

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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| 1. DATE<br>24 November 19 51                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | 2. LOCATION<br>Mankato, Minnesota                                                                                                                                                                     |  | 12. CONCLUSIONS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical |  |
| 3. DATE-TIME GROUP<br>Local _____<br>GMT 24/2153Z                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  | 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br><input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| 5. PHOTOS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  | 6. SOURCE<br>Military                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>5 Seconds                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>1                                                                                                                                                                             |  | 9. COURSE<br>E                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING<br>Small milky white object shape of northrup flying wing with 8 ft wing span heading east in level flight appeared to be hanging in air. Observed from a/c at 25,000 ft heading west. Weather clear. Wingman of pilot observing object did not see object. No pick-up on GCI scope. Observer states that object passed 100 ft over and 100 ft left of a/c. Wingman on left wing. No trail sound or exhaust. Speed undetermined. Object disappeared in distance. Made 180 deg turn in effort to catch or see object proved negative. |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | 11. COMMENTS<br>UNIDENTIFIED.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |
| 12. Other <u>UNIDENTIFIED</u><br><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |



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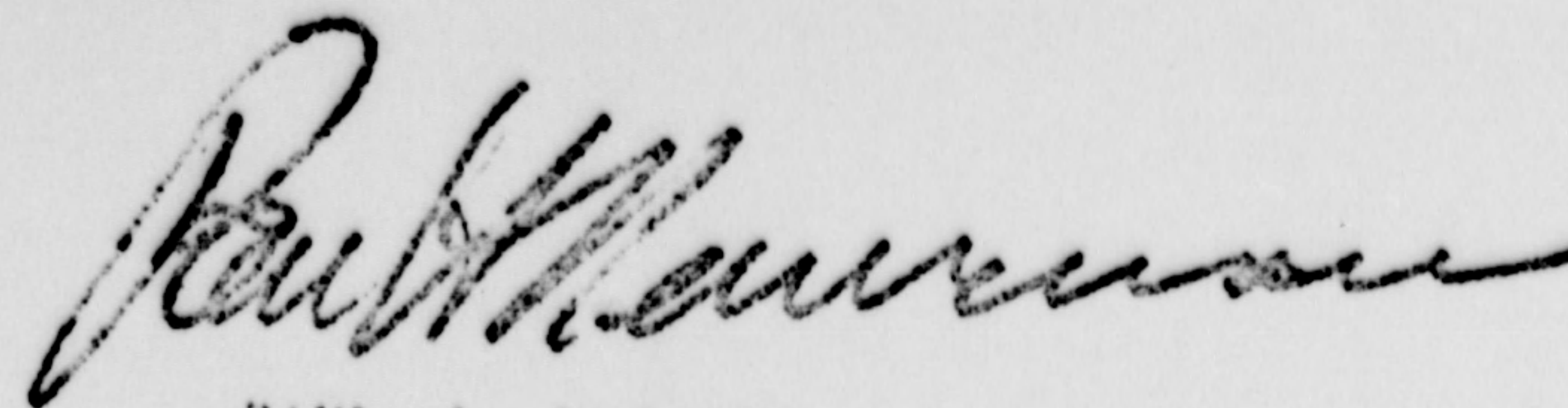
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TO: Commanding General  
Air Material Command  
ATTN: MCIS  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio

The attached Air Intelligence Information Report is forwarded in accordance with paragraph 5b of ADC Letter 200-1, dated 11 April 1951.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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| Country                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | U.S.A.                            | Report No.          | (Leave Blank)      |
| AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                   |                     |                    |
| Subject                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Report of Unusual Airborne Object |                     |                    |
| Area Reported On                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 40 SW of Minneapolis              | From (Agency)       |                    |
| Date of Report                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 1 December 1951                   | Date of information | 24 November 1951   |
| Prepared by (Officer)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Captain William H. Fairbrother    | Source              | Visual Observation |
| References (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                   |                     |                    |
| <p>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 11.)</p> <p>The following Report is submitted in accordance with Paragraph 5b ADCL 200-1, dated 11 April 1951:</p> <p>While flying CAP south of MPLS under GCI Control, Flight of 2 F-51's, Subway Red "A", at FJMQ 1720 at 2153Z 24 November 1951 saw a small white object, shape same as Northrup Flying Wing, color milky white, approximately 8' wing span. Heading of object East - level flight - appeared to be hanging in the air. Altitude 25,000 ft. 51 Flight was heading West. Weather CAVU, vis. approximately 50 miles at 25,000 ft. Wingman did not see object. GCI controller had nothing other than the 51's on the scope. Object passed approximately 100 ft. over and 100 ft. to left of flight leader. Wingman on left wing.</p> <p>Checked MPLS ARTCC for balloon flights and received word that last one was released from University airport at 24/1446Z, landed 24/1901Z 250 miles ESE of MSP</p> <p>Checked Lowry MFSC to see if any classified flight plans had been received during last 24 hours. Answer was negative.</p> |                                   |                     |                    |
| <p>17 Dec 51</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                   |                     |                    |
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- a. Shape- similiar to the Northrup Flying Wing. Size - approxmztely eight (8) feet across. Color-milky white. Number-one. No trail or exhaust, no sound, no maneuvers. Speed undetermined. Disappeared in the distance.
- b. Time sighted 24/2153Z November. Duration of observation approximately five (5) seconds.
- c. Observed from an F-51 at 25,000 feet 210 IAS. Visual observation.
- d. Location of observer at time of sighting was FJMQ 1720 (Geo-ref- grid)  
Location of object at time of sighting was 100 feet above and to the left of the observer. Direction of travel East.
- e. Observer to be considered as fairly reliable.
- f. Minneapolis weather teletype sequence:  
MSP 0 15 278/16/5 7/026/607
- g. No activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise, was present which might account for the sighting.
- h. No physical evidence.
- i. After sighting a 180 degree turn was made in an effort to catch or see the object again but this was unsucessful.
- j. Number and type of local aircraft airborne at the time of the sighting is unknown.

*William H. Fairbrother*  
WILLIAM H. FAIRBROTHER  
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Reference AF Form 112 submitted by your Division dated 1 December 1951, subj:  
"Report of Unusual Airborne Object", please advise immediately the names and home  
station of the F-51 pilots involved.

In reply cite Project Grudge.

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 2

DATE: 24 Nov 51

TIME (Local): 1553

LOCATION: Minneapolis, Minn.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: Unknown

SOUND: None

SPEED: Hovering

ALTITUDE: 25,000'

HEADING: 90°

SOURCE: AF Pilot

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Pending

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Flying wing shaped object.



EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 3

DATE: 24 Nov 51

TIME (Local): 1553

LOCATION: Minneapolis, Minn.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: Unknown

SOUND: None

SPEED: Hovering

ALTITUDE: 25,000'

HEADING: 90°

SOURCE: AF Pilot

ACTION OR COMMENTS: No conclusions.

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Flying wing shaped object.