PROJECT 10073 RECORD

PROJECT 100/3 RECORD	
1. DATE - TIME GROUP  20 August 50 20/1130:	Nicosia Airfield, Cyprus.
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION UNIDENTIFIED
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Cone	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION  15 or 20 seconds	Observer saw a small round or elliptical bright object moving from a point directly overhead toward the West, its course or flight path passed through the arc of the sun which at that time was about 15 deg below the Zenith. The brilliancy of the object in flight did not change even while reflected against the sun as it continued in its somewhat erratic westerly path at a terrific rate of speed until it disappeared from sight in the distance at about thirty deg above the horizon
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE West	
8. PHOTOS  D Yes TONO	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE  TYOU  YOUNG	

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1. The Intelligence Officer, 1603rd Air Base Group, Wheelus Field, Tripoli, Libya, reports the following statement concerning the observation of an unidentified aerial object byd MATS Limison Officer, at Nicosia Airfield, Cyprus.

"At 1130Z, 20 August 1950, while out on the ramp at Nicosia Airfield I overheard an aircraft flying overhead and in looking up to spot it, I saw a small round or elliptical bright object moving from a point directly overhead towards the West; its course or flight path passed through the arc of the sun which at that time was about fifteen (15) degrees below the Zenith; the brilliancy of the object in flight did not change even while reflected against the sun as it continued in its somewhat erretic westerly path at a terrific rate of speed until it disappeared from sight in the distance at about thirty (30) degrees above the horizon. A later check with the control tower and ground station revealed that there was also a Turkish State Airlines C-47 in the area enroute to Beirut and reporting over Nicosia Airport at 1130 hours, 20 August 1950 at 9,500 feet. This undoubtedly was the aircraft whose engines I heard, though never saw; if there was any sound emanating from the aerial object in question, its relative height in comparison with the C-47 would effectively have been drowned out\_by the C-47. I obtained a signed statement from and Lt Coronel who were with me at the time of my observations."

- ple-observation is essentially confirmed by the following statements made by Colonel William and ly, USAF officers also having observed the unidentified aerial object.
- a. "At approximately 1330 local time, 20 August 1950, while walking from the MATS Detachment Office, Nicosia Airfield, to my parked C-47 aircraft, preparatory to taking off for Ankara, Turkey, I looked aloft to try to sight an aircraft whose sound indicated it was somewhere overhead.

"While looking for the direraft, a small, round, bright object suddenly case into view, travelling at a terrific speed, appearing to be quite high, and moving toward the West. It disappeared from view when it reached a point approximately 30 to 135 degrees above the horizon. The weather at the time of this observation was clear, Twith brilliant sunshine, and visibility at least fifty miles. The object remained in They view for about 15 or 20 seconds. There appeared to be no sound emanating from the Funidentified bright object. The sound from the conventional aircraft moved away toward Lthe southeast.

"I called the attention of phenomenon, and he saw it too.

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pointed in the direction of the above described object, I was able to verify its existence and saw it for a matter of two to three seconds before it passed from sight."

Captain, USAF

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