

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 13 June 1963		2. LOCATION Misawa AB, Japan		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 _____ GMT 13/1200Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 304 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE rising	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round object like an a/c landing light moving in an arc of about 3 ft for 8-10 movements. Disappeared suddenly. WX overcast with surface inversions at 1200 ft, 8500 ft, and 21000 ft. Haze layer at 1200 ft. Object moving side to side with sudden acceleration upward. Disappeared in about 10 seconds after started rising. Observation of object estimated to be about 250 yds S of Misawa AB. Green tint after object started to rise. Green and white beacon alternating over area every few seconds.				11. COMMENTS Observation descriptive of Balloon launch with haze, inversion and reflection of the beacon light on the balloon adding to the misinterpretation of the object. Case evaluated as a WX balloon.	

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ACTION: SAF-OS-3

INFO : NIN-9, XOP -1, XOPX-4, DIA-25, DIA/CIIC-2 (45)

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SMB B226

ZCZCHQB173ZCQJD383

PP RUEAHQ

DE RUUAUF 14G

P 131700Z

FM 39 ADIV ADCC MISAWA AB JAPAN

ZNR

TO RUWGAL/ADC ENT AFB COLORADO

RUCDSD/AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND FRD WPAFB OHIO

RUEAHQ/HQ USAF (AFCIN) WASHINGTON D C

RUEAHQ/SEC OF AIR FORCE (5AFOI)SWASHINGTON D C

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UNCLAS/390ID/39 AOD 6-13-30/UFO REPORT

THE FOLLOWING REPORT FOLLOWS IN FORMAT IN

AFR 200-2 AS INDICATED:

PARA 14A (1) ROUND-LIKE AIRCRAFT LANDING LIGHT

(2) NICKEL

(3) WHITE, CHANGING TO GREEN TINT

(4) ONE (1)

(6) NONE VISABLE

(7) NONE

(8) NONE

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(9) NONE

PARA 14B (1) CCIDENTAL SIGHTING OF BRIGHT LIGHT

(2) 40/300

(3) 90/360

(4) AT POINT OF FIRST OBSERVATION, REPORTER DESCRIBED
LIGHT SOURCE MOVING IN ARC OF ABOUT
THREE (3) FEET. AT ORIGINAL POINT FOR 8-10
MOVEMENTS. THE OBJECT OR LIGHT SOURCE
THEN TRAVERSED FROM ORIGINAL POINT,
TO POINT OF DISAPPEARANCE WITH SUDDEN
APPARENT ACCELERATION, IN ABOUT 10 SEC

14B (5) FADED OUT AS APPARENT ELEVATION INCREASED

14B (6) 3-4 MINUTES

14C (1) GROUND-VISUAL

C (2) NONE

14D (1) 131200Z

(2) NIGHT

14E 250 YDS SOUTH OF MISAWA AB TOWER

14F (2) A3C ROBERT J. O'CONNOR

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SECURITY GUARD

USUALLY RELIABLE

14G (2) WINDS: SURFACE 5KTS/SE

10M 270/10

20M 220/10

30M 250/70

(3) 23,000

(4) 4 MI, HAZE

14E (5) OVERCAST

(7) SURFACE INVERSION 1200', 8500', 21,000'

14H. TROPOSPHERE 43,000'

04JGM NO REPORTED OR OBSERVED TRAFFIC AT
TIME OF SIGHTING.

GORK 2LT THEODORE W. TOWL

OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE BRANCH :190IGL

DUE TO HAZE LAYER

T GPWPPJNV AND POSSIBILITY

ON REFLECTION FROM A SOURCE SUCH AS

AN AIR FACILITY ROTATING BEACON, COLORED

WHITE AND GREEN, IF A DENSE AND VARIABLE MOISTURE

PATTERN WERE PRESENT, SUCH TINTING

AND MOVEMENT MIGHT APPEAR. HOWEVER, THE

INTENSITY ON THE REPORTED LIGHT SOURCE

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DOES NO COINCIDE WITH THE ABOVE
CIRCUMSTANCES, NOR DOES THE GREEN TINT
AFTER START OF MOVEMENT ALLOW FOR
BEAM REFLECTION, SINCE GREEN AND WHITE
BEACON ALTERNATES OVER SAME AREA
EVERY FEW SECONDS

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NOTE: ADV CY T O NIN, DIA/CIIC