

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

DATE 21 Sept 1952		2. LOCATION Rabat, Fr. Morocco		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1818 HRS		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
GMT PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE CIV		☐ Was Astronomical ☒ Probably Astronomical, 1000000 ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Few seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE E to W	☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Trajectory of obj was rectilinear. The object was variously described as an orange-colored ball of fire, an arrow, or a cone shaped obj trailing a bright green-blue cloud of smoke.			11. COMMENTS		

REPORT STRANGE OBJECT OVER TANGIER AND FES -- Fes, Le Courrier du Maroc,
22 Sep 52

REFER TO (SE: 16 JUL 52 - FR. MOROCCO) - RABAT

(10) On 21 September 1952, at 1815 hours, many people at a beach 17 kilometers from Tangier saw toward the south a luminous disk of a diameter close to that of the setting sun, flying horizontally from east to west. After holding its course for about 12 seconds, the disk, which looked like a brightly illuminated metal object, suddenly emitted two great streaks of flames and disappeared.

At 1820 hours, a strange object was also seen in the sky over Fes, French Morocco, flying at high speed from east to west and leaving behind a luminous white trail.

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BELIEVE OBJECT OVER MOROCCO ONLY A METEOR -- Rabat, L'Echo du Maroc, 22 Sep 52

REFER TO CASE 116 JUL 52 - RFR MOROCCO - RABAT

12 On 21 September 1952, at 1818 hours, the mysterious flying object seen in all Morocco and beyond was observed over Rabat. It seems more likely, however, that this time, it was a meteor, because the trajectory of the object was given as rectilinear, it did not maneuver in the way saucers are said to do, and its entire body was incandescent, which is not true of flying machines.

The object was variously described as an orange-colored ball of fire, an arrow, or a cone-shaped object trailing a bright green-blue cloud of smoke, heading from east to west and parallel to the coast, and moving at the speed of a conventional plane at an altitude of about 1,000 meters. The object was visible for only a few seconds. After it passed a thin, white trail of smoke remained visible for about 5 minutes.

PILOT GETS CLOSE VIEW OF SAUCER FOR BRIEF INTERVAL -- Casablanca, Maroc-Presse,
23 Sep 52

REFER CASE 116 JUL 52 - FR. MOROCCO - RABAT 14

The pilot of a tourist plane reports that on 21 September 1952, he flew for 10 seconds and about 50 meters in the same direction as the flying saucer so widely observed that day. This former military pilot, whose name is Creze, answered specific questions put to him and gave the following information:

As he was preparing to land at an airfield in Casablanca, at 1825 hours, he noticed the strange object about 30 meters to the left of his plane (a ground mechanic later verified this, as he saw a luminous object fly between himself and the plane). It was flying horizontally from east to west, along the same line of flight as that maintained by Creze. The latter was doing 220 kilometers an hour at the time, at an altitude of 450 meters, and the object was going about twice as fast. He motioned to his passenger, who saw it too. It looked like a bright blue-green flame and had an oblong cigar-like shape. He heard no noise coming from it. After it passed the plane, it disappeared in the direction of the sea. The pilot did not attempt to pursue it, fearing the same fate as that of the US pilot Captain Mantell.

That same evening, in Azemmour, French Morocco, a French couple and their farm workers heard a loud explosion as the strange flying object passed by. This is the first report we have of any sound heard from such objects. Other reports were received from Fes, Meknes, and Safi, where in each case the sighting was said to have occurred at 1820 hours.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: Observations of Unconventional Missiles or Aircraft
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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. Transmitted herewith is preliminary information obtained from two German astronomical observatories as a result of letters written during July 1952 by an officer of the German Space Travel Society, who is preparing a report on "unexplained aerial objects".
2. Part II of this report contains a translation of a letter from the Swabian Astronomical Observatory, Stuttgart, which gives explanations of several observations. A translation of a letter from a private observatory at Constance which also includes a brief description of a sighting near Casablanca, Morocco is also included in Part II.
3. Additional information from other institutions will be forwarded by later reports.
4. The information contained herein will be of interest to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

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THOUSANDS WITNESS SAUCER OVER MOROCCO AND TANGIER -- Casablanca, Maroc-Presse,
22 Sep 52

9. REFER. CASE. 16 JUL 52 - RABAT, FR. MOC.

On 21 September 1952, at about 1820 hours, an unusual object, possibly a saucer, flew at great speed over Casablanca. Shortly afterwards, about 15 telephone calls were received from local residents, and our Tangier correspondent

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called to say that he had seen the object going from east to west at 1815 hours (about 2-5 minutes before it flew over Casablanca!). Also, two observers in the Nefifik River valley were able to time the passage of the object with a chronometer; it was then 1817 hours, and the object was coming from the direction of Rabat, traveling from east to west.

Some of the reports gave the following details about the object: luminous, cigar-shaped, and giving off a silvery smoke trail; a luminous, whitish-green globe ending in a long cone and flying about 700 feet up, the same as a plane which flew by at the same time (outside of Casablanca); and a flaming, globe-shaped mass trailing white smoke in puffs, as though puff followed an explosion -- the object stopped short a moment and revolved on itself, emitting a shower of sparks about its cone.

About 6,000 spectators at a boxing match in Casablanca saw the object pass over the arena. In Louis Gentil, numerous persons saw it at 1818 hours, flying from east to west. In Marrakech, it made its appearance for 5 seconds at 1830 hours, when it was clearly seen by three persons who described it as a meteor, again traveling from east to west.

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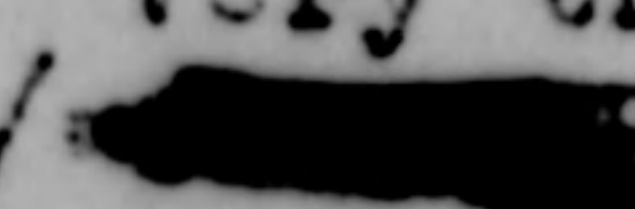
Constance, 24 September 1952
Dr. L/Mo

Dear Sir:

In your letter addressed to the private astronomical observatory of my brother, you raised the question as to whether, within the scope of his observations, he had observed any phenomena like the so-called "flying saucers". I take the liberty to answer your question as follows:

My brother died a few years ago and his astronomical observatory ceased to exist. I myself continued his work on a very small scale and made certain astronomical observations. However, these observations can, on no account, be considered as fully reliable. I have never observed phenomena similar to the above-named ones, however, as mentioned before, my observations are not fully reliable.

It is correct that almost all reports on "flying saucers" come from the USA. However, some days ago, I found the inclosed newspaper article according to which a "flying saucer" has been observed by many people on the coast of Morocco near Casablanca. I do not know whether you read this article and, therefore, I inclose it for your information.

Very truly yours,
/s/ 

Inclosure: "On Sunday evening, thousands of people observed a "flying saucer" emitting a metallic green light which was rushing at lightning-speed across the skies over Casablanca. It was visible for about six seconds. Eight minutes later, it was observed over Boulhaut which is 50 kilometers away from Casablanca."



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LETTERS GIVING OBSERVATIONS OF UNEXPLAINED AERIAL OBJECTS

Letter from Swabian Astronomical Observatory, Reg. Stuttgart
Office: Louschnerstrasse 51 - Postal Checking Account, Stuttgart No. 221 37
(14a) Stuttgart W, 22 September 1962

Dear Sir:

In reply to your inquiry we inform you that heretofore we have not observed any "flying saucers" in this region. However, besides this negative information, we are able to relate some experiences which may shed some light on the origin of such observation reports.

Only last summer, I received an excited telephone call in the middle of the night reporting an unfamiliar object rising on the eastern sky with increasing brightness and a remarkable change in color from red to white at a clearly visible although not very high speed. The observer indicated the position of this object relative to landmarks on the horizon so that it could be traced unmistakably. By an immediate check, I identified the mysterious thing as the rising planet Jupiter. Its brightness is of such intensity that the layman not being able to spot another star of similar brightness, mistakes it for something extraordinary. After its rise above the horizon, it first appears in a light-absorbing haze which makes it appear reddish and of lower brightness than later. As long as it is still near the horizon, its motion relative to the horizon is clearly observable; however, the speed of this motion is overestimated particularly by the layman who believes that the celestial bodies are standing still or moving so slowly that one cannot discern any motion at all.

Another time, a great noise suddenly arose in front of the astronomical observatory - "flying saucers!" We immediately looked out and saw a 1/4 degree long luminous body flying along the southern horizon. It could immediately be identified through a former AA telescope: it was a glider in tow, the wings of which bore the words "Trumpf - Pralette" in luminous letters.

The third time, it was an airliner flying at a relatively high altitude whose searchlight, "radiating from behind" through the haze lingering over the town, produced a spot somewhat weakened in color with a dirty red rim. Thus, we were able to clarify all reports given to us in a very sober manner and, based on these experiences, we are inclined to believe in similarly simple explanations for a high percentage of all reports on flying saucers.

Hoping that this information will be of some use to you, we remain,

Very truly yours,

/s/

SWABIAN ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY, Reg.

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1. DATE 22 Sep 52		2. LOCATION Fairfax, Virginia		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 0115 GMT		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE 2 policemen			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 1/2 hours		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 2 - 4		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING White.		11. COMMENTS Appeared in groups.			

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I. GENERAL

1. DATE: 22 Sep 52	2. LOCATION Fairfax, Va.	3. TIME Local: 2115 Zebra: 2015
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND?		☒ 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:		☐ 1-15 Seconds ☐ 1-5 Minutes ☐ Over 10 Minutes
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address) HQ USAF		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED? —		
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: _____ Minutes

23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:

	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting
				Yes	No	
a.						
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:

Journal following - up. RAOB would be valuable re: light refraction, inv. layer theory

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1. DATE OF OBSERVATION		2. TIME OF OBSERVATION		3. STATION OBSERVING	
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4. WINDS ALOFT:					
ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0			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: _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.	8. VISIBILITY WAS _____ MILES.
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9. COMMENTS:

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TO ATIAA-5 RUPPELT FR AFOIN-2A2 FOURNET

REF TUX AFOIN 58311 DTD 22 SEP 52 FROM THIS HQ

PERTAINING TO SIGHTING FAIRFAX AND CENTREVILLE

VA MORNING 22 SEP. I AM INVESTIGATING

THOROUGHLY SO NO FOLLOW-UP REQUIRED BY YOU.

END CSAF ITEM NBR 3 [REDACTED]

TE 207

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ACTION