

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 30 Jul 49 30/1712Z	2. LOCATION Nampa, Idaho
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS ONE	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Few Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object was bluish and rose in color reflected by the sun. Object was at about a 45 deg angle from the horizon. Object was traveling at an estimated speed of 800mph in a westerly direction. Suddenly the object looped upwards and to the rear traveling in the direction from whence it came.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE West, then East	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

File No.

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Date

15 August 1949

Report made by

S/L JAMES W. DeVALK

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Report made at

DO #16, Mt Home AFB Det. Mt Home, Idaho
Period

3 August 1949

Office of origin

DO #16, Hill AFB, Hill Field, Utah

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Telephone call and Ltr from Aviation Ed. "Id Daily Statesman", dtd 2 Aug 49
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Investigation predicated upon receipt of telephone call on 31 July 1949 and letter received on 2 August 1949, both from Mr. [REDACTED], Aviation Editor, Idaho Daily Statesman, Boise, Idaho reference to a strange object in the sky sighted by Mr. [REDACTED], field man for Idaho Game and Fish Department near Nampa, Idaho on 30 July 1949 at 1012 hours.

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(Re Sightings of Unidentified Aerial Objects)

PROJECT "SIGN"

1. Date of sighting: 30 July 1949 - Saturday Morning
2. Time of sighting 10:12 AM
"Zonal by 24 hr clock"
3. Where sighted
 - a. Ground
 - (1) City, town: Meridian, Idaho (Nampa, Idaho)
 - (2) Distance and direction from city or town road, intersections, etc: 6 miles East of Nampa on Highway 30 (US)
 - (3) From building (story), yard, etc:
 - (4) Map coordinates (if feasible) showing latitude and longitude:
 - b. Air
 - (1) Type aircraft, speed, altitude, direction of flight:
 - (2) Distance & direction from city, town or known landmark:
 - (3) Clock position of object from observers aircraft:
 - (4) Latitude and longitude:
 - c. Sea
 - (1) Latitude and longitude:
 - (2) Proximity to land (Name city, country, etc):
4. Number of objects:
 - a. Formation type (if any) (sketch if possible):
5. Distance of object from observer:
 - a. Laterally and horizontally:
 - b. Angle of elevation from horizon: 45 degrees
 - c. Altitude: Approximate guess if size of small plane - 800 or 1000 feet

6. Time in sight: 2 seconds

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7. Appearance of object:

- a. Color: Magnesium color (bluish and rose)
- b. Shape (sketch if possible):
- c. Apparent construction (translucent): One piece
- d. Size:

(1) Estimated size: Size of Piper Cub (guess)

(2) Size as it appeared from observers view:
(Compared to known object)

8. Direction of flight: Due west, looped approximately 10 times length
and headed due east.

9. Tactics or maneuvers:

- a. Vertical ascent or descent, horizontal, oscillating, fluttering,
evasive, aggressive, erratic, etc: Smooth, even plane (and quickly)

10. Evidence of exhaust: NONE

- a. Color of smoke:
- b. Length and width:
- c. Odor (if any):
- d. Rate of evaporation:
- e. Does tail vary with sound? (Spurts):

11. Effect on clouds: No clouds

- a. Opened path thru clouds:
- b. Formed cloud or mists:
- c. Reflected on cloud
- d. Shown thru cloud:

12. Lights: None

- a. Reflected or Attached:
- b. Luminous:
- c. Blinked on and off in relation to speed:

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13. Support:

- a. Wings: Total plane
- b. Aerodynamic lift of fuselage:
- c. Vertical jet:
- d. Rotating cylinder or cone: No change in color
- e. Aerostatic lift (balloon or dirigible):

14. Propulsion:

- a. Propeller or jet: None visible
- b. Rotor:
- c. Aerodynamic vanes (flapping or oscillating)(Matz-Mayer effect):

15. Control and stability: None

- a. Fins:
- b. Stabilizers (Horizontal or Vertical):
 - (1) Size:
 - (2) Shape:
 - (3) Location:

16. Air ducts: None

- a. Slots:
- b. Duct openings:

17. Speed - MPH: Approximately 800 MPH

18. Sound: None

- a. Continuous whine or buzz:
- b. Roar, whistle, whoosh:
- c. Intermittent;

19. Was any radio antenna to be observed, i.e., (any projections or extensions that might presumably be construed as such): None

20. Manner of disappearance: As though object turned on edge and faded rapidly.

- a. Explode:

- (1) Possibility of ~~_____~~

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(2. Other physical evidence:

b. Faded from view:

c. Disappeared behind obstacle:

Relative to the Observer

1. Name of observer: [REDACTED]

2. Address: [REDACTED]

3. Occupation: Ass't Upland Game Bird Biologist

4. Place of business: [REDACTED] Street, Boise, Idaho

a. Employer or employee: Employee

5. Hobbies:

a. Time engaged in hobby (experience) Outdoor life and Scientific
Is observer amateur astronomer, pilot, engineer, etc: background

6. Ability to determine:

a. Color:

b. Speed of moving objects:

c. Size at distance:

7. Reliability of observer:

a. Sources:

(1) Neighbors: Eagle Scout

(2) Police Dept:

(3) FBI records:

(4) Employer:

8. Notes relative to observer on:

a. Sightings in general:

b. How attention was drawn to object (s):

(1) Sound:

(2) Motion:

(3) Glint of light: Reflection in sun

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9. Witnesses: Apparently none

a. Addresses:

b. Occupation:

c. Reliability:

10. Comments of interrogator re intelligence and character of person interrogated:

Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars operating on ground:

a. Observation of range, speed, altitude and size of target:

b. Does target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180) etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn is not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed?:

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c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach. Track all if possible:

2. If airborne, when object was sighted:

a. Were there any radar indications or extra noise on radio circuits:

b. Give estimate of size, speed, maneuvers, etc:

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions: Approximately 80 degrees - quiet

2. Winds aloft report:

3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time. (Check Canadian activity if close to border):

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any others:

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed (and then presumably departed) for purposes of making comparison of soils:

6. If object came sufficiently near other aircraft or known objects, check surfaces with Geiger counters for possible radioactivity. Make comparison with other unaffected aircraft objects, etc:

7. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketchings of:

a. Object:

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- b. Surrounding terrain where object was observed: Flat country except for slight bench where observed.
- c. Place where object contacted earth (if this happened):
- d. Maneuvers:
- e. Formation (if more than two):
8. Secure signed statement:
9. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible:

/s/ _____
Signature of Observer

/s/ _____
Signature of Witness

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STATE OF IDAHO

Department of
FISH AND GAME
August 4, 1949

To Whom It May Concern:

The following statement is made by the undersigned with the hopes that it will be of some assistance in ascertaining the scientific nature of the many reported "flying disks."

I am an employee of the Fish and Game Department of the State of Idaho. My position is an Assistant Upland Game Biologist. In the course of my work I travel considerably.

On the morning of Saturday, July 30, 1949, at 10:12 a.m., I observed a so called "flying disk." The locality was on Highway No. 30, six miles by road east of Nampa, Idaho. This distance was checked by speedometer.

As I was scanning the adjacent fields toward the south for pheasants I happened to catch a glint in the sky. Observing the brilliant object which caused the glint I found it to be as follows:

It was somewhat delta shaped. Color was most unique, it radiated a very pale nearly rose color, the object itself seemed to be very pale blue. It appeared to be definitely of a metallic nature and exact color of which I have never seen.

When first observed the object was southwest of my position and an estimated 45° angle from the surface of the ground. It was traveling due west and then it made a sharp U turn in which it turned to the east at a higher level of elevation. On the return trip the object appeared to be upside down from when first observed.

The object was traveling at a high rate of speed and believed by this observer to have been traveling in excess of 800 miles per hour. The time of observance was very short and when the object started east it faded out and became invisible.

I immediately stopped the pickup which I was driving and got out to see if I could further observe what I had seen. I was unable to see anything, even any commercial aircraft in the sky. I heard no noise of motors or saw any air disturbances which might have been caused by this object. There were no other objects but the one and I would describe the method of disappearance much as if one was looking at the shine of a knife blade and the blade was turned so that you were looking at the sharp edge. This then would almost cause a total disappearance from sight of the knife blade.

I could estimate no actual size because I had nothing with which to compare it. There were no clouds. The temperature was around 80° F. Seeing that I was unable to further see this object I then drove to Nampa and reported seeing the object to the Free Press Newspaper.

That this object seen was not any conventional aircraft I sincerely believe.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, DAYTON, OHIO

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21

31 August 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXS

1. Forwarded for your information is report of investigation by Special Agent JAMES W. DeVALK, DO #16, dated 15 August 1949.
2. This report was not requested by or through this office.

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R/I dtd 15 Aug 49
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Acting District Commander

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