

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE-TIME GROUP 17 SEP 52		2. LOCATION Penbrook, Pennsylvania		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 1500 E GMT		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian couple			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 3		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Silver color. Round, thin. Drifted then speed of plane.				11. COMMENTS	

COUNTRY United States	REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT (UNCLASSIFIED) Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (Short Title: FLYOBRPT)		
AREA REPORTED ON Middletown Air Materiel Area	FROM (Agency) Intelligence Office Olmsted Air Force Base, Middletown, Pa.	
DATE OF REPORT 20 August 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 18 August 1952	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) John L. Spiegel, 2d Lt, USAF	SOURCE Civilian Observer	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) Air Force Letter No. 200-5, 29 Apr 52		
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.)		

Reference TWX 171830Z this Headquarters reporting sighting of unidentified flying objects by Mr. [REDACTED], Penbrook, Penna., on 17 August 1952. Investigation by this Office has revealed that in all probability Mr. [REDACTED] was observing three aircraft.

Mr. [REDACTED] estimates of the altitude of the objects were from "ten feet above the trees to 250 feet", but his contention that the objects disappeared intermittently behind the clouds which are known to have been scattered at 5,000 feet indicates that the objects were much larger and farther from him than he believed.

A number of Air National Guard fighter aircraft are known to have been in or around the area during the time of the observation, and Mr. [REDACTED] admitted that he heard "distant airplanes." Other comments by the observer and his wife, who also witnessed the sighting, very strongly indicate that the objects were aircraft.

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PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE <i>17 Aug 52</i>	2. LOCATION <i>Pembroke, Pa.</i>	3. TIME Local: <i>1500</i> Zebra: <i>1900Z</i>
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND? <i>Three objects</i>		☒ Yes ☐ No ☒ Naked Eye ☐ Binoculars ☐ Telescope ☐ Theodolite
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR?		☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ By One Set ☐ By Two Sets ☐ By Three Sets
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR?		☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ A/C Observed Object ☐ Interception Attempted ☐ No Intercept Attempted
7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT?		☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ A/C Scrambled ☐ Visual Contact Made ☐ A/I Contact Made ☐ No Contact Made
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME?		☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Normal ☐ Violent
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT:		☐ Blinking ☒ Steady
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT: <i>?</i>		☐ 1-15 Seconds ☐ 1-5 Minutes ☐ Over 10 Minutes
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address) <i>CO, Flight Operations, Olmstead AFB, Pa.</i>		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED? <i>None</i>		
13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data from Air Almanac) ☐ Night ☐ Day ☐ Sunrise ☐ Sunset		

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA?	☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ One Aircraft ☐ More Than One Aircraft
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD?	☒ Yes ☐ No
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE?	☐ Yes ☒ No
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION?	☒ Yes ☐ No

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA?				☒ Yes		☐ No	
22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE:				240 Minutes			
23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:							
	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting	
				Yes	No		
a.	Harrisburg	P	USDA WB		☒		
b.							
c.							
d.							

(attach overlay)

V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE: ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Unreliable ☐ Extremely Doubtful ☐ Hoax	22. DETAILS OF REPORT: ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☒ Poor ☐ Insufficient to Evaluate
23. FINAL EVALUATION: ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other: _____ ☒ Insufficient Data For Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
24. COMMENTS:	

PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SHEET

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION <u>17 Aug 52</u>		2. TIME OF OBSERVATION <u>1900 Z</u>		3. STATION OBSERVING <u>Olmstead AFB, Pa.</u>	
4. WINDS ALOFT:					
ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0	<u>10</u>	<u>280</u>	25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000			50,000		
6,000			55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000			75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		
5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? (If yes, at what altitude? _____)			☐ Yes ☐ No		
6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? (If yes, at what quadrant? _____)			☐ Yes ☐ No		
7. CLOUD COVER:				8. VISIBILITY WAS	
<u>5</u> tenths at <u>5,000</u> feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.				<u>15</u> MILES.	
9. COMMENTS:					

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