

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 24 Apr 52		2. LOCATION Farichild AFB, Spokane, Wash.		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 1910 PST GMT 25/0310 Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE AF Pilot			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 7 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Glowing red color. Circular. Possibility of Beacon over horizon was checked, none close to line of vision. Ballon launched at 0300. Very possibly this was object. See folder for further details.				11. COMMENTS Light, size of pencil eraser at arm's length observed on bearing of 042° true. Object increased and decreased in brilliance. Was brighter than clearance lights of a/c in area.	

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SUBJECT Sighting of Unusual Object		
AREA REPORTED ON Fairchild AFB, Wash.	FROM (Agency) Hq 57th Air Division, 92d Bomb Wing H	
DATE OF REPORT 7 May 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 26 April 1952	EVALUATION E-1
PREPARED BY (Officer) 1st Lt. George C. Hays	SOURCE Officer stationed at Fairchild AFB, Wash.	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		

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.)

1. Information obtained from an Air Force Officer stationed at Fairchild Air Force Base, Fairchild, Washington.
2. Report shows that people are observing the presence of unusual and unidentified flying object in the area of a B-36 base.

APPROVED:

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1. Early the evening of 24 April, 1/Lt [REDACTED] Aviation Squadron, Bomb Wing H, sighted the object described below, from a location at his home in the Fairchild Air Force Base officer housing area. The information provided below is in accordance with the requirements of AFOIN-C/CC-2, 19 December 1951.

a. The object was round, its size as viewed slightly larger than the diameter of a pencil eraser, smaller than a dime. It could have been either a disc or a sphere. It was brilliant, glowing red in color, with the area of glow increasing and decreasing as if the object were turning, exposing less and then more of its glowing surface. There was no time pattern evident in this "increase-decrease" phenomenon. Throughout the whole period of observation, of approximately seven (7) minutes duration, the object was perfectly stationary. It faded out during one of its periods of ebbing glow and disappeared.

Lt Gunn was standing on the back stoop of his home, watching aircraft, over and about the field, when he perceived the red light. Light conditions - - it was twilight and stars were not yet visible. In the air at the time around Fairchild Air Force Base were three (3) B-26 and one (1) B-29 aircraft, apparently all in the pattern going east to west. Lt Gunn estimated that none were over two miles distant from him. He stated that the light was of much greater intensity than the navigation lights on any of the aircraft in view at the time. Lt Gunn reported that the light gave the impression of being much farther away than any of these aircraft. The object was in the general direction of Mt. Spokane (which is visible from the point of observation on clear days) and appeared three times higher on the horizon than the mountain.

b. Time of Sighting: Between 1910 and 1915 hours PST; length of observation was seven (7) minutes.

c. Manner of Observation: Visual from ground.

d. Address of [REDACTED] Fairchild Village (Officers Housing Area) Fairchild Air Force Base. [REDACTED] Observation made at a true heading of 042 degrees at an altitude of 2 degrees, 54 min. Point of observation was approximately 2,444 feet above sea level.

e. Person making Observation: 1/Lt [REDACTED] Aviation Squadron, Bomb Wing H. His duties cannot be given here as they are of a classified nature. Lt [REDACTED] has 130 hours of official pilot time, both military and civilian. Lt [REDACTED]'s reliability as an observer can be rated good. He was extremely serious about this sighting and made his report in an intelligent and detailed manner. This object was also seen by Lt [REDACTED] wife, a neighbor's wife and by two other officers. The two women, both observing the object from the same location as the reporting officer, were able to substantiate the position of the sighting in the sky and to verify its red color, however, they were unable to contribute any further details to this report. Neither of the other officers paid sufficient attention to the sighting to be able to contribute reports.

f. Weather and Wind: Reading at 1830 hrs. (before time of sighting) Estimated 20,000 broken; visibility 20 miles; temp. 75 degrees; dewpoint 41; wind HSE at 8 knots; altimeter, 29.89 inches; relative humidity, 20. Reading at 1930 hrs. (after time of sighting) Estimated 18,000 broken; visibility 20 miles; temperature 71 degrees; dewpoint 40; wind NE at 10 knots; altimeter, 29.88 inches; relative humidity, 32.

g. There was no activity, meteorological or other wise which can account for phenomenon sighted

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h. No physical evidence.

i. No interception action taken.

Comments of preparing Officer: Because of stationary nature of the object sighted an attempt was made to explain the sighting as a beacon light, possibly projected high over the horizon through conditions of atmospheric and refraction phenomenon. However, study of WAC charts showed no beacon lights on the reported heading, nor in the vicinity of the heading, even as far as well into Canada. Findings at this station offered no plausible explanation for sighting. There have been no repetitions of this sighting to the knowledge of the preparing officer.

Due to the fact that there is a critical shortage at this Headquarters of AF Form 112 parts 1 and 2, the total number of copies of part 2 in this report is four instead of the usual six. In order to make up the total number of copies required, onion skin paper is being used. Base publications notified us that it will be approximately thirty days before anymore of subject forms are available at this station.

Reporting officer felt that this report should not be delayed until receipt of forms.

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Source said "General Division at M7 Spokane
and three times as high. Ballroom would have
be at about 12,000' at 0317Z when source
lost sight of it. Better clouds at 12,000' est