

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 20 Nov 53 20/2130Z	2. LOCATION 36.55N 76.00(Atlantic)
3. SOURCE military	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON (RAWIN) Evaluated as a possible RAWIn balloon by CINCLANT.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 mins	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Estimated altitude at 55,000 ft, small egg-shaped, silver in color.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION air visual	
7. COURSE NE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☐ No	

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FROM: USAF WASH D.C. 051900Z DEC 1953

TO: AMC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB

SUBJECT: REC A-2 MATTERS

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CSAT ITEM 2

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ATTN: A-2

FROM: A-2

THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED FROM FTRON

(A NAVY UNIT), DATE-TIME-GROUP 241800Z,

AND IS FORWARDED FOR YOUR INFO AND ANY DESIRED ACTION. QUOTE, THIS IS MY AMPLIFYING

REPORT NUMBER ONE WHICH CONFIRMS MY RADIO

REPORT TO AIRCONTROL AND WARNING FORT CUSTIS,

VIRGINIA AT 202141Z, SINGLE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT,

LAT 36-55 NORTH, LONG 76-00 WEST, SIGHTED

202130Z, LOST LAT 37-12 NORTH, LONG 75-58

WEST AT 202145Z, SIGHTED ON COURSE 000 ESTI-

MATED SPEED 1600, WHEN LOST, ON COURSE 045,

SAME SPEED, VISUAL, ALTITUDE 55,000.

OBJECT SMALL, EGG-SHAPED, SILVER IN COLOR.

BETTER FOLLOWS TO CINCLANTFLT THROUGH CHAIN

COMMAND. END QUOTE.

A FURTHER MESSAGE FROM CINCLANTFLT, DATE-

TIME-GROUP 252130Z, TENTATIVELY EVALUATED THE

SIGHTING AS A RADAR WEATHER BALLOON.

END OF CSAT ITEM 2

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FROM AFON-242

ACTION

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AT (A NAVY UNIT), DATE-TIME-GROUP 241504Z,
AND IS FORWARDED FOR YOUR INFO AND ANY DE-
SIRE ACTION. QUOTE. THIS IS MY AMPLIFYING
REPORT NUMBER ONE WHICH CONFIRMS MY RADIO
REPORT TO AIRCONTROL AND WARNING FORT CUSTIS,
VIRGINIA AT 202141Z. SINGLE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT,
LAT 36-55 NORTH, LONG 76-00 WEST, SIGHTED
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MATED SPEED 1000. WHEN LOST, ON COURSE 045,
SAME SPEED. VISUAL. ALTITUDE 55,000.
OBJECT SMALL, EGG-SHAPED, SILVER IN COLOR.
LETTER FOLLOWS TO CINCLANTFLT THROUGH CHAIN
COMMAND. END QUOTE.

A FURTHER MESSAGE FROM CINCLANTFLT, DATE-
TIME-GROUP 252139Z, TENTATIVELY EVALUATED THE
SIGHTING AS A RAWIN WEATHER BALLOON.

END OF CSAF ITEM 2

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N.Y. Herald Tribune 11/17/53



Associated Press from United States Air Force

• The Air Force last night released this first photo of the "Flying Stiletto," dagger-shaped research plane designed to fly at 2,000 miles an hour.

A. F. Displays 'Flying Stiletto'

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16 (AP).—

The Air Force cautiously lifted the secrecy curtain today from its "flying stiletto," a dagger-shaped research plane designed to fly 2,000 miles an hour at extremely high altitudes.

The jet-propelled craft, the X-3, was built by Douglas Aircraft Co. under sponsorship of the Air Force, Navy and National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics. It has been tested at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif., for a year but little has been said about its radical shape.

The X-3 resembles nothing else now flying. It has a long, sharply tapered nose and stubby straight wings. It is 66 feet 9 inches long over all, but its wing is a mere 22 feet 8 inches

air-line transport. But its wing span is less than that of the tail of a DC-3.

Won't
you

help the blind
help themselves

?

Give generously
to the Lighthouse

Lord & Taylor

has more
making it
in a DC-3

NOV 1953 SIGHTINGS
30 - 15

Folder #1

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
✓ 1	28	Brookley AFB, Colorado
✓ 2	27	Houston, Texas ✓
✓ 3	27	Saudi Arabia ✓
✓ 4	27	Phoenix, Arizona ✓
✓ 5	27	Keflavik ARPT, Iceland ✓
✓ 6	25	Clemson, South Carolina ✓
(✓ 7)	21	(Kirtland, New Mexico
(✓ 8)	21	(Kirtland AFB, New Mexico
✓ 9	20	Marietta, Ohio ✓
✓ 10	19	Panama City, Florida ✓
✓ 11	19	Bermuda 33° 59' N - 55° 14' W <i>Norfolk, England</i>
✓ 12	19	Island of Corvo ✓ (Azores)
✓ 13	18	Manitowoc, Wisconsin
✓ 14	17	New York City ✓
✓ 15	17	<i>Los</i> Alamos, New Mexico
✓ 16	16	Catalina, California ✓
✓ 17	15	St. Louis, Missouri ✓
✓ 18	15	<i>WATSON</i> Long Beach , California
✓ 19	15	McCool Junction, Nebraska ✓

*I think these
same*

NOV 1953 SIGHTINGS
1 thru 14

Folder #2

<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
✓ 1	14	New Orleans, Louisiana ✓
✓ 2	10	Dayton, Ohio ✓
✓ 3	8	Prince George, B. C. ✓
✓ 4	9	Pepperrell AFB, Newfoundland ✓
✓ 5	7	Long Beach, California ✓
✓ 6	5	Indiana -Illinois area ✓
✓ 7	4	Ashley, North Dakota ✓
✓ 8	2	Norton AFB, California ✓
✓ 9	(1)	Big Moose Lake, New York ✓
✓ 10	1	<i>Po. n. n. a</i> Guadalupe Island ✓

DECEMBER 1953 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
1	Dayton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
3	Holloman AFB, New Mexico	Ground (RADAR)	Insufficient Data
3	North Truro, Massachusetts	Ground (RADAR)	A/C
		Air (RADAR & Visual)	
3	Belmar, New York	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
4	Houston, Texas	[REDACTED]	Balloon
8	Gulf of Siam (HO Bulletin)(INFO)	[REDACTED] (Luminous Light	Waves).....
8	St Louis, Missouri	[REDACTED]	A/C (B-50)
9	Thule AB, Greenland	Air Visual (Military)	Astro (METEOR SHOWER)
10	Columbus, Indiana	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
10	Maryland-Pennsylvania Area	Multiple Gd & Air	Astro (METEOR)
11	Lake Ontario Canada (Newsclipping)(INFO)	[REDACTED]	
11	Rome, New York	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
12	Gulf of Mexico (HO Bulletin)(INFO)	[REDACTED] (Unusual vertical meteor).....	
13	Caribbean Sea (HO Bulletin)(INFO)	[REDACTED] Light.....	
13	Albuquerque, New Mexico	[REDACTED]	Balloon
14	Panama City, Florida	Many Observers	Balloon
15	Idaho Falls, Idaho	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
16	Ft Belvoir, Virginia	[REDACTED]	Astro (SUN DOG)
16	Mediterranean Area	Military (RADAR)	Other (RADAR ANALYSIS)
16	Agoura, California	Gd & Air Visual by Lockheed Personnel	Other (LENTICULAR CLOUD)
17	Hassleholm, Sweden	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
17	22.30N 158W (Pacific)	[REDACTED]	A/C
24	El Cajon, California	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
26	North Korea	Military Air	Balloon
27	Orwigsburg, Pennsylvania	[REDACTED]	Astro (JUPITER)
27	Madison, Connecticut (CASE MISSING)	[REDACTED]	A/C
28	Marysville, California	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
28	Minneapolis, Minnesota	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
20	Paris, France (Fowler)(INFO)	[REDACTED] PHOTO)	
29	Rock Springs, Wyoming	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
30	Miami, Florida	[REDACTED]	Balloon
31	San Jacinto & Palm Springs, Calif	Mil & Civ	Other (MISSILE/ROCKET)
31	Seal Beach, California	Civilian	Other (MISSILE/ROCKET)
31	Quantico, Virginia	Military Multi Air Visual	Other (Grimes Light on A/C)