

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

27/1805Z

DATE 27 July 50	LOCATION Wiesbaden, Germany	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☒ Possibly Astronomical
DATE-TIME GROUP Local GMT 1805Z Day	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE M11	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 Min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE Unk.

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Resembled an auto headlight.
Slight oscillation.

11. COMMENTS

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT

Unidentified Aerial Object Sighting on 27 July 1950 in Germany

AREA REPORTED ON

Germany

DATE OF REPORT

30 August 1950

PREPARED BY (Officer)

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~, Captain, USAF

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

FROM (Agency)

Intelligence Division, Hq MATS
Andrews AF Base, Washington 25, D. C.

EVALUATION

B-3

USAF Airman

2641

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

1. The Intelligence Officer, 1602d Air Transport Wing, Wiesbaden Air Base, Wiesbaden, Germany, reports that ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~, a member of the 1602d Air Transport Wing, sighted an unidentified aerial object in the sky to the west of Wiesbaden Air Base. ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ submitted the following report on the sighting:

"At 1850Z, while sitting on the porch of the MATS barracks*, I observed an object in the western sky at an approximate bearing of 315 degrees true and approximately 45 degrees vertically, well above the sun which was low in the sky. The body resembled an automobile headlight tilted so that a portion of its under elliptical surface was visible with no motion other than a slight oscillation of its lateral axis. At approximately 1851Z, I called Pfc R. M. Grisillo, sitting near me, and requested that he observe the sunlight being reflected from the body and its lack of motion. Grisillo exclaimed, 'It's a flying saucer!' At 1854Z I observed an almost simultaneous acceleration and disappearance of the object."

* It is presumed that the barracks are located on Wiesbaden Air Base.

2. The Intelligence Officer states that ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ description of the object was substantially the same as Sergeant Pretko's. Neither of the airmen observed any means of propulsion and neither could state the direction taken prior to the object's disappearance.

3. The two control tower operators who were on duty at Wiesbaden Air Base at the time of the sighting were contacted. Neither had observed anything unusual during their period of duty. One of the operators, however, stated that from their position in the tower, in relation to the sun's rays, it would have been difficult for them to discern an object on the described bearing.

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PLANE SAFE WHEN HIT BY 'FLYING SAUSAGE'

By The United Press.
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., July 30—Pilot Jim Graham said today that a "flying sausage" collided with his plane and "exploded like a bomb" but caused no damage.

Mr. Graham, chief pilot for the Capital Aviation Company here, was flying to Springfield from Chicago last night when he sighted the object as he flew over Williamsville, just north of here.

He said the object was a "blue streak about ten feet long and shaped like a sausage." He said it was trailing yellow fire.

The object, which was slightly above his plane, dived suddenly and ploughed into his propeller.

"It exploded like a bomb when it struck," he said.

Mr. Graham managed to stay on course and landed at Capital Airport here. He expected to find his plane extensively damaged, he said, but a thorough inspection showed nothing amiss.

Several other Springfield residents reported seeing the "flying sausage." One woman said she and her husband were sitting on their porch and saw it pass over Springfield.

"It was making a popping noise," she said.

Observers at the Weather Bureau said the only explanation they could offer was that the object might have been a meteor that appeared to hit Mr. Graham's plane but exploded right in front of it. They said they did not see the object.

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