AF FORM 112—PART II
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency)	REPORT NO.	PAGE 3 OF 3 PAGES
763d AC&W Squadron Lockport, New York	IR-47-52-E	

6. Weather - 25,000,scattered clouds, winds aloft, 20 knots from 270°.

7. Meteorological activity unknown.

8. No physical evidence available.

9. Intercept action taken by this station using F-47 aircraft. Intercept unsuccessful.

10. No local air traffic.

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FM HQ USAF WASHDC
TO CGAMC WPAFB OHIO

ACTION

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JEDWP/CG ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

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1. THE OBJECT WAS ELLIPTICAL SHAPE TO A DELTA SHAPE AND THREE DIMENSIONAL AND APPEARED TO THE NAKED EYE ABOUT THE SIZE OF A DIME WHILE ONLY ONE OBJECT AND WAS OF A BRIGHT SILVER CVLOR WITH GRAY AT THE BACK PD WHEN FIRST SIGHTED IT APPEARED AS ONLY ONE OBJECT BUT LATER BROKE UP INTO SEVEN OBJECTS PD THERE WERE NO EXHAUST TRAILS OR SOUND PD IT BROKE UP VERY SMOOTHLY AND TURNS WERE SMOOTH PD IT APPEARED AS A STACK OF COINS THAT SEPERATED INTO SEVEN AND WAS A FORMATION OF 3 OBJECTS WITH TWO IN FORMATION TO THE STERN AND ANOTHER FORMATION OF TWO TO THE STERN OF THAT PD THE

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2. 27/1835PST TO 27/1855P AND WAS OBSERVED FOR 20 MINUTES

3. THE OBJECT WAS SEEN BOTH VISUAL AND BY THE AID OF 20/50 POWER BINOCULARS

4. THE OBSERVATION WAS MADE AT [redacted] OAK AVE MANHATTAN BEACH CALIF

5. THE OBSERVATION WAS MADE BY MR. [redacted] OF THE OBOVE ADDRESS PHONE FRONTIER [redacted] AND BY SEVEN OTHERS AT THE SAME ADDRESS MR. [redacted] IS AND EX NAVY PILOT AND IS NOW AN AIRCRAFT ENGINEER

6. WEATHER AT 1830P 150 SCTD 15 MILES ALOFT 20000 090/ 15K 3000 090/17K 40000 080/120K 50000 090/24K

7. NO KNOWN AIR TRAFFIC IN THE LOS ANGELES OR MANHATTAN BEACH AREA AT THAT TIME

28/0625Z JUL JEDWP

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27 July 1952 Manhatten Beach, California

Dèscription:

An unidentified aerial object was observed fbom the ground at Manhatten Beach, California, 27 July 1953. First sighted at 1835 PST and observed both visually and with the aid of 20/50 binoculars by a civilian observer. Bbject was elliptical or delta shaped, and appeared to the naked eye to be about the size of a dime. It was a bright silver color with gray in the rear. When first sighted, it appeared as one object, but later broke up into seven objects. There were no exhaust trails or sounds. It broke up very smoothly and the turns were smooth.It appeared as a stack of coins that seperated into seven in a V formation of three objects followed by two formations of two each.The entire operation was very gracefully executed. It was overhead at Manhatten Beach and turned south breaking up and disappeared out of sight on a north northeast heading. It was traveling at a very high rate of speed at a high altitude. Weather at the time of sighting was 18,000', scatered clouds, visibility 15 miles, winds aloft ~~xxxx~~ from 20,000 to 50,000' were from the east varying from 15 to 24 knots. There was no known air traffic in the Los Angeles of Manhatten Beach area at the time of sighting. Observer was an ex-Navy pilot now employed as an aircraft engineer and should be a well qualified aerial observer. This report was verifidd by seven other persons.

BOMMENT:

No aircraft in the area. Balloons released in the area were not in the vicinity at the time of sighting.Length of time observed and the speed eleminate the possibilaty of this object being astronomical in nature.

CONCLUSION:

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FM CO MARCH FLT SV CEN MARCH AFB CALIF

TO CC ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

[redacted] 5-H-1 REFERENCE TWX 31/2145Z PROJECT BLUE BOOK

ON 27 JUL 52 LONG BEACH AFB CALIF RELEASED TWO WEATHER BALLOONS CMA

CNA AT 1300 PST AND ONE AT 1900 PST PD BURBANK WEATHER BUREAU BURBANK

CALIF RELEASED TWO WEATHER BALLOONS CMA ONE AT 1300 PST AND ONE AT

1500 PST PD THESE WEATHER BALLOONS WERE 30 INCHES IN DIAMETER WHEN

RELEASED PD AIR TRAFFIC BETWEEN 1735 PST AND 1345 PST WERE 89 AIR

CARRIER AIRCRAFT CMA 18 CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT AND ONE NAVY AD AIRCRAFT

PD NO JET AIRCRAFT WERE IN THE AIR PD END HANLON CO MARCH FLT SV CEN

MARCH AFB CALIF

25/2254Z AUG JWPRH

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ROUTING

JOINT MESSAGEFORM

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER NO.

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SPACE ABOVE FOR COMMUNICATIONS CENTER ONLY

FROM: (Originator)

CO, ATIC

TO: CO [illegible] AFB CALIF

INFO:

DATE-TIME GROUP 117302 Aug 52

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION [redacted]

PRECEDENCE FOR: ACTION ROUTINE | INFORMATION

☐ BOOK MESSAGE ☒ ORIGINAL MESSAGE

☐ MULTIPLE ADDRESS CRYPTOPRECAUTION ☐ YES ☒ NO

REFERS TO MESSAGE:

IDENTIFICATION | CLASSIFICATION

AMAA-5 - July

FROM: AFOIN-ATIAA-3-1 FOR FLIGHT SERVICE

Re your message to Hq USAF regarding unidentified object sighting by [redacted] Oak Ave., Manhatten Beach, Calif., on 27 July 52. Request reinterrogation of source and other witnesses and forwarding of detailed AF Form 112 to ATIC, Attn: ATIAA-5. Would also like immediate information on balloon releases from all sources and a/c in area between 1735 and 1845 PST, 27 July 52.

In reply cite Project Blue Book.

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SECURITY INFORMATION

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION [redacted] | PAGE 1 OF 1 PAGES

DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)

1T J. K. ROTHSTEIN/vg

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

SYMBOL ATIAA-5 | TELEPHONE 54261

OFFICIAL TITLE Robert E. KUTTELL, Major, USAF
Air Adjutant General

DD FORM 1 OCT 49 173 REPLACES NME FORM 173, 1 MAY 48, WHICH MAY BE USED.

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PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	3. TIME
27 Jul 52	Ransomville, N.Y.	Local: 2620Z Zebra: 1120

4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND? [X] Yes [ ] No
- [X] Naked Eye
- [ ] Binoculars
- [ ] Telescope
- [ ] Theodolite

5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR? [ ] Yes [X] No
- [ ] By One Set
- [ ] By Two Sets
- [ ] By Three Sets

6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR? [ ] Yes [X] No
- ___ A/C Observed Object
- [ ] Interception Attempted
- [ ] No Intercept Attempted

7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT? [X] Yes [ ] No
- 1 A/C Scrambled
- [ ] Visual Contact Made
- [ ] A/I Contact Made
- [X] No Contact Made

8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME? [X] Yes [ ] No
- [X] Normal
- [ ] Violent

9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT:
- [ ] Blinking
- [ ] Steady

10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT:
- [ ] 1-15 Seconds
- [ ] 1-5 Minutes
- [ ] Over 10 Minutes

11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address)

763rd AC&W Sq., Lockport, N.Y.

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED?

None

13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD?	[ ] Yes	[ ] No
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL?	[ ] Yes	[ ] No
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE?	[ ] Yes	[ ] No

16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac)
- [X] Night
- [ ] Day
- [ ] Sunrise
- [ ] Sunset

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA?	[ ] Yes [ ] One Aircraft [ ] More Than One Aircraft	[X] No
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD?	[ ] Yes	[ ] No
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE?	[ ] Yes	[ ] No
20. WAS THE OBJECT VISUED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION?	[ ] Yes	[ ] No

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA? ☐ Yes ☐ No

22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE: ____ Minutes

23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:

	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted? Yes	Lighted? No	Describe Lighting
a.						
b.						
c.						
d.						

(attach overlay)

V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE:

- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Unreliable
- ☐ Extremely Doubtful
- ☐ Hoax

22. DETAILS OF REPORT:

- ☐ Good
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Insufficient to Evaluate

23. FINAL EVALUATION:

- ☐ Was Balloon
- ☐ Probably Balloon
- ☐ Possibly Balloon
- ☐ Was Aircraft
- ☐ Probably Aircraft
- ☐ Possibly Aircraft
- ☐ Was Astronomical
- ☐ Probably Astronomical
- ☐ Possibly Astronomical
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Insufficient Data For Evaluation
- ☐ Unknown

24. COMMENTS:

PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SH

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION	2. TIME OF OBSERVATION	3. STATION OBSERVING

4. WINDS ALOFT:

ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0			25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000			50,000		
6,000	20	270	55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000			75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		

5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? ☐ Yes ☐ No
(If yes, at what altitude? _____)

6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? ☐ Yes ☐ No
(If yes, at what quadrant? _____)

7. CLOUD COVER: 25,000' , sea level
_____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.
_____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.

8. VISIBILITY WAS _____ MILES.

9. COMMENTS:

PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	3. TIME
27 July 52	~~White Mtn~~ RIPLEY, N.Y.	Local: 1910 EST Zebra: 24-00

4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- ☐ Naked Eye
- ☐ Binoculars
- ☐ Telescope
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8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000			75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		

5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? ☐ Yes ☐ No
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_____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.
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8. VISIBILITY WAS _____ MILES.

9. COMMENTS:

ATIC Test Form 333 (13 Aug 52)

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27 Jul 52

A-MATS Manhattan Beach, Ca. IR-468-52 UNCLASSIFIED

Unidentified Flying Object Sighted Near Manhattan Beach, California

State of California, USA

Flight Service, MATS, 3800 Newark Street, N. W., Washington 25, D. C.

28 July 1952

27 July 1952

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Gerald E. Tyler, Major, USAF

Civilian Observer of Manhattan Beach, Calif.

Teletype FLYOBJRPT Submitted by March Flight Service Center 272035 PST July

Object was sighted over Manhattan Beach, California at 1835PST 27 July 1952. The object was elliptical or Delta shaped, three dimensional, and appeared to the naked eye about the size of a dime. It first appeared as one object, later breaking up into seven objects. Speed and altitude were both given as very high.

GERALD E. TYLER
Major, USAF
Acting Intelligence Officer

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Flight Service, MATS
3800 Newark Street, N. W.
Washington 25, D. C.

IR-468-52

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1. An unidentified flying object was observed from the surface at Manhattan Beach, California, 27 July 1952. First sighted at 1835PST and observed for 20 minutes both visually and with the aid of 20/50 binoculars by civilian observer.

2. The object was elliptical or Delta shaped, three dimensional, and appeared to the naked eye about the size of a dime. It was a bright silver color with gray in the rear. When first sighted it appeared as only one object but later broke up into seven objects. There were no exhaust trails or sounds. It broke up very smoothly and turns were smooth. It appeared as a stack of coins that separated into seven in a V formation of three objects followed by two formations of two each. The entire operation was very gracefully executed. It was overhead at Manhattan Beach and turned south breaking up and disappeared out of sight on a north northeast heading. It was traveling at a very high rate of speed and very high altitude.

3. Weather in the area at the time of sighting was 18,000 feet, scattered clouds, visibility 15 miles, winds aloft from 20,000 to 50,000 feet from the east varying between 15 and 24 knots.

4. Witness: Mr. [redacted] Manhattan Beach, California, telephone Frontier [redacted]

5. There was no known air traffic in the Los Angeles or Manhattan Beach area at the time of sighting.

Comments of Preparing Officer:

1. Mr. [redacted] is an ex-Navy pilot now employed as an aircraft engineer and should be a well qualified aerial observer. This report was verified by seven other witnesses at the same address, names unknown.

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