

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 23 - 26 Jan 51		2. LOCATION Unalakleet, Alaska		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT Varied		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE 6 Civilians			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 Minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE SSW 230 degrees	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Orange in color and would disappear after 10 min & would not reappear. OSI agents made interrogation of individuals. Opinion of OSI agents that info was not too reliable. Agents flew SSW of Unalakleet, sighted nothing unusual. Individuals thought they saw flares on six different nights.				11. COMMENTS data Insufficient/for evaluation. Possible that the phenomena was reflection from the sun beyond the horizon. Possible flare. Possible searchlight from submarine.	

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DTG: Jan 51

AACID 0641 ourmsg AACID 0541. Investigation reveals that "flares" observed by 6 personnel at Unalakleet between hours of 1700 Alaskan Standard Time and 1800 Alaskan Standard Time as follows. [REDACTED] missionary Swedish Covenant Church approx 1740, 23 Jan. [REDACTED] (natives) 26 Jan. [REDACTED] (native) 22 and 25 Jan. [REDACTED] (native) 24 Jan. All confirm "flares" were orange, about 15 to 20 miles distant, just above horizon at 230 degrees from Unalakleet, and were visible for approx 10 minutes prior to disappearance. Original report made by Mr. Hamilton of Alaskan Native Service. OSI personnel who conducted investigation consider information not too reliable. CAA personnel Unalakleet made no observations of the phenomena. Visual aerial reconnaissance to distance 30 miles from Unalakleet revealed no explanation for the phenomena. It is possible that the phenomena were a result of reflections from the sun beyond the horizon.

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(1600TH AIR TRANSPORT WING, ATLD-MATS)
WESTOVER AIR FORCE BASE, MASS.

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5 FEB 1951

SUBJECT: Report of Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIS

In accordance with USAF File Letter AFOIC-CC-1, Subj:
"Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft", dated
8 September 1950, the following information is submitted:

1. Three targets were picked up by Westover Approach Control Radar Scopes approximately 28 miles from Westover, approaching the station on a heading of 240° at an approximate speed of 120 to 150 miles per hour. Approximately 12 miles from the station, one target faded and disappeared. The other two objects appeared to approach Westover and move away again several times on courses of 240° and 60°, without making any apparent turns. The two objects remained approximately the same distance apart (estimated one half mile) during all maneuvers. Each target echo appeared as large or larger than a B-36 target echo. After several maneuvers back and forth, the targets approached and faded out in the radar "cone of silence" over the station, where they remained for approximately five to ten minutes. When the targets next appeared they were moving away from the station on a course of 60°, at a very high rate of speed, estimated at 500 to 600 miles per hour, calibrated from approximate time and distance. The targets disappeared from the scope on this course. During the time the targets were in the scope, Westover Approach Control contacted "POWDER", Ground Control Interceptor station, located near Manchester, New Hampshire and were informed that a target, believed to be an aircraft was approaching Westover at an altitude of about 8,000 feet. A check was also made with the Air Traffic Control Center, Boston, Mass., and no aircraft were reported in the area at the time.

2. Initial time of pick-up was 1045 EST, 24 January 1951. Length of observation was estimated at 15 to 20 minutes.

3. The objects were observed by Approach Control Radar by personnel of the 1917th AACS Squadron, Westover Air Force Base, Mass.

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