

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 26 May 1956 (?)		2. LOCATION Near Murmansk, USSR		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 not given GMT _____		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Seamen (fm Norwegian Press)			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Crew aboard ship observed round, disc like object at 1000 meters. After remaining still for a short period, picked up speed and vanished from sky.				11. COMMENTS WX stations are located at Spitzbergen (Norway) and Bear Island which send up balloons and radiosondes periodically. Possible that these, rising out of the white background, were mistaken for "discs." However, insufficient data for conclusive evaluation.	

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SUBJECT

(U) Observation of Unusual Phenomenon

SUMMARY (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final sentence paragraph. List inclusions at end of report. Highlight if report is of special interest.)

1. According to a newspaper report from Tromsø on 26 May 1956 the crew on board a Tromsø ship has stated that they have witnessed a fantastic phenomenon off the Russian Coast between Murmansk and Teriberka in the White Sea a few days previously. They related that they observed a so-called flying saucer performing various maneuvers over the ship and that it performed with incredible speed. They estimated that it was about twice the size of an average commercial airline, and that it "actually shot like a streak of lightning through the air."

2. A translation of this press release is included on page two of this report.

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1. Following is press release from Norwegian newspaper VERDENS GANG dated 26 May 1956:

FLYING SAUCER OBSERVED

The following is reported from Tromsø by private cable on 26 May 56:

The crew on board a Tromsø ship has related to the newspaper "Nordlys" of a fantastic phenomenon which they witnessed off the Russian coast between Murmansk and Teriberka in the White Sea a few days ago. The men relate that for about one quarter of an hour they observed a so-called flying saucer performing various maneuvers over the ship. The saucer whirled through the air, remained stationary for a while and then disappeared behind a mess on shore. The object was right down to one thousand meters and all binoculars on board were in use.

"There is a hole in the sky," shouted the 1st officer when he spotted the curious object. The saucer was then completely stationary and the crew rushed up on deck to see the phenomenon. All of a sudden the saucer worked up speed, shot like a streak of lightning across the sky and vanished. A moment later, however, it reappeared, ascended in a straight line so that the men were able to see clearly the round disc, just like a discus. The saucer remained still for a while, high up in the air, but then descended once more, and remained at an altitude of about one thousand meters. Finally it worked up speed once more and disappeared across the shore line.

There is no doubt whatsoever among the ship's crew that it was a flying saucer they saw. The object for a time stayed as close to the ship as to allow photographs to be taken if that bright thought had only dawned upon them. The crew had cameras on board but in the heat of the excitement no one thought of using them until it was too late.

"To us it was a real aircraft we saw," said the newspaper's informant, "but of an entirely unknown type. We estimate it to be about twice the size of an average commercial airliner. It moved at a speed so great that it actually shot like a streak of lightning through the air."

"A whole fleet of foreign trawlers were fishing in this area where the object was in training. The weather was fine with bright sunshine and almost no wind, with clear atmosphere up to an altitude of 3000 meters, so it is beyond all doubt that the men on the trawlers have seen the same thing as we did."

COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER: The Norwegian Intelligence Service has been approached concerning this observation, and has no additional information to indicate the authenticity of this report. However, they have assured the preparing officer that they will conduct an investigation, the results of which if significant will be forwarded.

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