

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 22 July 50 23/0310Z	2. LOCATION Ladd AFB, Alaska
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON (Exploding)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Observation was in daylight. Observer witnessed the observation of an exploding balloon.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object appeared red with two white dots underneath which seemed to revolve around the red object. Round in shape, three feet in diameter. Appeared to remain constant and slowly descended. Two light dots appeared to be reflectors
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE West	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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On 22 July 1950, at 1710 hours (Alaska time) an unidentified object was sighted in the air, over Ladd Air Force Base, at Fairbanks, Alaska. The object was sighted by personnel manning AAA gun positions near the Ladd AFB Airstrip, 64°49'N - 147°38'W, and remained in sight for twenty (20) minutes.

Object was viewed laterally from gun positions at an angle of from 50 to 70 degrees and appeared very high.

Object was red in color with two (2) white dots underneath which seemed to revolve around it. It was round in shape, about three (3) feet in diameter and of unknown construction.

Object moved from East to West at an unknown rate of speed. It appeared to be moving in a direct line with no evasive action, and slowly descending.

Any exhaust emitted from the object evaporated very rapidly. The two (2) white dots appeared to be reflectors. There were no visible means of support; no visible means of propulsion; no audible sound; no apparent air ducts; and no evidence of radio antennae or irregular surface protuberances.

After the object had been almost stationary for approximately twenty (20) minutes, a stream of smoke was noted. Immediately thereafter the object exploded and disappeared from view.

The following persons on active duty with United States Armed Forces at Ladd Air Force Base, observed the object: [REDACTED], USA; [REDACTED], USA; [REDACTED], USA; [REDACTED], USA; and several unidentified soldiers of a Battery of the 867th AAA, stationed at Ladd Air Force Base. All observers have had aerial observation training, and all were considered by the investigating officer to be very reliable.

Weather at the time of observation was CAVU.

There were no known aircraft in the vicinity at the time; and all weather stations contacted in the vicinity reported there were no testing devices sent aloft by their units at the time of sighting.

The following are the Comments appearing at the close of the Alaskan Air Command Intelligence Report 17-50: "Although the sources of information are considered to be reliable, the truth of the incident cannot be evaluated with dependable objectivity. No material interpretation can be offered as to the origin or nature of the object mentioned in this report. The possibility exists that the objects were meteorological balloons which might have floated into the immediate area from some other station in the Territory of Alaska. The possibility also exists that the object sighted was some kind of terrestrial body."

COMMENT: Alaskan Air Command evaluated the report B-6. Alaskan Air Command original report (Intelligence Report 17-50) was forwarded to the Director of Intelligence, USAF, Washington, D.C. on 13 September 1950.

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SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Aerial Objects
FROM: G-2, USARAL REFERENCES: Alaskan Air Command Intelligence Report 17-50
EVALUATION: B-6 DATE OF INFORMATION: 13 September 1950 DATE OF REPORT: 19 September 1950
INCL: NONE PREPARED BY: W. A. PERKINS, Colonel, OSC SOURCE: Alaskan Air Command

SUMMARY OR SID REPORT:

This report is a summary of Alaskan Air Command Intelligence Report No. 17-50, covering the reporting of an unidentified aerial object observed in the vicinity of Iadd Air Force Base, Fairbanks, Alaska on 22 July 1950.

Evaluation is that given report by Alaskan Air Command.

Object was possibly a terrestrial body, although the origin and identification are not discernable. The possibility exists that the object was a meteorological balloon which might have floated into the area from some other station in the Territory of Alaska.

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REPORT NO.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT

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AREA REPORTED ON

Alaska

FROM (Agency)

Headquarters, Alaskan Air Command

DATE OF REPORT

13 September 1950

DATE OF INFORMATION

22 July 1950

EVALUATION

R-6

PREPARED BY (Officer)

M.D. FLOTHICK, 1st Lt., USAF

SOURCE

Interrogation Reports

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

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)

1. This report covers the sighting of unusual aerial objects in the vicinity of Ladd Air Force Base, Fairbanks, Alaska on 22 July 1950.
2. Object sighted was possibly a terrestrial body, although the origin and identification are not discernable.
3. Report has been prepared in accordance with provisions set forth by Headquarters USAF, Air Intelligence Requirements Memorandum Number 4, dated 15 February 1949.

APPROVED:

Don W. McKinney
DON W. MCKINNEY
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Director of Intelligence

*Daylight Sighting
Exploding Balloon*

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1. TIME OF SIGHTING:
21 July 1948

2. TIME OF SIGHTING:
1710 hours

3. TIME SIGHTED (OBSERVER'S POSITION):
Sighted from a gun position located near the Ladd Air Force Base
airstrip. Several minutes later (1715), all gun positions picked up the object.

a. AREA:
(1) Ladd Air Force Base
(2) Ladd Air Force Base
(3) From gun positions near the Ladd Air Force Base airstrip.
(4) 64°49'N - 147°30'W

b. AREA:
Not applicable

c. AREA:
Not applicable

4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS:
One

5. No celestial phenomena or planets were known to be in the immediate area.

6. DISTANCE OF THE OBJECT FROM THE OBSERVER:
a. Laterally
b. 50° - 70° from gun positions
c. Very high

7. TIME IN SIGHT:
1710 to 1730 hours

8. APPEARANCE OF OBJECT:
a. Red with two white dots underneath which seemed to revolve around the red object.
b. Round in shape

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c. Unknown

d. Size

(1) Unknown

(2) Three feet in diameter

9. DIRECTION OF FLIGHT:

East to West

10. TACTICS:

Appeared to remain constant and slowly descended.

11. EVIDENCE OF TRACK:

a. Unknown

b. Unknown

c. Unknown

d. Very hurriedly

e. Unknown

12. EFFECT OF CLOUDS:

No clouds

13. LIGHTS:

Two light dots appeared to be reflectors

14. MOTION:

Not applicable

15. PROPULSION:

Not applicable

16. CONTROL AND STABILITY:

Not applicable

17. AIR NOISE:

Not applicable

18. SPEED MPH:

Unknown

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19. SOUND:

No sound.

20. PHASES OF IDENTIFICATION:

a. After the object had been almost stationary for a, approximately twenty (20) minutes, a stream of smoke was noted. Immediately thereafter the object exploded and disappeared from view.

RELATIVE TO THE OBSERVER

1. Major L. J. ROTH, USA
2. Captain J. D. M. T. H., USA
3. Captain J. H. B. C. H., USA
4. 1st Lt. W. L. H. C. H., USA
5. Plus soldiers on gun positions, members of 667th Air Bde.
6. 1st Air Force Base, Fairbanks, Alaska
7. Officers and enlisted men in the Armed Service of the United States.
8. 1st Air Force Base
9. None with respect to this report
10. Trained to observe
11. Reliable
12. Sighted first observed by one person, then picked up by the other crew members of the gun position.
13. None, other than those mentioned in this report.
14. Very reliable

RELATIVE TO RADAR SIGHTINGS

1. None

CENTRAL

1. CAVU
2. None
3. None

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4. All weather stations in the vicinity were contacted, and there were no testing devices sent aloft by the weather units.

5. None

6. None

7. None

8. None

9. None

10. None

11. Comments: Although the sources of information are considered to be reliable, the truth of the incident cannot be evaluated with dependable objectivity. No material interpretation can be offered as to the origin or nature of the objects mentioned in this report. The possibility exists that the objects were meteorological balloons which might have floated into the immediate area from some other station in the Territory of Alaska. The possibility also exists that the object sighted was some kind of terrestrial body.

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