

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 15 Oct 52		2. LOCATION ASHIYA AB JAPAN		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 Probably propogation, not function or interference	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 15/2300 I GMT		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual X Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes X No		6. SOURCE Radar operator			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 5		9. COURSE Generally east	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Target similar to light a/c painted on radar scope at Ashiya Air Base. As many as five targets appeared at one time, traveling 50.70 mph at 200.500 feet altitude. Sightings lasted for three hours, no visual contact.			11. COMMENTS <i>a. Radar personnel observing scope generally agreed that objects were birds.</i>		

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FLYOBRT-FOL REPT FORWARDED IN ACCORD WITH PAR 7C, AFL 200-5

PARA 7. C(1): OBJ PRESENTED TGT SIMILAR TO A LIGHT AIRCRAFT ON RADAR
SCOPES. NO DEFINITE FORMATIONS OBSRD ALTHOUGH AS MANY AS 5 OBJS WERE
SEEN AT SAME TIME. GRD SPEED OF OBJS ESTD AT 50 TO 70 MPH. OBJS HAD
NO DEFINITE TRACH ALTHOUGH GEN MV WAS TO S AND E. NO SOUND WAS HEARD.
OBJS APPEARED BETWEEN 200 AND 500 FT ABOVE SURF USUALLY DISAPPEARING
IN GRD CLUTTER ON RADAR SCOPES. PARA 7. C. (2): TIME OF SIGHTING
BETWEEN 2300I 15 OCT CURR AND 2200I 16 OCT CURR. PARA 7. C. (3):
OBJS OBSRD WITH RADAR SET AN/MPN-1(GCA) UNIT NO 20, ON BOTH 2 AND
10 MILE PRECISION (AZIMUTH AND ELEVATION) SCOPES AND THE SEARCH
SCOPE. PARA 7. C. (4): GCA UNIT LOCATED AT ASHIYA AIR BASE, 33
DEGREES 53 MINUTES N 130 DEGREES 40 MINUTES E. OBJS USUALLY APPEARED
N TO W OF STA FROM 2 MILES OR LESS OF FIELD TRACKING IN BOUND TO
STA AND DISAPPEARING IN GRD CLUTTER AROUND THE FIELD WITH ALT
RANGING FROM 200 TO 500 FT. PARA 7. C. (5): NOTHING COULD BE SEEN
VISUALLY. THE WITNESS HAS HAD 5 YRS EXPERIENCE IN AN/MPN/1 TYPE RADAR

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SCOPE PRESENTATION. PARA 7. C. (6): WEA AT TIME OF OBSERVATION:
SKY COND 4000 FT SCATTERED; VISIBILITY 10 MILES; ALTIMETER SETTING
29.95. WINDS ALOFT AND SURFACE: SURFACE 19 KNOTS FROM 290 DEGREES;
1000 FT 10 KNOTS FROM 290 DEGREES; 2000 FT 12 KNOTS FROM 280 DEGREES;
2500 FT 10 KNOTS FROM 270 DEGREES. NO OTHER ALT READING AVAL. PARA
7. C. (7): NO LOGICAL EXPLANATION EXCEPT SOME TYPE OF LARGE BIRD.
PARA 7. C. (8): NO PHY EVIDENCE SUCH AS FRAGMENTS OR PHOTOS EXIST.
PARA 7. C. (9): PILOTS OF ACFT IN VICINITY REPTD SEEING NOTHING.
PARA 7. C. (10): TAKE OFFS AND LANDINGS AT AIR BASE WERE FREQUENT
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

AREA REPORTED ON

ASHIYA AIR BASE, KYUSHU, JAPAN

FROM (Agency)

403d Troop Carrier Wing (M) APO 75

DATE OF REPORT

22 October 1952

DATE OF INFORMATION

13 October 1952

EVALUATION

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PREPARED BY (Officer)

JOHN J. BRINLEY, Capt., USAF

SOURCE

1955-1 AAC3 Detachment

T/Sgt RAYMOND E. CHACE, AF 13000098

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

AFL 200-5, dated 29 Apr 52, SUBJ: Intelligence—Unidentified Flying Object Reporting.

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. At 2300I 15 October 1952 and again at 0200I, 16 October 1952, unidentified objects were sighted on GCA radar scopes of the 1955-1 Detachment, AAC3, Ashiya Air Base (123° 54' N - 130° 39' E). Objects presented targets similar to light planes traveling from north to south at 50 to 70 MPH at altitudes from 200 feet to 500 feet. Objects appeared at distances of two (2) miles or less North or West of the runways of Ashiya Air Base. Objects in groups up to five (5) in number moved towards the runway, disappearing in the "ground clutter" on the radar scope as they neared the runway. No unusual sounds were heard and no visual sightings made by GCA crew or crews of aircraft flying locally at the time of radar sightings. Four (4) radar crewmen, ranging in radar experience from 10 months to 5 years, made radar sightings of the objects.

2. Three (3) of the four (4) witnesses agreed that the unidentified objects might be birds.

3. Comments of approving officer: In view of the lack of sonic or visual confirmation of presence of the objects and the opinions of three (3) of the four (4) witnesses, it is probable that the objects were birds. Weather at time of observation was clear with a four thousand (4,000) ceiling and visibility of ten (10) miles. Objects were observed with radar set AN/MPN-1 (GCA) unit #20 on both the two (2) and ten (10) mile precision scopes.

APPROVED:



JOHN J. BRINLEY

Captain, USAF

Wing Intelligence Officer

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1. Witness Statement, Roberts (1 cy)
2. Witness Statement, Smith (1 cy)
3. Witness Statement, Chace (1 cy)
4. Witness Statement, Tucker (1 cy)

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Following statement furnished as required by AFL 200-5, dtd 20 Apr 52

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Ref AFL 200-5, dtd 20 Apr 52, par 7. c. (1): Objects presented target similar to a light aircraft on radar scopes. No definite formations observed although as many as five objects were seen at same time. Ground speed of objects estimated 50 to 70 MPH. Objects had no definite track although general movement was to south and east. No sound was heard. Objects appeared between 200 and 500 feet above surface usually disappearing in ground clutter on radar scopes.

Par 7. c. (2): Time of sighting between 2300 hours October 15, 1952 and 0200 hours 16 October 1952.

Par 7. c. (3): Objects observed with radar set AN/MPN-1 (GCA) unit #20, on both 2 and 10 mile precision (azimuth and elevation) scopes and the search scope.

Par 7. c. (4): GCA unit located at Ashiya AA Base, 33° 53' N 130° 40' E. Objects usually appeared north to west of station from 2 miles or less of field tracking inbound to station and disappearing in ground clutter around the field with altitude ranging from 200 to 500 feet.

Par 7. c. (5): Nothing could be seen visually. The undersigned has had 5 years experience in AN/MPN-1 type radar scope presentation.

Par 7. c. (6): Weather at time of observation: Sky condition - four thousand feet scattered; visibility 10 miles; altimeter setting 29.95. Winds aloft and surface: Surface - 19 knots from 290°; one thousand feet - 10 knots from 290°; two thousand feet - 12 knots from 280°; two thousand five hundred feet - 10 knots from 270°. No other altitude readings available.

Par 7. c. (7): No logical explanation except some type of large bird.

Par 7. c. (8): No physical evidence such as fragments or photographs exist.

Par 7. c. (9): Pilots of aircraft in vicinity reported seeing nothing.

Par 7. c. (10): Take offs and landings at air base were frequent.

Cue Roberts
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S T A T E M E N T

1. Objects on precision radar scopes present a blip similar to a light aircraft but the density of the return was lighter. Most of the objects were passing from north to south, angling in from $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 mile from the end of the runway and entering the ground clutter on the south side of the runway. The objects showed themselves to be from 200 to 500 feet high on the elevation scopes. In one instance a formation of five crossed the scope at the same time. Ground speed estimated from 50 to 70 MPH. Objects could also be picked up on $7\frac{1}{2}$ mile PPI scope.

2. The undersigned has had $3\frac{1}{2}$ years experience in GCA.

3. Believe objects to be ducks.

Harold B Smith
HAROLD B SMITH, AF 19028551
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S T A T E M E N T

On the evening of the 18th of October 1952, I T/Sgt Raymond E Chace, was on duty in the GCA trailer located at Ashiya AA Base, Japan.

I observed along with the otherteam members definite radar targets on the two mile precision tubes. These targets appeared to be identical with slow moving aircraft. The targets had no definite course or formation, but moved from north to south. At one time five targets appeared. Most of these targets merged into the ground clutter around the end of the runway #12. No sound was heard.

The tower informed us they could not see anything in that area. These targets also were on the elevation scopes appearing between 200 and 500 feet in the air.

I have been in GCA 21 months. Do not know what these targets were and do not wish to guess.

Raymond E. Chace
RAYMOND E CHACE, AF 13000098
T Sgt, USAF
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Following statement furnished as required by AF 220-5, dtd 20 Apr 52

S T A T E M E N T

1. Observed strange objects on precision radar scopes (AN/MPN-1) at altitudes ranging from two to five hundred feet. The targets gave a presentation similar to that of a small aircraft and were travelling at from fifty to seventy miles per hour. These said targets were traveling from north to south angling in from about one mile off the end of the runway and entering the ground clutter on the south side of the runway.

2. The undersigned has had ten months experience observing presentation of AN/MPN-1 type radar scopes.

3. Believe objects to be birds.

James Tucker

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