

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>24 Mar 52</u>	2. LOCATION <u>60 miles west Point Conception, California</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>0045 PM</u> G.M.T. <u>1045</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual <u>Radar</u> ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE <u>E-20 radar</u>		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>20-30 seconds</u>	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>1</u>	9. COURSE	☒ Other <u>UNIDENTIFIED</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING		11. COMMENTS	

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ACTION

ZEN/CGAF FIFTEEN MARCH AFB CALIF

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1. UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT MOVING AT ESTIMATED SPEED OF 3000 KM IN NORTHWESTERLY DIRECTION OBSERVED IN RADAR SCOPE PD
2. 0845 PST TO 30 SECONDS 25 MARCH 1952
3. ELECTRONIC (RADAR) APR 13 AIRCRAFT (B-29) SPEED 200 MPH COURSE 270 DEGREES PRESSURE ALTITUDE 25,000 FEET PD
4. 34-30 N 121-30 W 60 MILES WEST OF POINT CONCEPTION
5. NAVIGATOR AND RADAR OPERATOR BOTH WITNESSED THE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT PD BOTH MEN CONSIDERED RELIABLE PD NAVIGATOR FLEW 19 COMBAT MISSIONS WORLD WAR II 54 MISSIONS IN KOREA PD RADAR OPERATOR FLEW 10

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COMBAT MISSIONS IN WORLD WAR II PD

6. CAVU RADAR CONDITIONS GOOD
7. MACHINE GUNS FIRED INTERMITTENTLY (TRAINING) DURING THE SIGHTINGS PD
8. NONE
9. NONE

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT

Report of Unidentified Object

AREA REPORTED ON

Near Point Conception, California

FROM (Agency)

106th Bomb Wing (M), Intelligence

DATE OF REPORT

19 April 1952

DATE OF INFORMATION

24 March 1952

EVALUATION

A-2

PREPARED BY (Officer)

2 Lt John F. McGrew, Operational Intel.

SOURCE

102nd Bomb Squadron

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

AFGIN - C/C-2

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 111-Part II.)

The following is a statement submitted by Lt Hancock, Radar Observer, 102nd Bomb Squadron, on 25 March 1952:

While on a routine mission on 24 March 1952, I observed on the APQ 13 radar scope a return which I was unable to identify. My observation was verified by Lt Cone, the Navigator on our crew, and he also ascertained that this object offered a clear and distinct radar return. The return first appeared on the scope at 1645 Z and was observed for between 20-30 seconds. Its speed was calculated at 3000 MPH. Observation was by electronic means. We were flying a B-29 whose speed was 200 MPH and at a pressure altitude of 25,000'. Our course was 270 degrees. Our position at the time of incident was 34 degrees, 30 minutes North; 121 degrees 30 minutes West which is 60 miles west of Point Conception, California. The object first appeared due south of us and was travelling N.W. at an altitude of less than 25,000'.

I, as Radar Observer, personally witnessed this return as did the Navigator.

Weather conditions CAVU. No physical evidence is available.

Both officers concerned with this sighting have had combat experience and are regarded as highly reliable officers.

Though no shape could be reported by these officers, either definite sighting of a rapidly moving unidentified object or possible electronic activity brought about by gun firing (which would give trace indication on radar scope) is indicated.

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Operational Intelligence Officer

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 6

DATE: 25 Mar 52

TIME (Local): 0845

LOCATION: Pt. Conception, Calif.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 20-30 seconds.

SOUND: Unknown

SPEED: 3,000 knots

ALTITUDE: 25,000'

HEADING: 315°

SOURCE: AF Navigator and Radar Operator

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Similar phenomena due to interference of parts of a/c.

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: B-29 radar observer and navigator observed unidentified return. (REDACTED)

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