PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 14 November 1957	**2. LOCATION** Rothwesten, Germany	**12. CONCLUSIONS** ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other False returns ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local GMT 14/1101Z	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ☐ Ground-Visual ☒ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	**6. SOURCE** Military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 minutes	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** three	**9. COURSE** North

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Radar blip of three different objects, first blip split in two. Had high speed, and high altitude. The targets painted as a normal a/c should.

11. COMMENTS

It is the opinion (which cannot be proven) that the targets observed were not "real" targets, but were examples of the myriads of unexplained paintings on a radar scope.

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1. All three "targets" - i.e., all three "sightings" appear similar in nature. The very short time observed, and lack of any other confirming data prevent any positive analysis. The fact that the speeds reported were extremely high is an indication that the blips were widely spread out on the scope, and may very well have been separate "blips" not due to the same "target".

2. The "interference" from the other radar (which was recognized as such) would have appeared as "rabbit tracks" on the scope - being a number of dots, or tracks, usually curved or spiralling. These were not the targets referred to in the reports.

3. It is the opinion (which cannot be proven) that the targets observed were not "real" targets, but were examples of the myriads of unexplained paintings on a radar scope.

i.e. Spurious Targets

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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COUNTRY OR AREA REPORT CONCERNS	DATE OF INFORMATION	
Sovzone, Germany	14 Nov 57	
ACTIVITY SUBMITTING REPORT	DATE OF COLLECTION	SRI STATUS (If applicable)
601st ACWRON, Rothwesten, Ger.	14 Nov 57	SRI NO. CANCELED/COMPLETE
PREPARING INDIVIDUAL	DATE OF REPORT	SRI NO. CANCELED/INCOMPLETE
M/Sgt Harry P. Romanoff	19 Nov 57	SRI NO. ACTIVE
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE	EVALUATION	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON (Date)
1st Lt Melvin Rumstein S/Sgt Charles L. Floeck	F-6 F-6	

REFERENCES (BAIR Subject, previous reports, etc. as applicable)

AFR No. 200-2

SUBJECT (Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects)

Unidentified Flying Objects

SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies)

1. On 14 Nov 57, radar surveillance sightings with ground electronic equipment (AN/MPS-11) at the Gunpost radar station (51 degrees, 25 minutes, 03 seconds North; 09 degrees, 31 minutes, 35 seconds East) of the 601st ACWRON, Rothwesten, Germany, revealed three targets of unknown character.

2. All three targets were high speed in nature. The first target was initially detected at 1101Z at MG 2315 (22 nautical miles southwest of Merseberg Sovzone Airfield). The second target was detected at 1714Z at MG 5015 (8 nautical miles southwest of Merseberg Sovzone Airfield). The third target was detected at 1753Z at NE 1055 (within West Germany, approximately 10 nautical miles southeast of the West German-Czech border).

3. There was no evidence of abnormal electronic interference with regard to the target detected at 1101Z. However, an unusual amount of interference occurred at the time of the other two sightings. Investigation by reliable radar maintenance and intelligence personnel brought forth satisfactory explanations for all interference other than the targets being reported.

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In accordance with the provisions of AFR No. 200-2, UFOB, 12 Aug 54, the following pertains to a sighting on 14 Nov 57.

(1) Description of objects:
- (a) Radar blip
- (b) N/A
- (c) N/A
- (d) Blip eventually split into two
- (e) Parallel course at separation
- (f) High speed from 2,000 to 3,000 nautical mph
- (g) N/A
- (h) N/A
- (i) N/A

(2) Description of course of objects:
- (a) Radar surveillance
- (b) Determination of elevation not possible. However, blip was first sighted 100 degrees at 70 nautical miles (MG 2315)
- (c) Determination of elevation not possible. See d below for place where blip departed limits of plotting board.
- (d) Flight path to North: MG 2315, MG 2257; here track divided into two sections. One section proceeded to MH 4020, MH 4045, MJ 4020, MJ 2550 where it left bounds of plotting board. Second section proceeded to MH 4245, MH 4645, MJ 4121, MJ 3050 where it left bounds of plotting board.
- (e) Blip was painting clearly when it left bounds of plotting board.
- (f) Five minutes (1101Z - 1106Z)

(3) Manner of observation:
- (a) Ground-electronic (AN/MPS-11)(~~AN/MPS-14~~)
- (b) N/A
- (c) N/A

(4) Time and date of sighting:
- (a) 1101 - 1106Z, 14 November 57
- (b) Day

(5) Location of observer: 51 degrees 25 minutes 03 seconds N, 09 degrees 31 minutes 35 seconds E (this is the location of Gunpest Radar Station of the 601st ACWRON, Rothwesten, Germany

(6) Identifying information of all observers:
- (a) N/A
- (b) Charles L. Floeck, S/Sgt, USAF; good reliability

(7) Weather and winds aloft conditions at time and place of sighting: Negative due to location of target.

(8) Negative

(9) Impossible due to speed and position of blip.

(10) Clipper 184 (DC-4) traveling 192 knots @ 7,000 ft(this was carried as track 693)

(11) This report is based primarily on the observations of S/Sgt Floeck. Portions of the flight path were also observed a Captain, a Warrant Officer, and another S/Sgt; all of them agreeing as to the high speed nature of the target. Floeck was the only one to observe the entire flight path. None of these personnel have any reasons for the cause of the sighting.

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(12) Negative

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

S/Sgt Floeck is considered one of my better men. His observations, particularly in this instance, can be considered very reliable.

Russell E. Greenfield
RUSSELL E. GREENFIELD
Captain, USAF
Chief Duty Controller
Bravo Crew

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In accordance with the provisions of par 7 (d), AFR No. 200-2, the following UFOB information was sighted on 14 Nov 57:

(1) Description of object:
- (a) Radar blip
- (b) N/A
- (c) N/A
- (d) Two aircraft estimated ← note: R/O believes they were f/c
- (e) Negative
- (f) High speed (appx 35 nautical miles between sweeps)
- (g) N/A
- (h) N/A
- (i) Height indicator showed 60,000 ft from IP to PH 2551 where there was a change to 63,000 ft ?

(2) Description of course of object:
- (a) Radar surveillance
- (b) Determination of elevation not possible. However, target was initially sighted 100 degrees at 135 nautical miles (MG 5015)
- (c) Determination of elevation not possible. See (d) below for location of object upon disappearance
- (d) Flight path was to the North as follows: MG 5015, NG 2530, NG 5952, PH 0515, PH 1020, PH 1530, PH 2551, PJ 2020
- (e) Normal fade
- (f) Two minutes (1742-1744Z) ?

(3) Manner of observation:
- (a) Ground-electronic (AN/MPS-11)(~~AN/MPS-14~~)
- (b) N/A
- (c) N/A

(4) Time and date of sighting:
- (a) 1742-1744Z, 14 Nov 57
- (b) Night

(5) Location of observer: 51 degrees 25 minutes 03 seconds N, 09 degrees 31 minutes 35 seconds E (this is the location of Gunpost Radar Station, 601st ACWRON, Rothwesten, Ger.

(6) Identifying information of all observers:
- (a) N/A
- (b) Melvin Rumstein, 1st Lt, USAF; reliability good

(7) Weather and winds aloft conditions at time and place of sighting: Negative due to location of target

(8) Other unusual activity: Unusual amount of electronic interference which radar maintenance officer was able to explain except for the target being reported. ← Important.

(9) Impossible due to speed and position of target

(10) Negative

(11) As assistant duty controller I noticed this target traveling at approximately 35 nautical miles between sweeps of the PPI. The track was observed for about 200 nautical miles. The target painted as a normal aircraft should. I do not know what could have caused this phenomena.

(12) Negative

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By FDPT (UFO)
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Melvin Rumstein

MELVIN RUMSTEIN
1st Lt, USAF
Assistant Duty Controller
Alpha Crew

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* Target Smooth? Mutual interference nothing shown that was changed to check. 9/9

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In accordance with the provisions of par 7 (d), AFR No. 200-2, the following UFOB information was sighted on 14 Nov 57:

(1) Description of object:
- (a) Radar blip
- (b) N/A
- (c) N/A
- (d) One
- (e) N/A
- (f) High speed
- (g) N/A
- (h) N/A
- (i) High speed precluded securing altitude of this target

(2) Description of course of object:
- (a) Radar surveillance
- (b) Determination of elevation was not possible. However, target was initially sighted at 131.5 degrees at 136 nautical miles (NE 1055)
- (c) Determination of elevation was not possible. See (d) below for location of target upon disappearance
- (d) Flight was to the Northeast as follows: NE 1055, NF 2007, PF 0117, PF 2825, PF 4935, QF 0347, QG 1512, QG 3030, QG 5151
- (e) Left limits of plotting board painting normally
- (f) One minute plus (1753-1754Z plus)

(3) Manner of observation:
- (a) Ground-electronic (AN/MPS-11)
- (b) N/A
- (c) N/A

(4) Time and date of sighting:
- (a) 1753-1754Z plus, 14 Nov 57
- (b) Night

(5) Location of observer: 51 degrees 25 minutes 03 seconds N, 09 degrees 31 minutes 35 seconds E (this is the location of Gunpost Radar Station, 601st ACWRON, Rothwesten, Ger.

(6) Identifying information of all observers:
- (a) N/A
- (b) Melvin Rumstein, 1st Lt, USAF; reliability good

(7) Weather and winds aloft conditions at time and place of sighting: Negative due to location of target

(8) Other unusual activity: Unusual amount of electronic interference which radar maintenance officer was able to explain except for the target being reported.

(9) Impossible due to speed and position of target

(10) Negative

(11) As assistant duty controller I observed this target traveling at an estimated speed of 5,300 nautical miles per minute. This is based on the time and position of the above cited plots. The target painted normally. However, I do not know the reason for this phenomena.

(12) Negative

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By TSDPT (UFO)
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COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

The radar maintenance officer explained the unusual interference cited in Lt. Rumstein's observations as being caused by the antenna rotation rate and PRF relationships between Gunpost's AN/MPS-11 and our Native Son radar station's AN/GPS-4. The latter is located 58 line of sight miles at 50 degrees 29 minutes 54 seconds North and 09 degrees 57 minutes 17 seconds East. Otherwise there does not seem to be answer for the phenomena in the targets being reported.

Harry P. Romanoff
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