

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 14 August 1951		2. LOCATION Rhein Main AB, Germany		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 14/2020Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Mil (pilot)			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION UNK		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE S	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING First saw a light, the light seemed to fall slowly as suspended from a parachute then it leveled off into a southerly course, made a turn West, then a trn Est. Extremely fast. Round, white.				11. COMMENTS Sounds like a/c. However, reported as astronomical phenomena (?). Duration not included. Inausufficient Data for analysis.	

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

COUNTRY

GERMANY

REPORT NO.

60W-68-51

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SUBJECT

METEOROLOGICAL PHENOMENON

AREA REPORTED ON

RHEIN MAIN AIR BASE, FRANKFURT, GERMANY

FROM (Agency)

S-2, 60th Troop Carrier Group (M) APO 57

DATE OF REPORT

24 August 1951

DATE OF INFORMATION

14 August 1951

EVALUATION

NONE

PREPARED BY (Officer)

RALPH W JOHNSON, 1st Lt., USAF

SOURCE

Capt., USAF

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

USAF Air Intel Requirements Memo # 6, dtd 4 Aug 49, Subj: Acoustic, Seismic and Meteorological
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)

I. SUMMARY OF OBSERVATION

Description of meteorological phenomenon observed from ground at RHEIN MAIN AIR BASE at 2020Z hours, August 1951.

II. SOURCE

A. General:

1. Name.....
2. Rank..... Captain
3. Serial Number..... AC 746953
4. Assigned to..... 10th Trp Carr Sq. (M)
5. Years Service..... 9 Years
6. Years Rated..... 8 Years
7. Were Photos Taken..... No
8. Were Binoculars Used..... No

III. EVALUATION OF SOURCE

Source is well known to the interviewer and was evaluated as a mature, reliable and experienced flying officer.

IV. INTERVIEWER

JOSEPH H ZIGLER Jr., Capt., USAF

RALPH W JOHNSON
1st Lt. USAF
Group Intelligence Officer

V. COMMENTS OF APPROVING OFFICER:

This confirms telephone flash report dtd 24 Aug 51.

INCLOS.

CHARLES B. TILTON
Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer

AC/S, A-2, 12th AF (Original)
S-2, Templehof A/B - 1 cy
A-2, 60th TCG - 1 cy
A-2, 433 TCG - 1 cy
S-2, 60th TCG - 1 cy

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I. DESCRIPTION OF METEOROLOGICAL PHENOMENON

A. Circumstances

1. Captain [REDACTED] AC [REDACTED] (SOURCE) and 2nd Lt. [REDACTED], AC [REDACTED] (COMPANION) had just landed from a local flight and were walking toward the 10th Squadron Operations Building. It was at this time (2020Z), 14 August 1951, that they observed the phenomenon.

B. Description

1. While on the ramp, SOURCE and companion first saw a light to the South of RHEIN MAIN AIR BASE. The light seemed to fall slowly as though suspended from a parachute, then leveled off on a Southerly course, made a turn to the West, then a turn to the East. The Southerly heading was maintained during these maneuvers.
2. The object, or light, appeared to travel extremely fast after leveling off.
3. A visible path was evident through very light clouds. Moonlight was quite bright.
4. The altitude of the light object was thought to be very high, but the brilliancy of the light made it appear to be much lower.
5. The light was round in shape, brilliantly white (not orange colored), left no trail (as a comet) and held a perfectly steady course subsequent to turns described above.
6. SOURCE and companion state that to the best of their knowledge, the light, or object, was not any known aircraft.

RALPH W JOHNSON
1st Lt. USAF
Group Intelligence Officer

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