PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE

19 August 1956

2. LOCATION

Donora, Pennsylvania!

3. DATE-TIME GROUP

Local _____

GMT 20/0340Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

- [x] Ground-Visual
- [ ] Ground-Radar
- [ ] Air-Visual
- [ ] Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS

- [ ] Yes
- [x] No

6. SOURCE

Civilians

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

one hour, 35 minutes

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

one

9. COURSE

clockwise

12. CONCLUSIONS

- [ ] Was Balloon
- [ ] Probably Balloon
- [ ] Possibly Balloon
- [ ] Was Aircraft
- [ ] Probably Aircraft
- [ ] Possibly Aircraft
- [x] Was Astronomical Mars
- [ ] Probably Astronomical
- [ ] Possibly Astronomical
- [ ] Other _____
- [ ] Insufficient Data for Evaluation
- [ ] Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

One object round to naked eye, and triangular with binoculars. Size was compared to North star or a little smaller than a dime. Color yellowish white. Object had a reddish brown tail 1/16 size of object. Midway on one leg. Object moved 10 dgr down, 30 dgr left, 10 dgr up and 30 dgr right - this patter repeated three times.

11. COMMENTS

Mars at 150 dgr azimuth, 45dgr elevation. Duration indicates astro body with 30 dgr fluctuation in azimuth. Probability of Mars being object is great. Position at 190 dgr azimuth at disappearance coincides with Mars.

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Headquarters
54TH FIGHTER GROUP (AIR DEFENSE)
United States Air Force
Greater Pittsburgh Airport
Coraopolis, Pennsylvania

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4 SEP 1956

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Report

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

The inclosed report is forwarded in accordance with Air Force Regulation 200-2, dated 12 August 1954, and Air Defense Command Regulation 200-7, dated 29 January 1955, for your information and necessary action.

1 Incl
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JOE K. MCNAY
Colonel, USAF
Commander

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT

UFOB

AREA REPORTED ON		FROM (Agency)
Donora, Pennsylvania		54th Ftr Gru (AD), Gtr Pgh Aprt, Pa.
DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
30 August 1956	19 August 1956	B-1
PREPARED BY (Officer)		SOURCE
Captain McLoyd M. Hollowell, USAF		Mr. [redacted]

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

AFR 200-2, ADCR 200-7

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 118 – Part II.)

11. Assistant Group Operations Staff Officer. Mr. [redacted] gave a very accurate detailed account of his sighting. He indicated his normal reluctance in reporting his sighting until he had other witnesses who would verify him. There is not much doubt that what was reported was seen but apparent cause of phenomenon could not be determined. Radar sites which covered this area, both GCI and Tower ASR, had no radar contact. The Allegheny Observatory was not operating during this period and could not verify the sighting or provide any additional data. The Donora Police were asked to investigate and verify the sighting. They visually checked to the east and northeast from their interpretation of information received and may have missed the sighting which was south. They did not know the name or address of the person making the sighting. Negative results.

12. Negative.

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b. Binoculars were used during the major period of the sighting.

c. N/A

4. Time and date of sighting:

a. Object was initially sighted at 0310Z, 20 August 1956. Clouds obscured the sighting from 0340Z to 0355Z. Contact was re-established at 0355Z until 0445Z when last sight was made. 2310 EST to [redacted] EST

b. Night.

5. Sighting was from [redacted], Donora, Pennsylvania.

6. Identifying information of all observers.

a. Civilians:

(1) [redacted] Jr., age 38, who lives at [redacted], Donora, Pennsylvania, occupation [redacted].

(2) Mrs. [redacted], wife, age unknown, same address.

(3) Mrs. [redacted] unknown, and her 12 year old son, [redacted], Donora, Pennsylvania. Housewife and school boy.

b. N/A

7. Weather and winds-aloft conditions at time and place of sighting:

a. Generally clear, visibility good and temperature about 39° during time of sighting.

b. Surface wind 360° - 6K; 6M, 280° - 10K; 10M, 270° - 21K; 16M, 260° - 44K; 20M, 270° - 49K; 30M, 270° - 68K; 50M, 260° - 38K.

c. 65 Hundred feet scattered to clear.

d. 15 miles visibility.

e. 3/10 Cloud coverage.

f. None in local area.

8. None.

9. Use of interceptor action not considered appropriate as no radar contact was ever established with the object.

10. A local C-119 aircraft was inbound from Morgantown and was queried with negative results.

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1. Description of the object:

a. UFOB appeared to be round in shape to the naked eye and triangular in shape through binoculars.

b. Size was compared to the North Star or a little smaller than a dime held at arms length.

c. The object appeared to be yellow-white in color.

d. There was only one object in sight at any one time.

e. N/A

f. Binoculars showed the object to be triangular with a tail approximately 1/16 the size of the object midway on one leg. When fading from sight, while watching through binoculars, it appeared round and decreased to the size of a pinhead prior to disappearing. It would re-appear in reverse order.

g. A reddish brown tail, 1/16 the size of the object, was noticed midway on one of the legs.

h. N/A

i. The object moved in a clockwise rectangular pattern and appeared and disappeared approximately six (6) times while under observation. The movement was usually indicated by slight movement plus the disappearance and then re-appearance in a different location. Movement was checked by witness using a flagpole as a stationary reference point. The tail always appeared to the rear similar to a jet exhaust when flying a rectangular pattern and the nose or apex of two legs was pointed in the direction of movement.

2. Description of course of object:

a. Attention was attracted to the object because it would appear and then disappear from sight.

b. Approximately 40° angular elevation and 180° in direction.

c. Approximately 50° angular elevation and 190° in direction.

d. Object moved approximately 10° down, 30° left, 10° up, and 30° right. This pattern was made three (3) times.

e. Through binoculars the object would decrease in size triangularly, become round and then fade from sight when about the size of a pinhead. Reappearance was in reverse order.

f. The object was under observation for one (1) hour and thirty-five (35) minutes except for 15 minutes when clouds hid it from sight.

3. Manner of observation:

a. The sighting was made visually.