

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 9 Jul 49 10/0120Z	2. LOCATION Tigvariak Island, Alaska
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS SIX	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1-1½ minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer heard a "terrible" whistling sound like a rifle bullet but continuous. Then he spotted overhead six or seven dark objects travelling very fast in a SSW direction. The objects faded from sight about 1-1½ minutes after he first sighted them
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Southwest	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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COUNTRY

Alaska

REPORT NO.

1-14-49

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT

Unusual sightings

AREA REPORTED ON

Alaska

DATE OF REPORT

August 1948

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PREPARED BY (Office)

SOURCE

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in full or sentence paragraph. List sources at bottom. Do not include in summary.)

The unusual sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) were reported at various times, including at least one sighting at Fort Belknap, Alaska.

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FROM (Agency)	REPORT NO.	95731-2	
Headquarters Alaskan Air Command	11-24-49	PAGE 1	OF 1

1. On 9 July 1949 at Tigvariak Island, Arctic North Party, reported the following:

a. While walking along a sand spit at 1200 (1400) hours, about one-half (1/2) mile from the surveying camp on Tigvariak Island, heard a "terrible" whistling noise "like a rifle bullet", but not heard. After looking for the cause of the sound for about a minute he saw directly overhead six (6) or seven (7) dark objects travelling very fast in a south-southwest direction. He watched the objects for about a minute or a few and one-half until they disappeared out of sight to the south-southwest at an angular height of about 45 degrees from the horizontal. The objects were very high, either in the clouds or above the clouds, and were such a great distance that it was difficult to tell their size or exact shape. They were moving in a close, tight formation except that one of the objects continued to move out from the formation and then back into the formation at a fast periodic rate. The course of the objects was slightly curving to the left into the south-southwest. The noise diminished as the objects disappeared out of sight in the clouds.

b. The following weather conditions prevailed at the time. Visibility on surface - 10 miles; large, heavy cloud formation started at 15,000 to 20,000 feet with occasional clear blue sky showing through breaks in clouds, light northeast air.

c. Mr. [redacted] returned to camp and reported the above immediately, following the disappearance of the objects.

2. Weather Bureau observers at Point Barrow, Alaska sighted an unknown shiny object through a theodolite at 2240Z on the 24th of July. The object was estimated to be at an altitude of between 50,000 to 60,000 feet, moving horizontally, with no vertical movement noticeable. The object was first seen at 318° and moved from 318° to 326° in eight (8) minutes. All weather observers viewed the object through the theodolite, the object still being in view at 272330Z. The weather at the time was 15,000 feet overcast, fifteen (15) miles visibility with breaks in the overcast.

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

This office was unable to contact Mr. [redacted] for further interrogation, due to the inaccessibility of Tigvariak Island, but Lt. Jones who submitted the report found Mr. [redacted] to be an honest, dependable employee. This is his second year in the Arctic. After a review of all available information it is the opinion of this office that the object sighted at Point Barrow was the planet "Venus".

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COUNTRY Alaska	REPORT NO. 12-44-47	FILE NO. 44-100208-1
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Unidentified Person		
AREA REPORTED ON Alaska	DATE OF REPORT 22 August 1948	DATE OF INFORMATION 22 August 1948
PREPARED BY (Office) J. G. Serrano, 1st Lt, USAF		SOURCE [REDACTED]
REFERENCES (Cite number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFM 12-34-47, Request 12-34-47, 21 August 1948		
SUMMARY: Enter on case summary of report. Also summarize in qualitative manner, paragraph, fact, source, and date. Do not exceed 100 words.		
In response to specific request for information, [REDACTED] was sent to Elevarik Island, Alaska, to determine [REDACTED] that no military aircraft were in the vicinity. [REDACTED] cannot be definitely established whether [REDACTED] was the belief of Captain [REDACTED] in the report.		
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JULY 1964. IN ACCORD WITH AIR INTEL REQUIREMENT MEMO
4 FOLLS ADDITIONAL INFO IS SUBMITTED RE SIGHTINGS AT TIGVARIAN
ISLAND. NORMAN MITCHELL, OBSERVER OF OBJECTS, INTERVIEWED
BY THIS OFFICE. HIS REPORT FOLLS: 100850Z JULY 1964. WAS
APPROX 1/2 MILE FR SURVEY CAMP WHEN HE HEARD GREAT WHISTLING
OF WHINING SOUND. HE DESCRIBED SOUND AS THAT OF A HIGH VELOCITY
PROJECTILE SIMILAR TO SHELL, DEFINITELY NOT JET PLANE SOUND.
SOUND HEARD FOR 30 SECONDS BEFORE OBJECTS SIGHTED. 6 OBJECTS
SEEN TRAVELING AT HIGH SPEED IN APPROX CIRCULAR FORMATIONS
WITH 7TH OBJECT WEAVING IN AND OUT FORMATION BEHIND THEM.
DIRECTION OF FLIGHT NE TO SW AT EST ALT 15,000 FT. OBJECTS
DESCRIBED BY MITCHELL AS ROUGHLY CIRCULAR IN SHAPE AND APPEARED
BLACK IN COLOR. OBSERVER HAD HEARD AND SEEN JET PLANES AT
LADD FLD AND STATED THAT OBJECTS NEITHER RESEMBLED JETS IN
APPEARANCE NOR DID NOISE RESEMBLE JET EXHAUST. 3 NIGHTS LATER
130600Z MITCHELL AND HARRY LANTKY, CARTOGRAPHER FOR COAST
GEODETIC SURVEY, HEARD IDENTICAL SOUND WHILE AWAY FR CAMP
BUT WERE NOT ABLE TO SEE OBJECTS. MEN IN CAMP HEARD NOTHING
EITHER TIME, HOWEVER, RADIO PLAYING AND HUTS TIGHTLY INSULATED.
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CORRECTION LINE 3 SHOULD READ MITCHELL
LINE 10 SHOULD READ HIGH

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