PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	12. CONCLUSIONS
30 April 1955	Rome, Georgia	☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 01/0110Z May	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION XX Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	☐ Was Aircraft XX Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes XX No	6. SOURCE Civilian	☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION approx two minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS two	9. COURSE to northwest	☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

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11. COMMENTS

Investigation by flight 3-C reveals there was a flight of //four a/c practicing break-ups over Rome during the time of sighting. Probably the observers noted the above mentioned a/c.

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/U N C L A S S I F I E D/INT 2439 PD UFOB PD (1) (A) ROUND (B) SIMILAR TO A SHOOTING STAR (C) FIERY BALL (D) TWO HOWEVER OBS SAW ONLY ONE CMA HIS EIGHT-YEAR-OLD SON SAW TWO (E) NONE (F) NEG (G) NEG (H) NEG (I) THE TWO FIERY BALLS APPEARED TO COME FROM AN AIRCRAFT FLYING OVERHEAD AT THE TIME OF SIGHTING, ONE BALL FROM EACH SIDE OF THE ACFT (2)(A) OBSERVERS EIGHT-YEAR-OLD SON POINTED THEM OUT (B) ACFT EST AT 2[illegible] TO 25[illegible] FEET (C) OBJECT APPEARED TO MOVE 5 TO 1[illegible] DEGREES UPWARD SLOWLY (D) ACFT CAME FROM ESE CMA DEPARTED TO W CMA. ONE OBJECT FLEW OFF TO NNE CMA THE OTHER TO THE SSW CMA BOTH IN A GRADUAL UPWARD PATH (E) OBSERVER CAME INTO HOUSE TO REPORT SIGHTING (F) ONE AND ONE-HALF TO

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THREE MINUTES (3)(A) GROUND VISUAL (B) NEG (C) NEG (4)(A) 1 11 Z

MAY 55(B) NIGHT (5) ROME GEORGIA CMA GEOREF GJEE 4916 (6)(A) CIVILIAN:

[redacted] CMA [redacted] CMA ROME GEORGIA EMPLOYED

AT LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT CORP MARIETTA GA AND HIS SON [redacted]

NGED 6 (B) NEG (7)(A) CLEAR (B) 35 /11 AT SURFACE; 1 /9 AT [illegible];

4 /15 AT 1[illegible]; 1 /42 AT 16[illegible]; 35 /54 AT 2[illegible]; 35 /9 AT 3[illegible];

34 /5[illegible] AT 5[illegible]; UNK AT S[illegible] (C) NEG (D) 15 MILES (E) NEG (F) NEG

(G) NEG (9) NEG (10) UNK (11) DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE 35TH AD(D)

DOBBINS AFB GA MIGHT POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN INADVERTENT DISCHARGE OF

ARMAMENT OR PYROTECHNIC PD MAXWELL FLT SVC MAXWELL AFB ALA IS ALSO

FILING REPORT ON THIS SIGHTING (12) NEG END

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C. CELING NONE

D. VISIBILITY 15 MILES

E. CLOUD COVER NONE

F. THUNDERSTORMS NONE

8. NONE

9. NONE

10. UNK

11. OPERATIONS OFFICERMAXWELL FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER MAXWELL AFB ALABAMA CPAT K.A. SNYDERS FLT SERVICE CLNV OFF OBJECT VERY POSSABLY WAS INAD VERTENT ROCKET FIRING

12. NONE

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31/0533Z MAY JESYQ

A. CIVILIAN

[redacted]

ROME GA [redacted]

LOCKEED EMPLOYEE

B. MILITARY

7 WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING

A. CLEAR 15

B. SURFACE 30 DEGREES 8 KNOTS

6000 FEET 360 DEGREES 15 KNOTS

10000 FEET 360 DEGREES 30 KNOTS

16000 FEET 350 DEGREES 25 KNOTS

20000 FEET 350 DEGREES 40 KNOTS

30000 1335 350 DEGREES 70 KNOTS

50000 FEET 340 DEGREES 50 KNOTS

80000 FEET DEGREES KNOTS

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2. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT

A. ACFT FLYING SSE WHN OBJECTS CAME FROM BOTH WINGS

B. SEEMED TO BE AT APPROX 2500 FT ABV SFC

C. UNK

D. SEEMED TO CLIMB ON ANGLE OF 35 TO 40 DEGREES ONE PROCEEDED TO WEST TO WEST OTHER TO EAST

E. FADED OUT

F. 30 SECONDS

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

A. GOUND VISUAL

B. NONE

C. N/A

4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

A. 01/0311Z

B. NIGHT

5. LOCATIONS OF OBSERVER

BACK YARD OF HOME IN ROME GA

6. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBSERVERS

A. CIVILIAN

MR [redacted]

ROME GA PHONE [redacted]

LOCKHEED EMPLOYEE

B. MILITARY

7. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING

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/ F O B/ 1. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT

A. BALL OF FIRE

B. UNK

C. FIREY RED

D. 2

E. SIDE BY SIDE AT FIRST THEN SEEMED TO DIVERGE

F. NONE

G. TAIL

H. NONE OTHER THAN ACFT FROM WHICH IT CAME

I. NONE

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UFOB CORRECTION

ERROR NOTED IN UFOB REPORT TRANSMITTED BY THIS CENTER 012442Z.

CORRECT AS FOLLOWS: THIS PARAGRAPH 4A (TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING)

NOW SHOWS 322112Z SHOULD READ 012112Z. SGD GOLINSKI

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UFOB INDEX CARD

1. DATE 30 APRIL ~~1 May~~ 1955	2. LOCATION Rome, Georgia	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
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7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Approx. two (2) Minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Two (2)	9. COURSE North-west

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: UFOB

AREA REPORTED ON: ROME, GEORGIA (GTES 5016)

TIME (Local): EDIGHT 2-4, 4602d ATSS

DATE OF EVENT: 5 MAY 1955

DATE OF INFORMATION: 1 MAY 1955

EVALUATION:

PREPARED BY (Office): RICHARD C. VAUGHN, 1Lt, USAF

CODE: [redacted]

REFERENCE: [illegible]

SUMMARY: [illegible]

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PART INVESTIGATORS: 1Lt RICHARD C. VAUGHN AO 1863[illegible]
M/Sgt WILLIS B. MINOR AF 697006

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Officer in Charge

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JOHN W. [illegible] JR.
Colonel, USAF
Commander

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I. SOURCE: [redacted]

Address: [redacted] Rome, Georgia

Age: Unknown

Occupation: Lockheed Aircraft Corporation, Marietta, Georgia

Education: Unknown

Qualifications: Familiar with present day conventional aircraft

II. RELIABILITY: Due to the conflicting reports Source gave Base Operations, Dobbins AFB, 0/1 95th AD, Dobbins AFB, and Flt 2-0, reliability is questionable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: Shortly after nightfall on 01/01Z May 1955, SOURCE and his small boy, age 9 years, were working in the back yard of their home at [redacted] ROME, GEORGIA (GJZD 5016) when an aircraft flew over heading N-W at an altitude of 1500-2500 feet. SOURCE stated that the aircraft was definitely of conventional design, had a reciprocating engine or engines, was displaying running lights, and traveling at rather slow speed as compared to a jet aircraft. After the aircraft passed over, SOURCE continued with his work as there was nothing unusual about the aircraft.

Shortly thereafter, SOURCE stated his son called his attention to the aircraft again and what appeared to be a fireball, about the size of a shooting star without a tail, departing from the left wing of the left side of the aircraft and traveling in a westerly direction at the same speed as the aircraft, which continued on N-W. The fireball seemed to climb slightly as it continued in a straight path to the west. The fireball was fairly bright for 20 seconds and faded out of view in about 12 minutes but never lost altitude. After the fireball disappeared, SOURCE stated his son spoke of a second fireball which departed from the right side of the aircraft and disappeared to the north in the same manner. SOURCE stated that he did not see the second fireball because of a tree in his line of vision. At first SOURCE thought the aircraft was practicing some sort of night maneuvers but the fireballs seemed to be unusual so he reported the sighting to Base Operations, Dobbins AFB as he thought the aircraft would probably be from there. About one hour after the sighting, SOURCE stated that what he thought was the same aircraft came back over flying in a S-E direction at the same altitude, speed, and displaying running lights.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. A check with the 4674th G.O.S., Dobbins AFB, revealed that no reports of any unusual aerial activity had been received through any of their filter centers.

2. Flight Service Center, Maxwell AFB, Ala made the following checks with negative results:

a. McGhee-Tyson Airport, Tenn.
b. Donaldson AFB, S.C.
c. Sewart AFB, Tenn.
d. Berry-Nashville Airport, Tenn.
e. Memphis Naval Air Station, Tenn.
f. Memphis Municipal Airport, Tenn.

3. Base Operations, Dobbins AFB revealed that the observer, Mr. [redacted] first reported the sighting to Base Operations. The report of the sighting given to Base Operations differed considerably from the report Source gave FZC Investigators. Observer reported to Base Operations, DAFB that the aircraft was 4000-5000 feet altitude flying North, and the aircraft appeared to drop a smaller aircraft which flew West. Mother aircraft continued North.

Base Operations, DAFB stated that no local aircraft was in the Rome, Ga area at the time of the sighting and that no other information on the sighting was received from any other source.

4. A check was made with the Municipal Airport, Atlanta, Georgia. No unusual activity reported.

5. Information received from Bradley Observatory, Atlanta, Georgia indicated that no unusual observations were made or were reported to the Observatory during the past week.

6. Operations Officer, Naval Air Station, Chamblee, Georgia revealed that two flights of four aircraft each were practicing tactical formation flying and tactical break-ups in the Rome, Georgia area between 010100Z and 010150Z May 1955.

Operations Officer described these aircraft as Navy F4U's, single engine aircraft, having a collector ring exhaust system with the single exhaust port at the bottom section of the collector ring. Also during these tactical break-ups the aircraft would display running lights. Before the tactical break-up the all aircraft may or may not display running lights.

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COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. In the opinion of the Preparing Officer, this sighting was probably caused by one of three flights of Navy F4H4 aircraft when the wing man on the flight dispersed to the right and left in a tactical break-up for the following reasons:

a. Source first reported that a small aircraft departed form mother aircraft. What he probably first saw was the flight of four aircraft and thought they were one aircraft. When the left wing man peeled off, it took on the appearance of a small aircraft departing from a larger aircraft.

b. Source's report to FDC investigators was considerable different than he first reported to Base Operations, Dobbins AFB. The fireball he described could have been the exhaust flame from the aircraft or may have been the running lights.

c. The sighting was made shortly after nightfall, therefore several persons in the Rome, Georgia area must have witnessed the same sighting but didn't see anything unusual about it.

RICHARD C. VAUGHN
1ST LT., USAF
Officer in Charge

COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Concur in the opinion of the Preparing Officer that sighting was caused by a flight of conventional type aircraft as explained in this report.

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3. Have AF pilots ever shot at, or ever been ordered to fire at UFOs?

A. No case on record.

Recorded facts: On April 8, 1955, AF jets fired on a UFO circling a balloon near Rockford, Ill. Missing the UFO, the jets set the balloon on fire. (Confirmed by CDC spotters, including L.C. Gregory, Rockford Civil Defense official.) On Dec. 30, 1949, the following statement was made by Maj. Gen. [illegible], USAF Intelligence, with the approval of General Cory Smith, Director of AF Public Information, who was present: At first the AF was so anxious to bring down a UFO for examination that pilots were told to get one by any means possible. Some pilots, Gen. added, had fired at UFOs for this reason.

Rockford, Illinois

8 April

Nuclear Test Today

LAS VEGAS, Nev., April 5 (AP). —Atomic scientists changed their minds today and rescheduled for 9 a. m. tomorrow the highest nuclear test made in the United States. An earlier announcement said there would be no test tomorrow because of unfavorable weather. However, a later re-evaluation apparently indicated improving wind conditions aloft. The shot, designed to wipe out an enemy air fleet, is to be touched off six miles above the proving ground at Yucca Flat.

1 - 15 MAY 1955 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
May	Miami, Florida	[redacted]	Other (UNRELIABLE RPT)
3	New York City, New York (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Insufficient Data
4	Keflavic Airport, Iceland	Military	UNIDENTIFIED
4	Fellows, California	[redacted]	Aircraft
7	Baltimore, Maryland (FOLDER) IN SEPARATE FOLLOWING	[redacted]z (PHYS S) MISSING	Other (VALVE WHEEL)
7	Glenburnie, Maryland	[redacted]	Balloon
7	29 Palms, California	[redacted]	Aircraft
8	Klamath Falls, Oregon	[redacted]	Balloon
8	Long Beach, Mississippi	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
9	Ukiah, California	[redacted]	Astro (JUPITER)
10	Terryville, Connecticut	[redacted]	Aircraft
11	Thurmon, Colorado	Civil Airlines	Aircraft
11	Yonkers, New York	[redacted]	Aircraft
11	Munday, New York	[redacted]	Astro (JUPITER)
11	Tinker AFB, Oklahoma	Military	Astro (METEOR)
13	Bear Island, Maine	[redacted]	Other (AIRCRAFT FLARES)
13	Charleston, Maine	[redacted]	Other (AIRCRAFT FLARES)
13	Duluth, Minnesota	Air (RADAR)	Aircraft
13	Old Town, Maine	[redacted]	Other (AIRCRAFT FLARES)
13	Hollister, California	[redacted]	Aircraft
14	Fargo, North Dakota	[redacted]	Aircraft
14	Syracuse, New York	[redacted]	Balloon
15	Little Falls, New Jersey	[redacted]	Aircraft
15	New York City, New York	[redacted] (PHOTO)	Other (HOAX)