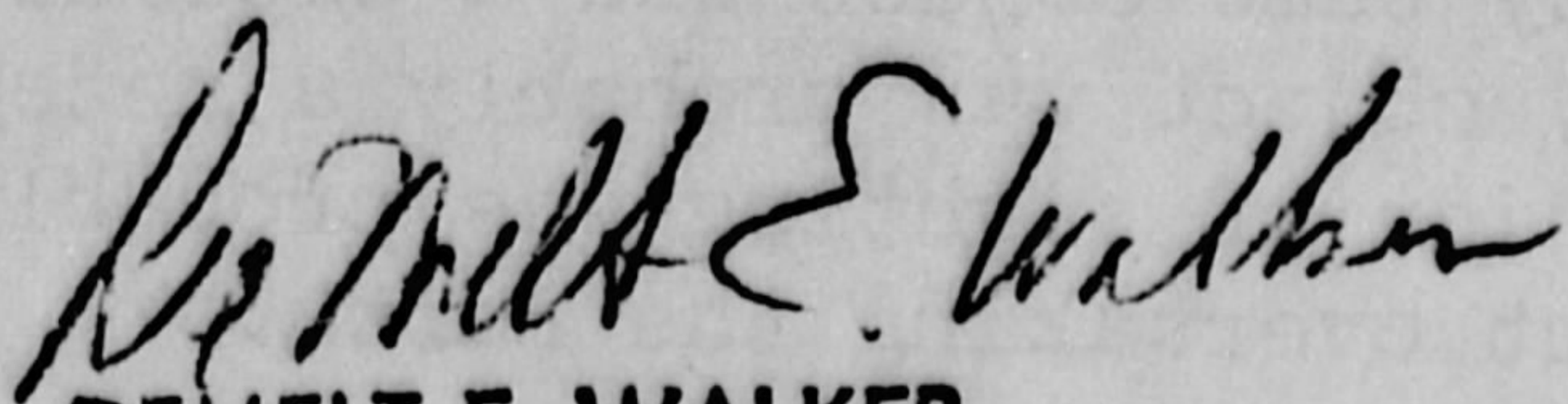
23 FEB 1961

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) Report

TO: Hq USAF (AFCIN)
Wash 25, D. C.

Transmitted herewith is an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) Report from Major William H. Todd, Commander, 7370th Flight Service Squadron (USAFE).

FOR THE COMMANDER



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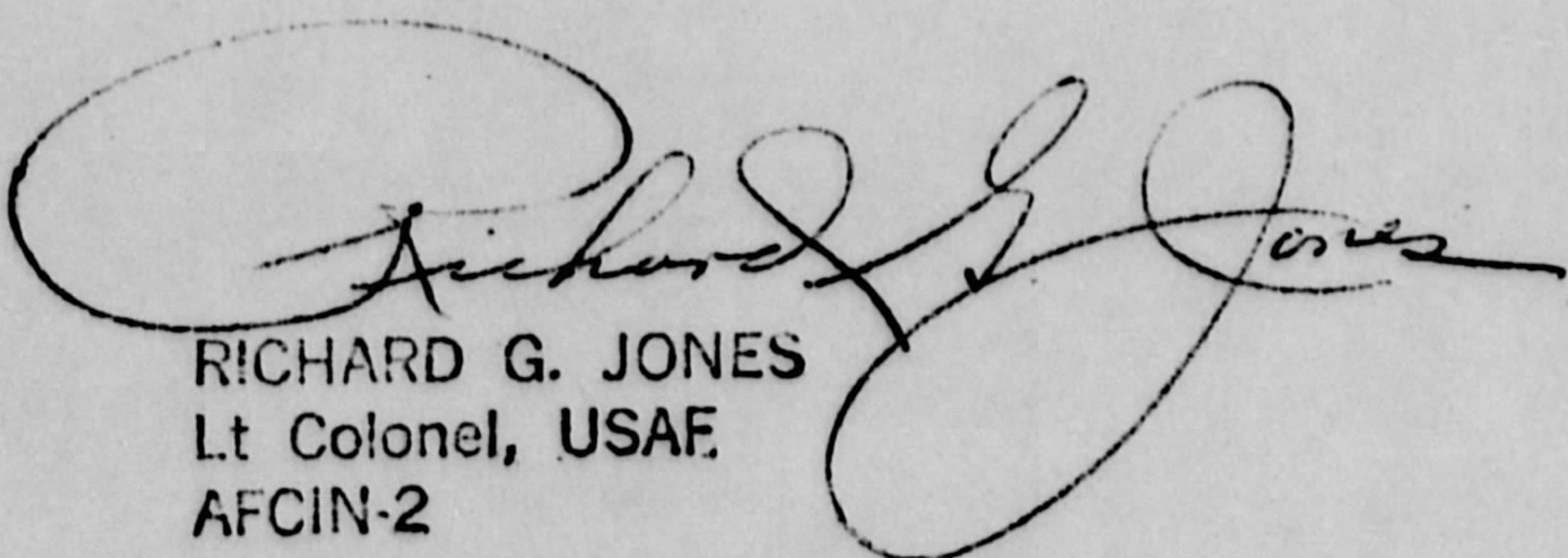
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For your information and any action deemed necessary.



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6 February 1961

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Commander-in-Chief
USAFE (ADVON)
ATTN: Director of Air Intelligence
APO 633, US Forces

1. The following report was taken from A3C Harris A. Cusick, AF11363560, 31st Weather Squadron, APO 123, 1800-1900Z, 3 February 1961.

a. Description of the object:

- (1) Round in shape.
- (2) Approximately the size of a baseball held in hand at arm's length.
- (3) Almost pure white (very bright).
- (4) Single object.
- (5) Single object.
- (6) Had the appearance of a large bright star, only much closer.
- (7) No tail, trail, or exhaust observed.
- (8) No sound was heard.
- (9) No other features observed.

b. Description of course of object:

- (1) At 1703-1704 zulu, the bright object was observed through window of weather observation tower to Southwest.
- (2) Estimated 35 degree angle approaching observation tower over Runway 23 (runway heading 235 degrees) on estimated 055 degree heading at unknown elevation. The weather observer is 5 feet, 11 1/2 inches tall and was facing directly toward Runway 23 in observation tower located 0.2NM on West side of approach end of Runway 23. Tower elevation is 1256 feet MSL.
- (3) Object disappeared at estimated 50 degree angle on estimated heading of 055 degrees.

(4) Object appeared to be traveling directly over Runway 23 on runway heading (235 degrees) from Southwest to Northeast (estimated 055 degrees) on direct course.

(5) Passed through opaque cloud with light remaining visible then into solid cloud to Northeast.

(6) Visible for an estimated 8 to 12 seconds.

c. Manner of observation:

(1) Ground visual (from Weather Observation Tower).

(2) No optical aids used.

(3) Not applicable.

d. Time and date of sighting:

(1) 1703 to 1704 zulu, 03 February 1961.

(2) Between dusk and dark, official sunset was 1628 zulu. There were clouds to the West; however, to the Southwest the sky was clear with some sunlight remaining.

e. Location of observer:

Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany (4959 North 0642 East). The actual observer was a US Air Force weather observer located in the Weather Observation Tower 0.2 nautical miles on the West side of the approach end of Runway 23 (4958 North 0642 East).

f. Identifying information on observer:

(1) Not applicable.

(2) Cusick, Harris A., A3C, Detachment 11, 31st Weather Squadron, USAF Weather Observer, information regarding the individual's reliability not available at this time.

g. Weather and winds - aloft conditions at time and place of sighting:

(1) 2500 feet scattered 6000 feet broken 6 nautical miles with ground fog wind calm.

(2) 25SCTD 60 BRKN 6 GF CALM. Winds aloft not available at Spangdahlem. Rhein Main Air Base forecaster (Captain Merfeld) furnished winds aloft as follows: 6000 feet 350/25, 10000 feet 350/30, 16000 feet 320/30, 20000 feet 320/35, 30000 feet 340/40, 50000 feet 300/25, and 80000 feet not available.

- (3) Ceiling 6000 feet.
- (4) Visibility - 6 nautical miles.
- (5) Total cloud cover 7/10th.
- (6) No thunderstorms.
- (7) Temperature gradient; vertical lapse rate 03 degrees per thousand feet, horizontal zero.

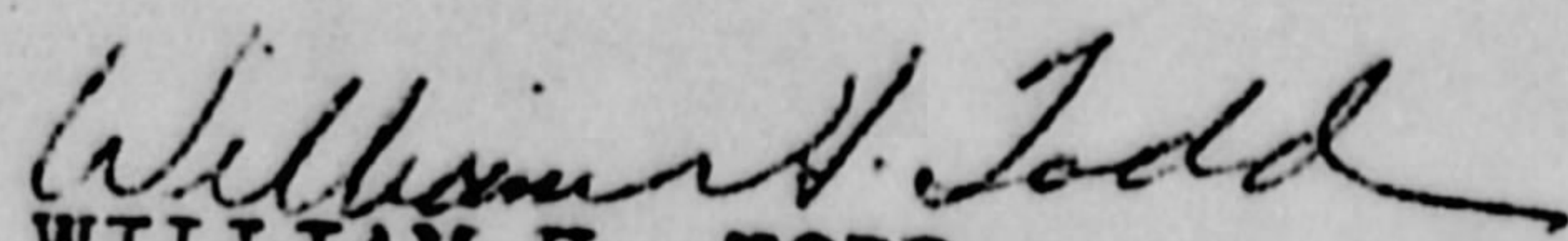
h. None reported.

i. None.

j. No known air traffic or balloon releases in the area at time of sighting.

k. Duty operations officer, Frankfurt Flight Service Center, located 76 nautical miles East of Spangdahlem has insufficient information upon which to analyze the sighting and make a logical explanation of the sighting.

l. No physical evidence exists.


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