

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 27 March 50 27/0130Z	LOCATION Motobu Peninsula, Island, Okinawa
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION UNIDENTIFIED
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	(Not submitted to Radar Analysts at time of receipt in 1950.) Track not consistent with A/C. Weather and other causes not
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 Min. (Grnd-Observed) 2 Min. (Grnd-Radar)	11. SUMMARY AND COMMENTS as A.P. or malfunction and Operator is considered reliable. Gun Radar picked up object at 13,000 ft tracked in SW direction to point over a mountain. Could not track beyond this point. Initial pickup object remained stationary for 10 minutes prior to moving to SW. Range to initial point of pickup was 18 miles. Object moved on heading of 220 deg for 2 minutes covering a distance of 16.9 miles. Additional Radar in area did not pick up object. Speed faster than Operator could track.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual Ground-Radar	
7. COURSE Not Reported	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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Report of Unidentified Object

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Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands

Deputy for Intelligence
Thirtieth Air Force

3 April 1950

27 March 1950

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Colonel C P Prime

A S of S, G-2, Hq AF

SUMMARY: [REDACTED]

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1. At about 1130 on 23 March 1950, [REDACTED] Deputy for Intelligence, Thirtieth Air Force, furnished the following information by G-2, Hq AF:

a. Commander [REDACTED], 5th Air Division, reported that [REDACTED] picked up an unidentified object [REDACTED] date, which [REDACTED] of 13,500 feet [REDACTED] (Coordinates 13-50N-125-00E).

b. Object was then tracked in [REDACTED] to a point [REDACTED] feet (Coordinates 13-50N-125-00E).

c. From this point the [REDACTED] tracking as the speed [REDACTED] and the object was lost.

d. Detachment [REDACTED] operator, [REDACTED] operator, and [REDACTED] person.

C. P. PRIME
Col, USAF
Deputy for Intelligence

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1. Affidavit, Cpl [REDACTED]
 2. Statement, Opns Off, 51st FID
 3. Statement, Weather Off, 15-6 [REDACTED] Det

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1. Following is the detail information regarding the radar sighting of unidentified object.

a. Object sighted at approximately 1030 hours, on 27 March 1950, over MOTOBU Peninsula, Island of OKINAWA at 26° 37' N., 127° 57' E.

b. Weather in that area at the time of sighting was 8/10 stratocumulus, bases 3,000 feet - tops 4500 feet, visibility 20 miles. During the day there was no precipitation and there were no clouds at or near 13,000 feet.

c. The sighting station was located in the gun park at KAWASAKE, OKINAWA, 26° 21' N - 127° 50' E. Approximately 13 miles from the point where object was first sighted.

d. When first sighted object was stationary, then it started to move heading was 220 degrees, speed of object after it started moving was approximately 507 MPH. This rate of speed was arrived at as follows: distance between first and last sightings was 16.9 miles, length of time tracked was two (2) minutes.

e. Altitude at time of first sighting: 13,500 feet.

f. There was only one object sighted.

g. Object was last observed at 26° 26' N, 127° 48' E at 1040 hours.

h. Object was observed for approximately ten (10) minutes and tracked by radar for approximately two (2) minutes after it started to move.

i. Corporal [REDACTED], 65th AAA Gun Battalion, APO 331,

The radar operator making the observation, is considered by his Commanding Officer to be a superior soldier and radar mechanic and found at all times to be outstandingly reliable and trustworthy. He has been a radar technician a total of about 23 months, is thirty-six (36) years old, and has approximately fifteen (15) years of military service.

j. Observation was made on SCR 584 B type radar set, serial No. 754, and was in good condition.

k. No photographs were taken of object.

1. One F-80C and 4 F-80's were flying and could have been picked up by radar, at time object was detected.

2. Twentieth Air Force radar station on YONTAN Mountain was inoperative at this time and the radar station on MOTOBU Peninsula did not pick up this object.

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