

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 14 Sep 61		2. LOCATION Osan AFB, Korea		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☒ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1918 GMT 141048		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian MILITARY			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 12 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE Varied	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Objt of sighting was local area. Changes in color of light could be due to witnesses observing different light sources on a/c as its position changed. Witnesses probably observed a/c anti-collision lights and afterburner on alternate occasions, specifically afterburner, after a/c was to the SE. Wind direction, altitude of a/c, other ground noises, and presence of other a/c could account for absence of noise in association with objt. A/c could appear to be stationary if its flight path was along a radial which originated at location of observers. Absence of unidentified objts on radars in area tend to substantiate fact thah no unknown objts were in area. Fading of bright light fm afterburner as it was turned off and/or as inverted a/c changed position could be reason why witnesses felt objt was moving at a speed greater than an a/c. There is no info in report which would indicate that objt was not a/c. No evidence available indicating that objt was a threat to national security.				11. COMMENTS probably 1 of a/c operating in	

UFO ANALYSIS SHEET

Location OSAN AFB KOREA

Date (Local) 14 SEP 61 Hour (Local) 1918

Hour (Z Time Group) 14/1048

Satellite: (Det 5 ATIC, Ext 3279)

Astronomical Phenomena (Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc) ✓

Radar Analysis (AFCIN-4E1) NO UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS

APPEARED ON RADAR

Natural Phenomena (Ball Lightning, etc)

Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc POSSIBLY AIRCRAFT

Other

Evaluation of Source Reliability PROBABLY GOOD.

Analysis and Conclusions: IT IS PROBABLE THAT THE OBJECT OF THIS SIGHTING WAS ONE OF THE AIRCRAFT OPERATING IN THE LOCAL AREA. THE CHANGES IN COLOR OF THE LIGHT COULD BE DUE TO THE WITNESSES OBSERVING DIFFERENT LIGHT SOURCES ON THE AIRCRAFT AS ITS POSITION CHANGED. THE WITNESSES PROBABLY OBSERVED THE AIRCRAFT ANTI-COLLISION LIGHTS AND THE AFTER BURNER ON ALTERNATE OCCASIONS, SPECIFICALLY THE AFTER BURNER AFTER THE AIRCRAFT WAS TO THE SOUTHEAST. THE WIND DIRECTION, ALTITUDE OF THE AIRCRAFT, OTHER GROUND NOISES, AND THE PRESENCE OF OTHER AIRCRAFT COULD ACCOUNT FOR THE ABSENCE OF NOISE IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE OBJECT. THE AIRCRAFT COULD APPEAR

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TO BE STATIONARY IF ITS FLIGHT
PATH WAS ALONG A RADIAL WHICH
ORIGINATED AT THE LOCATION OF THE
OBSERVERS.

THE ABSENCE OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS
ON THE RADARS IN THE AREA TEND TO
SUBSTANTIATE THE FACT THAT NO UNKNOWN
OBJECTS WERE IN THE AREA.

FADING OF THE TRACHT LIGHT FROM
THE AFTERBURNER AS IT WAS TURNED OFF
AND/OR AS THE AIRCRAFT CHANGED POSITION
COULD BE THE REASON WHY THE WITNESSES
FELT THE OBJECT WAS MOVING AT A
SPEED GREATER THAN AN AIRCRAFT.

THERE IS NO INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT
WHICH WOULD INDICATE THAT THIS OBJECT
WAS ~~NOT~~ NOT AN AIRCRAFT.

THERE IS NO EVIDENCE AVAILABLE
WHICH WOULD INDICATE THAT THIS OBJECT
WAS A THREAT TO NATIONAL SECURITY.

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U N C L A S E F T O 314 DOCI 0040. UFO. HQ USAF FOR AFCIN. 1. THE FOLLOWING REPORT SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2, GPHDGHIMADE TO THE INTELLIGENCE DIVISION ON 18 SEPTEMBER 1961; BY OSI SPECIAL AGENTS HAYES AND HYDE. THEY WERE INTERVIEWED SEPARATELY AND WERE IN CLOSE AGREEMENT ON THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION A. (1) ROUND. (2) DIME. (3) WHITE, TURNING TO RED. (4) 1. (5) N/A (6) NO (7) NONE (8) NONE (9) NONE B. (1) LOOKING AT MOON 1ST THOUGHT AIRPLANE. (2) ELEVATION 30 DEGREE S, 270 DEGREE AZIMUTH. (3) ELEVATION 70 DEGREES 150 DEGREES AZIMUTH. (4) THE LIGHT MOVED VERY FAST AND BECAME BRIGHTER AS IT NEARED POINT OF

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HEAD. SKY BROKEN CLOUDY IN AREA OF MOON 270 DEGREES. NO CLOUDS
ALONG PATH OF FLIGHT. (2) SURFACE: 350/2, 6,000: 340/10, 10,000
280/20, 16,000: 270/40, 20,000: 240/65, 30,000: 230/75, 50,000:
260/60. L(EVLBWW 7493KEN HIGH OVERCAST (ABOVE 20,000 FT). (4) 5 MI
HAZE AND SMOKE. (5) OVERCAST 1070. (6) NONE. (7) 1.4 DEGREE C PER
1,000 FT NO INVERSIONS H NONE I NONE J. WEATHER BALLOON RELEA
SED AT 1103Z BALLOON CONTAINED WHITE LIGHT WITH INTENSITY OF FLASH
LIGHT AT 1053Z ONE T33 WAS IN THE AREA. AT 1055 TWO F-102'S WERE
IN THE AREA. NO UNKNOWS CARRIED ON GCI RADAR IN LOCAL AREA AT THIS
TIME THERE WERE NO HELICOPTERS IN THE AREA AT THIS TIME. K. PRE
PARING OFFICER 1LT BRUCE E. SMITH CHIEF OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE
314TH AIR DIVISION BOTH OBSERVERS STATED THEY HAD NOT BEEN DRINE-
AGING PRIOR TO THE SIGHTING AND SEEMED TO BE LOGICAL AND RELIABLE IN
DIVIDUALS. THEIR OSI INVESTIGATIVE DUTIES AND TRAINING SHOULD QUALI
FY THEM AS COMPETENT OBSERVERS. THERE IS NO OTHER VISUAIDVY ELECT
RONIC CORROBRATING EVIDENCE OF THIS OBJECT. AIR FORCE WEATHER
FORECASTERS INDICATED THAT NO METEROLOGICAL ACTIVITY DURING THE
PERIOD WOULD HAVE CAUSED THE SIGHTING, ALTHOUGH THE CHANGING FROM
WHITE TO EDDISH COLOR KUULD HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY THE SMOKE AND HAZE
IN THE AREA. 5HE CHIEF TOWER OPERATOR ON DUTY DID NOT SEE THE OB

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OBSERVATION. POSSIBILITY OF OBJECT BEING A JET AIRCRAFT OR HELICOPTER WAS DISCOUNTED DUE TO SPEED AND ALTITUDE. AS THE OBJECT CAM ACROSS THE SKY ITS FLIGHT PATH WAS NOT CONSTANTLY STRAIGHT FORWARD BUT APPEARED IRREGULAR IN BOTH SPEED AND DIRECTION. THE COLOR OF THE OBJECT CHANGED FROM WHITE TO REDDISH COLOR. AT ONE POINT THE OBJECT STOPPED WAS VERY BRILLIANT IN COLOR AND AT GREAT ALTITUDE. AFTER STAYING BASICALLY STATIONARY AND CONSTANT IN COLOR (WHITE) FOR APPROXIMATELY 2 TO 3 MINUTES, THE OBJECT BEGAN TO RISE IN 90 DEGREE VERTICAL FLIGHT NOW CHANGING COLOR. AS THE OBJECT WAS RISING A JET FIGHTER CAME OVER THE AREA APPROACHING THE BASE AT APPROXIMATELY 5000 FEET OR LESS. THE OBJECT THEN BEGAN FORWARD MOVEMENT AND THEN CHANGED DIRECTION 90 DEGREES, THEN CONTINUED ITS ORIGINAL DIRECTION TO THE EAST SOUTH EAST. IT'S LIGHT AT THIS POINT WAS BRILLIANT BUT HAD BECOME SMALL AS THE STARS. THE SPEED AT THIS POINT WAS DEFINITELY GREATER THAN ANY KNOWN AIRCRAFT. (5) OBJECT DISAPPEARED WITH GREAT BURST OF SPEED, APPEARED TO BE CLIMBING AND FADED FROM SIGHT (6) 12 MINUTES. C. (1) GROUND-VISUAL. (2) NONE. (3) N/A D. (1) 1048Z 14 SEP 61. (2) NIGHT E. CS 272050, CHICOL VILLAGE OUTSIDE MAIN GATE OSAN AB F. OSI SPECIAL AGENTS JOHN Q HYDE AND BILL H HAYES, DISTRICT OJJWCE 45. HIGH RELIABILITY G. (1) SKY CLEAR OVER

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JECT BUT CONSIDERED IT QUITE LIKELY THAT THE SIGHTING COULD HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY AN F-102 DOING EXTENSIVE FLYING AND MANEUVERS IN THE LOCAL AREA WITH AFTER-BURNER. THERE WERE NO MISSILE FIRINGS OR AERIAL TESTS IN THE AREA. A STRONG POSSIBILITY EXIST THAT A DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING OR THE RELEASE TIME OF THE WEATHER BALLON COULD HAVE OCCURRED, AND THIS WAS THE OBJECT BEING OBSERVED. NO EXPLANATION EXISTS FOR THE REPORTED HIGH SPEED OF THE OBJECT, EXCEPT ERROR ON THE PART OF THE OBSERVERS. 2. ON 18 SEP ANOTHER SIGHTING OF AN UNRYNJOWFID OBJECT WAS REPORTED. THIS REPORT WAS MADE TO S/A BILL H HAYES (ABOVE) AND FORWARDED TO THIS OFNICER. INFORMATION IAW AFR 200-2 AS FOLLOWS: A. (1) ROUND (2) PEA. (3) WHITE/ CREAM. (4) 1. (5) N/A. (6) NO. (7) NONE. (8) 8 NONE (9) NONE B. (1) MOVING LIGHT IN SKY. (2) 45 DEGREE ELEVATION 160 DEGREE AZIMUTH. (3) 75 DEGREE ELEATION 200 DEGREE AZIMUTH (4) BOTH OBSERVERS SAW AN OBJECT LARGER THAN THE STARS, MOVING TOWARD THEM FROM EAST TO WEST FOR ABOUT 1 MINUTE. THE OBJECT THEN BEGAN TO MAKE SHARP FAST MOVEMENTS SIDE TO SIDE AND VERTICALLY CONTINUING IN GENERALLY THE SAME DIRECTION. THE OBJECT THEN STOPPED, HOVERED FOR A FEW SECONDS, THEN BEGAN TO MOVE IN A WIDE GRADUAL TURN AND PROCEED SOUTH. AT THIS POINT THE OBJECT WAS LARGER THAN THE

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LARGEST STARMAND VERY BRIGHT, IT THEN BEGAN FADING IN BRIGHTNESS AND
EVENTUALLY DISAPPEARED. NOTHING UNUSUAL WAS OBSERVED REGARDING
ALTITUDE OR SPEED. OBSERVERS STATED THAT BECAUSE OF THE SHARP
VERTICAL AND RIGHT ANGLE MANEUVERS THE OBJECT COULD NOT HAV BEEN
AIRCRAFT, STAR OR COMET. ROTHFUSS STATED HE HAD WATMOED WEATHER
BALLOONS ASCENDING BEFORE AND DID NOT BELIEVE THIS CTOLD HAVE BEEN
A BALLOON. (5) GREW DIMMER GOING UP THRU CLOUDS, THEN FADED FROM
SIGHT. (6) 15 MINUTES. C. EKQL GROUND-VISUAL. (2) NONE. (3) N/A. D.
(1) 1200Z 27 AUGUST 1961. (2) NIGHT. E. CX 260055, BLDG 238, OSAN
AB KOREA. F. JOHN G ROTHFUSS A2C AF12591103, 6314 SUPPORT SQ A
AFKN RADIO; AUBREY F GHOLSTON, A2C AF17514458, 6314 SUPPORT SQ
AFKN RADION. RELIABILITY GOOD. G. (1) CLEAR PARTLY CLOUDY STARS IN
SKY. (2) SURFACE: 0505, 6,000: 070/2, 10,000: 280/23, 16,000: 300/
17, 20,000: 290/31, 30,000: 282-40, 50,000: 270/36, 80,000: 090/10.
(3) NO CEILING (4) 10 MI (5) 4/10. (6) NONE (707 2 DEGREE C. PER
1,000 FT FROM SURFACE TO 4,000 FT INVERSION 4,000 FT THRU 5500 FT
H. FUNNEL CLOUDS REPORTED IN AREA AT 1012Z SURFACE PRESSURE RISING
RAPIDLY. I. NONEM J. WEATHER BALLOON RELEASED AT 1103Z. SHOULD
NOTNAVE BEEN IN AREA DURING SIGHTING ONE F-89 IN AREA DURING
PERIOD SIGHTING. NO AIR FORCE HELICOPTERS IN AREA DURING PERIOD.

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