

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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| 1. DATE<br>8 Oct 52                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  | 2. LOCATION<br>KEFLAVIK, ICELAND                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                             | 12. CONCLUSIONS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon                                                                                                                       |  |
| 3. DATE-TIME GROUP<br>Local 08/2105<br>GMT 08/2205                                                                                                                                                                     |  | 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar<br><input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar |                                                                                                                                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical |  |
| 5. PHOTOS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                    |  | 6. SOURCE<br>4 AF Officers                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other<br><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown                                                                                                                                                    |  |
| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION                                                                                                                                                                                               |  | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>1                                                                                                                                                                             | 9. COURSE<br>SSW                                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING<br><br>Disc shaped, pinkish-orange object observed over Keflavik Airport by four officers of 932 ACW Sq. Object traveled at high speed, 5-10,000 feet, hovered momentarily over airport. |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 11. COMMENTS<br><br>1. The objects description sounds like a common weather balloon.<br>2. Little is known about balloon sites and times of releases in Iceland by ATIAA-5. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |



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C-1 [REDACTED] 9 OCT 52 091115Z461

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TO MATS WASH DC  
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COM ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE

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ILOPR-C-4. FLYOBRPT UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT OVER KEFLAVIK AIRPORT  
2105 LOCAL TIME 8 OCT OUVING NNE RPT NNX TO SSW VERY HIGH SPEED BETWEEN  
5 TO 10 THOUSAND FEET. DISC SHAPED, PINKISH ORANGE COLOR. HOVERED  
MOMENTARILY OVER AIRPORT, THEN GAINED ALTITUDE VERY RAPIDLY AND  
DISAPPEARED. REPORTED BY 4 OFFICERS 932 ACW AND OTHER. LOCAL GCA  
DID NOT REPORT SIGHTINGS. NO CLOUD COVER. 29/1715Z

ballroom  
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PARAPHRASE NOT REQUIRED. SEE CRYPTO-CENTER  
BEFORE DECLASSIFYING

ACTION

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USA - MATS

IR-667-52

Unidentified Flying Object over Keflavik Airport, Iceland

Iceland

1400th Air Base Group, Keflavik, Iceland

11 October 1952

8 October 1952

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MILTON RADOVSKI, Captain, USAF

Capt Frank M. Stillwell, A0817124  
1/lt WCDecker A01018675 1/lt Mestafford  
A0812398 & 2/lt RJHarwood A0190780

FLYOBREP Msg ILOPR - C - 4

SPOTREP 52-4, 1400th ABG, 8 Oct 52, cc 1 copy IDF

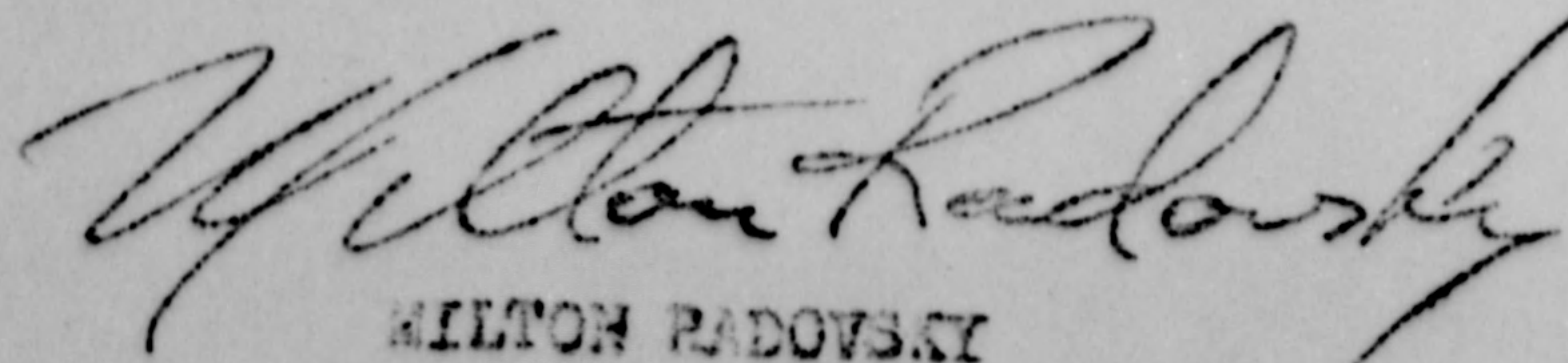
At about 2100Z on 8 Oct 52 four officers of the recently arrived 932nd ACW Sq witnessed a strange object in the air approaching this airport. It was perfectly round, they said, except for an irregularity in its trailing edge, and its outline was quite distinct. One of them said that it seemed to have depth, another said that it appeared to be flat. It had a pinkish-orange color, and was variously described as pale, porous, transparent, translucent. It initially had a true bearing of 35 to 40 degrees and elevation of about 60 degrees. It travelled very rapidly on a course of about 200 degrees in straight and level flight for about 4 seconds after it was first sighted. Then, after decreasing speed somewhat, and with a slight loss of altitude, it turned to a course of about 135 degrees, went into an almost vertical climb at an extremely high rate of speed, diminished in size and disappeared from view in about one second. Altogether it traversed an arc of about 90 degrees in about 6 seconds.

The object left no visible exhaust, vapor trail, air turbulence or sound, according to one of the officers, who is Senior Controller of the 932nd ACW Sq. He was unable to judge the altitude of the object, but two of the other officers estimated it at 5 to 10 thousand feet. One of them also estimated its speed at 600 knots and its diameter at 50 feet.

There was absolutely no cloud cover, very little surface wind and no display of northern lights at that time, they said, and a half moon allowed good visibility.

COMMENT: Local GCA did not report such a sighting, nor did either the Keflavik or the Reykjavik towers. There was only one locally based aircraft (a C-47) flying locally at that time, but none of the crew members observed this object. The weather station releases a weather balloon at about 2100Z each day, but the one released 8 Oct 52 was not colored. Local sunset was at 1837Z, almost three hours prior to the sighting, so it is unlikely that the object, if it were a balloon, could have been reflecting the sun's rays to make the pinkish-orange color ascribed to it. Local winds at 2100Z were all less than 30 knots up to 20,000 feet, directions varying from 300 degrees to 010 degrees. Thus neither the apparent speed of the object nor its initial course could be accounted for by the direction or force of the wind. NOTE: "... two men in Reykjavik recently saw a kind of ball going across the sky at a terrific speed." Source: "Morgunbladid", 23 Sep 52.

APPROVED:



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Group Intelligence Officer

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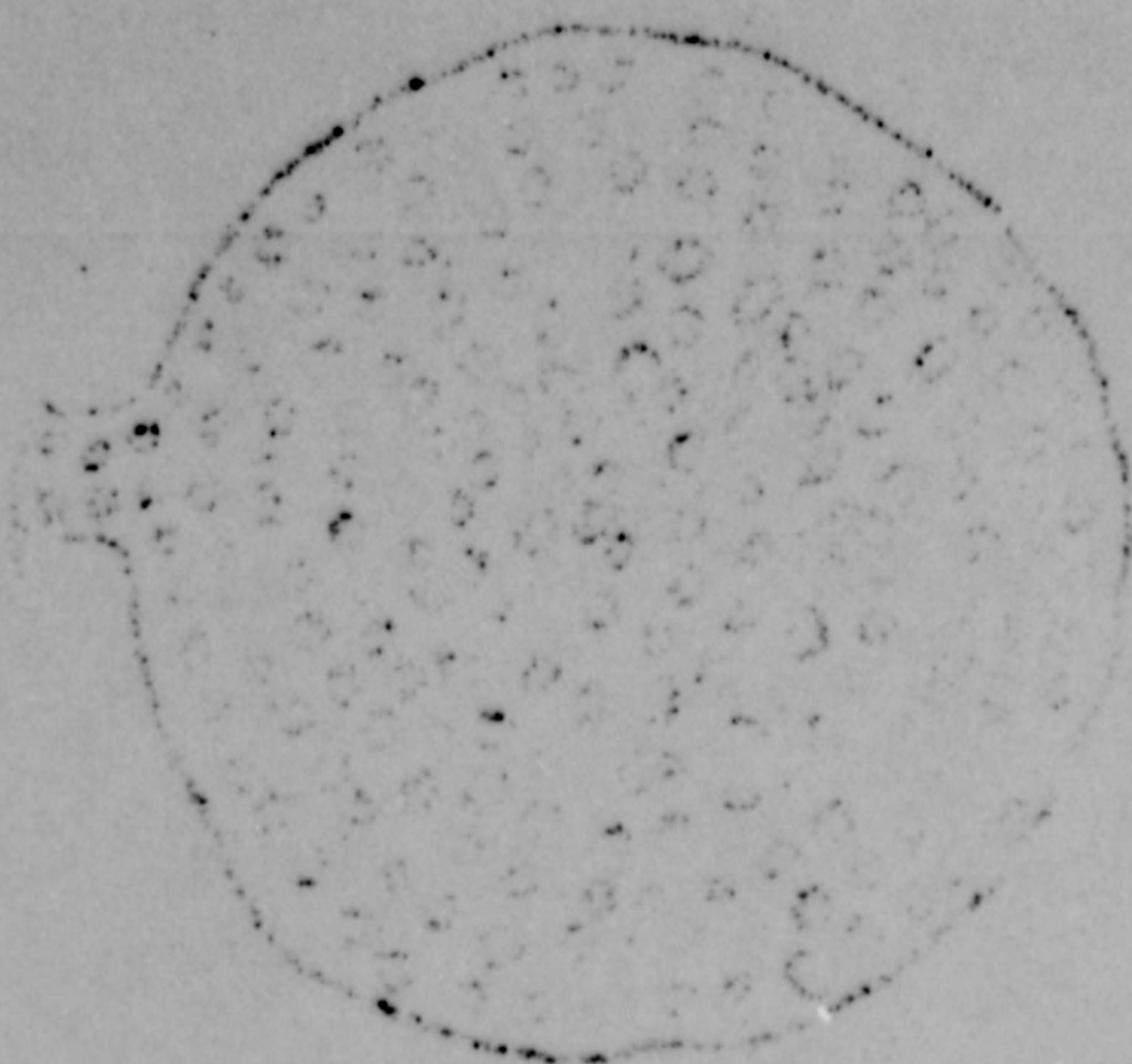
Impressions of the object

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DOCKING

INITIAL

4 OFFICERS

5 SECONDS

CLIMB AND  
DISAPPEAR



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COMATS ANDREWS AFB MD

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CHIEF, ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

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CC ICELAND DEFENSE FORCE REYKJAVIK ICELAND

ILQPR - C - 4 FLYOBJCT UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT OVER REYKJAVIK AIRPORT  
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BY FOUR OFFICERS NINE THREE TWO ACW AND OTHERS. LOCAL GCA DID NOT REPORT  
SIGHTINGS. NO CLOUD COVER.

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BASE OPERATIONS OFFICER.