PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE

14 Feb 59

2. LOCATION

W of Noshironinato, Japan

3. DATE-TIME GROUP

Local _____

GMT 14/1000Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar

X☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS

☐ Yes

☐ No

6. SOURCE

Military

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

not given

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

one

9. COURSE

Stationary

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

Obj larger and brighter than a star. Color was white with alternating colors of red, green, orange, and blue. The white lights appeared to dim and then reappeared brighter every 3-4 seconds. Each time light appeared brighter it was accompanied by a different color. No sound.

11. COMMENTS

A check with astro charts indicates the planet Mars was in location of the obj. Haze or smoke could account for the changing colors.

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[redacted]/4TH FIS 202 SUBJECT: UFO. DESCRIPTION:
THE SHAPE OF THE UFO COULD NOT BE DETERMINED BY THE PILOTS MAKING THE OBSERVATION. THE OBSERVERS STATES IT WAS LARGER AND BRIGHTER THAN A STAR. THE COLOR OF THE OBJECT WAS WHITE WITH ALTERNATING COLORS. THE WHITE LIG T APPEARED TO DIM AND THEN REAPPEAR BRIGHTER EVERY THREE OR FOUR SECONDS. EACH TIME THE LIGHT APPEARED BRIGHTER IT WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY A DIFFERENT COLOR. THE WHITE LIGHT WAS ALWAYS ACCOMPANIED BY ANOTHER COLOR. THE ORDER OF THE ACCOMPANYING COLORS APPEARED TO BE RED, GREEN, ORANGE, AND BLUE ALTHOUGH THE OBSERVERS COULD NOT EXTABLISH

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ANY DEFINITE ORDER. THE OBJECT OBSERVED HAD NO DISCERNIBLE FEATURES OR DETAILS AND NO SOUND WAS HEARD. THE BRIGHTVNESS OF THE OBJECT FIRST ATTRACTED THE ATTENTION OF THE PILOTS. TWO OF THE SIGHTING AIRCRAFT WERE ON A HEADING OF THREE FIVE ZERO AND THE OBJECT WAS OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY DUE WEST OF THEIR COURSE. ANOTHER AIRCRAFT WAS ON A HEADING OF ONE SIX ZERO AND THE OBJECT APPEARED ABOUT ONE HUNDRED TEN DEGREES STARBOARD. THE ALTITUDE OF THE TARGET APPEARED TO BE THE SAME AS THAT OF THE AIRCRAFT, FORTY THOUSAND. THE OBJECT REMAINED IN THE SAME POSITION DURING THE OBSERVATION WITH THE EXCEPTION THAT IT SEEMED TO LOSE SOME ALTITUDE AT ONE TIME. THE OBJECT WAS SIGHTED BY TWO F-86D'S AND ONE T-33. ALL THE AIRCRAFT WERE AT AN ALTITUDE OF FORTY THOUSAND FEET. ALL THE AIRCRAFT ARE ATTACHED TO THE 4TH FIS. THE SIGHTING WAS MADE AT TEN HUNDRED ZULU, FOURTEEN FEBRUARY, FIFTY NINE. THE LIG T CONDITIONS WERE DARK. THE LOCATION OF THE OBSERVERS AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING WAS FORTY ONE DEGREES, TWENTY MINUTED NORTH-ONE HUNDRED FORTY ONE DEGREES THIRTY MINUTES EAST; THE OBSERVRS WERE 1/LT DONALD A. HOLTZ, 1/LT HENRY B WILLIAMS AND 1/LT JAMES HANZEL. THE WEATHER AT THE TIME OF THE OBSERVATION WAS TWENTY FOUR HUNDRED OVERCAST WITH FIFTEEN MILES VISIBILITY. THE WINDS

ALOFT AT THE TIME OF THE OBSERVATION WERE TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY AT SIXTY AT TWENTY THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY AT EIGHTY AT THIRTY THOUSAND, AND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY AT NINETY AT FORTY THOUSAND. ALL OF THE PILOTS INTERROGATED STATED THAT THE LIGHT WAS TOO BRIGHT. TWO RADAR SIGHTS
IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY WERE QUERIED BY THE PILOTS AND REPORTED A NEGATIVE SIGHTING. THE RADAR IN THE TWO F-86 AIRCRAFT ALL FAILED TO PAINT THE OBJECT ON THEIR SCOPE. ONE OF THE PILOTS CHANGED HIS HEADING TO TWO EIGHT FIVE AND STATED THAT THE OBJECT WAS IN A DIRECT LINE WITH HIS COURSE. THE OBJECT SEEMED TO REMAIN STATIONERY AND THEN WHEN ONE OF THE F-86'S LOST ALTITUDE THE OBJECT APPEARED TO LOSE ALTITUDE WITH HIM. THE PILOT OF T-33 STATED THAT HE ALSO OBSERVED THE LOSS IN ALTITUDE OF THE OBJECT. THE RANGE OF THE OBJECT COULD NOT BE ESTIMATED BY THE PILOTS COMPARED TO A RUNWAY LIGHT AT ABOUT ONE HUNDRED YARDS.
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