

PROJECT "SIGN"
Action Slip

Refers to Moore Bay Salvador 3 Oct 1 Nov 48

Incident No. 196

Location Moore Bay Salvador

Date & Time of Incident 2145Z 1 Nov 48

Initially Reported To MCIA XO-3

Info Recorded On: McBee _____ Witness File _____ Incident File ☒ By RLT

Check & Initial: Check List ☒ Chart _____ Graph _____ By _____

Coordinated With: MCIA XO _____ MCIAO _____ MCI _____

Investigation Started: Type Base Inter Date Initiated 5 Nov 48

Initial Investigation Report Rec'd MCIA XO Date 4 Nov 48

Information Requests

1. To USBE Moore Bay Salvador 3. To _____

Subject Req for Inter Subject _____

Date 5 Nov 48 Date _____

2. To _____ 4. To _____

Subject _____ Subject _____

Date _____ Date _____

Checked:

Meteorological Data File

Radar

Electronics

Astro Physical

Domestic Flight

Army

Navy

Air Force

Guided Missile

Atomic Research

Weather Station

Private Flights

Other

Other

Other

Other

Other

Other

Reported to Washington By:

Telephone _____ Date _____ Teletype _____ Date _____

Letter _____ Date _____ Courier _____ Date _____

Other _____ Date _____

Dissemination: To _____ Date _____ To _____ Date _____

To _____ Date _____ To _____ Date _____

Status: Open _____ Pending _____ Closed _____

1. Date of Observation 1 Nov 1948 Date of Interview 2145Z
2. Exact time (local) 2145 Z
3. Place of Observation Goose Bay Labrador
4. Position of observer Ground - GCA Radar Station
5. What attracted attention to object : - blip on radarscope
6. Number of objects 1
7. Apparent size Too large for bird and too small for aircraft
8. Color of object - object not seen
9. Shape Could not be determined
10. Altitude Could not be determined
11. Direction from observer
12. Distance from observer 3-3/4 miles
13. Direction of flight of object(s) 249° Disappeared on bearing of 182° f/observer
14. Time in sight 4 minutes and 7 seconds - timed with stop watch
15. Speed estimated at almost a mile a minute - 60 mph
16. Vertical movement None
17. Cloud None visible
18. Intensity N/S
19. Illumination None visible
20. Maneuvers Traveled in a straight line
21. Nature of disappearance Disappeared from scope on a 182° bearing f/observer
22. Effect on clouds N/S
23. Additional information concerning object Ravin Sonda released at 0300Z 0900Z 1500Z & 2100Z
24. Weather conditions 8,000 scattered - visibility 30 miles Wind W 6 MPH

(over)

Name of observer:

M/Sgt Francis H. Mills, AF 16134800

1932 AACS Sq, Goose Bay Labrador, APO 677, N. Y.

Occupation and hobby:

GCA Operator

Comments of interest, reference to intelligence and observer(s):

Good ability to determine color and speed of moving objects
and good ability to determine size at distance. Reliability: good.
Character & intelligence: excellent

Summary of report:

Target picked up on GCA scope at 2145Z 1 Nov at 3-3/4 miles from station on a bearing of 123° from station. Object traveled on a heading of approximately 249° and disappeared at 7-1/2 miles on a bearing of 182° from the station. Blip traveled the 4 miles in 4 minutes and 7 seconds timed with a stop watch. (A speed of approximately 60 mph) Operator stated blip was too small at 7-1/2 miles to be an aircraft and too large to be a bird. Wind was from 270° to 300° and at 5 to 10 MPH. Target witnessed by 2 GCA Operators.

Discrepancy reported: 2d Ind dated 24 Jan 1949 f/Hq 1227th Air Base Gp, Newfoundland Base Command, MATS, para 3a & 3b states that

"By plotting a point 3 and 3/4 miles from the station on a bearing of 123° and following a flight path on a heading of 249° for a distance of 7-1/2 miles where the object disappeared would not put the object's disappearing point 182° from the station.

"This same message stated that the object travelled the distance of 4 miles in 4 minutes and 7 seconds timed by a stop watch. If this were true, the object could not have disappeared from seven and one half mile scope on which it was sighted; neither could it have disappeared at one-hundred and eighty-two degrees from the station assuming that it did travel on a heading of 249° as stated."