PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 12 Apr 59	2. LOCATION Montreal, Quebec, Canada	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other Prob Searchlight ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local GMT 13/0100Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military & Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not given	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE North

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Red light, seemed to hang in sky for a few mins, then darted North at very high speed. Description of obj varied w/witnesses.

11. COMMENTS

Thr RCAF investigated the incident and found nothing of significance. The obj was not picked up by radar units that cover the area. It is believed an ice-breaker in the St. Lawrence river channel was operating a spot or searchlight.

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MONTREAL, APRIL 15.--(UPI)--AIR FORCE AUTHORITIES WERE BAFFLED TODAY BY A MYSTERIOUS "UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT" THAT SHOWED UP AS A RED LIGHT OVER CANADA'S KEY AIR DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT NEAR HERE AND DISAPPEARED NORTH AT A SPEED ESTIMATED FASTER THAN SOUND.

THE OBJECT WHICH DID NOT REGISTER ON RADAR SCREENS WAS SEEN AT ABOUT 8 P.M. EST YESTERDAY BY CONTROL TOWER OBSERVERS AT THE ST. HUBERT AIRBASE AND BY SEVERAL HUNDRED OTHER AIRPORT PERSONNEL AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS.

"IT WAS A GENUINE U.F.O. (UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT) AS FAR AS WE ARE CONCERNED," AN AIR FORCE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE ST. HUBERT CONTROL TOWER REPORTED THE OBJECT WAS SIMILAR TO A RED LIGHT. A TOWER OBSERVER SAID IT SEEMED TO HANG IN THE SKY AT BETWEEN 3,000 AND 7,000 FEET OVER THE FIELD FOR A FEW MINUTES, THEN DARTED NORTH. THEY ESTIMATED ITS SPEED AS FASTER THAN ANY JET.

IT WAS REGARDED AS EXTRAORDINARY BECAUSE IT WAS NOT PICKED UP ON RADAR SCREENS THAT COVER ST. HUBERT AND THE MONTREAL AREA.

SOURCES OTHER THAN THE AIR FORCE VARIED IN THEIR DESCRIPTIONS OF THE OBJECT. SOME SAID IT WAS LIKE A "LONG RED CIGAR," AND OTHERS CALLED IT "A BLACK BALL WITH A RED LIGHT ON IT."

ONE WITNESS, TREVOR THOMPSON WHO LIVES IN NORTHWEST MONTREAL, SAID IT LOOKED LIKE "A LARGE SPHERE HANGING IN THE SKY TO THE SOUTHEAST." HE SAID THAT AT FIRST "IT SEEMED TO BE STANDING STILL," BUT THEN MOVED OFF AND TOOK "ABOUT FOUR MINUTES" TO PASS OUT OF HIS SIGHT.

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT WAS REPORTED OVER MONTREAL-QUEBEC AREA (45 31 N - 73 25 W) ON 12 APRIL 1959. MATTER WAS IMMEDIATELY INVESTIGATED BY RCAF DEFENCE COMMAND AND REPORT PASSED THROUGH NORTHERN NORAD. RCAF STATES INVESTIGATION FOUND NOTHING OF SIGNIFICANCE. THEY BELIEVE SIGHTING TO BE A SPOT OR SEARCH LIGHT ON AN ICE-BREAKING VESSEL IN THE ST LAWRENCE RIVER CHANNEL.

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ACTION: CIN

INFO : OOP, SAFS

AF IN : 11816 (14 Apr 59)

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