

## PROJECT 1001 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 20 - 10:40 AM '68	2. LOCATION 4100 10th St. (N. of 10th St. - 4100th St.)
3. SOURCE Military	4. CONCLUSION BULLDOG
5. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 2	
6. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	7. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS SEE GAIL FILE
8. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground View	
9. COURSE Not Known	
10. WEAPON M16 M16 M16	
11. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE M16 M16	

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FOOTNOTES BUREAU

October 2, 1952

Major Dewey J. Fournet  
APOC - 5A2  
Headquarters, U.S. Air Force  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Major Fournet:

Here are the three space color transparencies, 2 1/2 x 2 1/2, shot by Marine Group photographer Wallace-Litwin aboard the U.S.S. Franklin D. Roosevelt while covering the NATO maneuvers for us.

Following is a quote from Litwin's letter of yesterday describing the circumstances surrounding the shooting of these pictures:

"On September twentieth, at a few minutes after four p.m., I was standing on the forward flight deck of the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt, biggest carrier in the world. With me, at the time, was Lt. Robt. N. Greer, helicopter pilot. It was a bright day and there were occasional clouds in a very blue sky. As we were talking, I saw this round object about five hundred or a thousand feet in the air, directly above the after end of the ship. I shouted something to Greer, and ran off a bit to shoot it with a bit of the ship's 'island' in the picture to establish where. I had time to take a meter reading and three exposures before the rapidly rising thing was out of sight. The weather man on deck sent a balloon up at three thirty, and says that it rose up and out of sight in the southeast in about fifty seconds. This was not it. The shot was in color.

"The next day there was an item on the teletype as follows:  
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, SEPT 22 (AP) - RAF OFFICERS IN THE NATO BARRIERS OPERATIONS CENTER HAVE INVESTIGATED A REPORT THAT A FLYING SAUCER WAS SIGHTED. THE OFFICERS AND BELIEVED ONE IN AN RAF BOMBER FLARE REPORTED INTERVIEWS THAT THEY SAW A SILVER CIRCULAR OBJECT FALLING IN A WHITE FORECAST FLARE OVER THUNDERBOLT. THEY SAID THE OBJECT, WITH A ROTARY MOTION ABOUT ITS OWN AXIS, SUDDENLY ACCELERATED AT INCREDIBLE SPEED AND VANISHED BEFORE THEY COULD GET CLOSER.

(\* Sept. 22)

"This took place in the same part of the world and could be part of the same situation. I have Greer's affidavit, not

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EDITORIAL BUREAU

Major Irving J. Harnett

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October 2, 1952

saying that it was that we saw, but that he saw it too, at the same time as I was photographing it."

As I said during our telephone conversation today, I would appreciate a quick return of these transparencies and any comment which The Star is willing to make about these pictures for publication.

We still look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,



J. Richard Johnson

Editor

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# DISPOSITION FORM

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FORM NO. [redacted] (Declassified) Material for Project Blue Book

TO: Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio  
FROM: Dept of the Air Force, HQ USAF - AFOSI  
DATE: [redacted]  
REPORT NO.: [redacted]

1. Enclosed are reproductions of three color transparencies taken by Dr. William Anders, an American press photographer, in the vicinity of the Naval Formation participating in Operation Redwing on 20 May 62. The attached copy of a letter from Mr. F. Blazek, Addressed to the Metropolitan System Newspaper, Inc., dated 2 Oct 62 (see Incl 3) includes all data on this sighting currently available to this office.

2. The original photographs were returned to Dr. Anderson with a letter expressing our sincere thanks for his cooperation in making the photographs available to us. The photographs were enlarged by HQ USAF from the original 3 1/2 inch size to the present size; the vertical dimension of the copies correspond to the coverage in the original photographs (enlargement ratio 2.25:1). These are the only copies which were made; none are filed in Headquarters. An enlarged reversal print of the second transparency is attached (Incl 2); it was made to show that the image is still read. Photographs are for official use only; not for release.

3. A letter to CINCUSMACV, with information copy to you, was dispatched 2 Oct 62 regarding information on balloon releases by ships in the Naval Formation. Message number is AFOSI 0050C.

4. A copy of USAF Notice 3820 is attached as Incl 4 for your information and retention.

*William A. Abbott*

- 4 Incls
1. Pkg of 3 photos
  2. Cpy ltr fr Mr. F.A. Anderson, dated 2 Oct 62
  3. Photo
  4. Cpy USAF Notice 3820

WILLIAM A. ABBOTT  
Colonel, USAF  
Chief, Optical Division  
Deputy Director for Estimates  
Directorate of Intelligence, HQ USAF

*Mr. Anderson wants photos returned*

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<p>REMARKS: None</p>			
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TO ATLAS-3 SUBJECT TO ATLAS-40 SUBJECT

WILL BE USED TO CONDUCT FIELD WORK:

THEY WILL BE USED TO CONDUCT FIELD WORK:

PROPERTY OF LIFE INSURANCE CO. OF AMERICA,

ONE OF THE LIFE INSURANCE CO. OF AMERICA

AND THROUGH THESE SUBJECTS AT LEAST SEVENTY

SIXTY SUBJECTS OVER VARIOUS AREAS THROUGHOUT

AMERICA, AND THE POLICE, ESTABLISHING STRICT

CONTROL.

THESE SUBJECTS WILL BE USED TO CONDUCT

BY THE LIFE INSURANCE CO. OF AMERICA

ON 3 OCT 52 WHICH YOU WILL INFO OF BY

THE SUBJECTS BY AN ORAL TODAY, INFO

TO YOU, ESTABLISHING STRICT CONTROL BY

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AT THE LIFE INSURANCE CO. OF AMERICA

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TO DEN/COMNAVFORC OCEAN NORWAY  
INFO JCS/AFMIL ATIC WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO

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0835H REFERENCE OBSERVATION UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SHORTLY  
AFTER 1600 HOURS ON SEP 1952 BY SA. WALLACE LITWIN, METRO GROUP  
PHOTOGRAPHER, AND LT E. W. GREER, USN, ABOARD CARRIER USS F.  
D. ROOSEVELT. REQUEST ADVISE OF ANY OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION AND  
REPORT ON HIS INCIDENT. ADDITIONALLY REQUEST A CHECK TO DETERMINE  
IF ANY OTHER GRIP IN THE FORMATION RELEASED A WEATHER BALLOON  
AROUND THIS TIME. ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH MAY OFFER  
POSSIBLE EXPLANATION IS SOLICITED. URGENTLY REQUEST ANY INFORMATION  
AVAILABLE REGARDING OBSERVATION UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT BY LI  
CREW MEMBERS RAFFORNER OVER YORKING ON 22 SEPTEMBER. IN RESPONSE  
REPLY TO APOHN-242.

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK

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MADE UNTIL THAT TIME. INFO INDICATED INCIDENT OCCURRED ABOUT 1940Z  
BUT EXACT TIME NOT KNOWN. AERONAUTICAL BALLOON WITH RADAR REFLECTOR  
LAUNCHED FROM BANGORVILLE SHORTLY BEFORE PICTURES WERE TAKEN. THIS  
1000 GRAM BALLOON INFLATED TO SIZE ABOUT 8 FEET AT SEA LEVEL AND  
EXPANDS WITH ALTITUDE AND IS BELIEVED TO BE THE SUBJECT SIGHTED.  
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SIGHTING AT SEA  
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BORNHOLM (2)

Sept (13) 1957

DENMARK

**Dane Sights One of 'Em**

Copenhagen, Sept. 14 (AP)—Lt. Comdr. Eilert Jensen, second in command of the Danish destroyer Willmose, said today he observed a mysterious glowing object moving across the sky at great speed north of the island of Bornholm last night, heading southeast.

He described it as a flash glowing triangle and estimated its speed at 1200 kilometres (750 miles) an hour. The Willmose is one of the vessels participating in the big NATO manoeuvre being held here.

**Mysteriøs "Fareball" Over NATO-Fleetsøvnøvelser**

**"Vi kre mlst nicht" - sagt Zerstörer-Kapitän**

**En mystisk lysende trekant** - Det er den store NATO-øvelse i det nordlige og østlige Bornholm - som har givet anledning til den mystiske "fareball" over Bornholm. En dansk Zerstörer-Kapitän har sagt: "Vi kre mlst nicht" - det vil sige "vi ved det ikke".

Den mystiske lysende trekant blev set den 13. september over Bornholm. Den var en lysende trekant, som bevægede sig hurtigt over himlen. Den blev set af flere personer på Bornholm.

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**Den danske "Flying Saucer"**

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Sept. 15 (AP)—Eilert Comdr. Schmidt Jensen said today that he and crew members of the Danish destroyer Willmose spotted a "flying body" traveling at terrific speed over the northern end of the Baltic Sea, 100 miles from a Russian guided missile base. The Willmose was north of the island of Bornholm when the object was sighted.

**Mysterious "Fireball" Over NATO Fleet Manoeuvres**

Copenhagen (UP)

The crew of the Danish destroyer "Willmose" reports sighting a flying object last night north of Bornholm which flew "with highest speed" from South to North, looking like a fireball.

Capt. Schmidt-Jensen acknowledged that he and part of his crew saw the myst. object. They assumed it came from the vicinity of Hügen, German island in the Baltic, where Russia is said to experiment with guided missiles.

Schmidt-J. emphasized that under no circumstances did he and crew see a meteor or shooting star. He was, however, not able to explain the object plausibly.

The unlucky man aboard was a foreign press photographer. On first sighting the object he rushed to his cabin for his camera. When returning on deck the object had disappeared.

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 14 (AP)— Lt. Condr. Smidt-Jensen, second in command of the Danish Coastal destroyer *Willamoes*, said today he observed a mysterious glowing object moving across the sky at great speed north of Bornholm last night, heading southeast.

He described it as a bluish glowing triangle and estimated its speed at 1,500 kilometers (937 miles) an hour. (From the N.Y. Herald Tribune, Sept. 15, 1952).

Also incl. translation of account in German.

BLIDA, Italy, September 16, 1952

AI-P-39

BLIDA, Sept. 17 (AP)— About 1930, local time, Sept. 16, reputable citizens saw in the sky over Blida a "squadron" of "flying saucers," which first flew in an arc formation and later in Indian file. The "squadron" resumed its arc formation four times before it disappeared in a northerly direction.



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Spotted, England, Sept. 14 (Reuters)—A flying saucer, one of the eight nation-Baltic area, maneuvered here today.

The RAF base here reported to maneuver headquarters that an unidentified silver circular object had been sighted 15,000 feet above the airfield.

The object, which appeared five miles behind a Meteor jet fighter, maintained a slow forward speed before descending in a twisting pendulum motion. Then it began a rotary motion about its own axis and accelerated to an incredible speed in a westerly direction but later turned southeast.

It was seen by RAF officers and men on the airfield.

The whole incident lasted between 15 and 20 seconds.

An RAF spokesman would not say whether the story was being treated as serious, but it was being investigated.

During Operation Mainbrace, extensive naval maneuvers in the North Sea on and about September 20, 1952, UFOs were sighted in the vicinity on several occasions. [See Section XII, Operation Mainbrace Chronology] On the 20th, a silvery disc of metallic appearance was observed passing swiftly over the Allied fleet. Wallace Litwin, an American newsmen on board the aircraft carrier "Franklin Roosevelt," took three color photographs of the UFO. As far as is known, the pictures have never been published and no explanation of the incident was offered.

A few of the reports which have concerned British authorities: Topcliffe, September 20, 1952 (Reuters) -- "A flying saucer entered the eight-nation Baltic area maneuvers ["Operation Mainbrace"] here today. The RAF base here reported to maneuver headquarters that an unidentifiable silver circular object had been sighted 15,000 feet above the airfield. The object, which appeared five miles behind a Meteor jet fighter piloted by Lt. John W. Kilburn, maintained a slow forward speed before descending in a swinging pendulum motion. Then it began a rotary motion about its own axis and accelerated at an incredible speed in a westerly direction but later turned southeast. It was seen by RAF officers and men on the airfield."

While "Operation Mainbrace" was in full swing nearby in the North Sea during September 1952, a shining apparently metallic disc was seen on the 20th by three Danish Air Force officers. About 7:30 p.m., the UFO sped over Karup Airfield, Denmark, disappearing in clouds to the east.

### New File Opened

## RAF Seeing Air Saucers

TOPCLIFFE, England, Sept. 20 (AP).

OPERATION "MAINBRACE" headquarters here opened a new signal file today: "Flying saucer sightings and movements."

The Air Ministry said it was investigating a report a silver-colored circular object was spotted yesterday by Royal Air Force planes from the airfield taking part in the big Atlantic Pact naval exercises.

Crewmen at a bomber said they saw the object moving through the sky about 15,000 feet up at a speed faster than a shooting star.

During the brief glimpse—between 15 and 20 seconds—the object was reported to have switched its course, and then seemed to descend.

Later, an Air Ministry meteorological office spokesman suggested the object could have been a meteorological balloon. They are 10-15 ft in diameter.

The silver-colored balloons are 10,000 to 15,000 ft in height.

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 14 (AP)— Lt. Comdr. Svend-Jensen, second in command of the Danish Coastal destroyer *Villemoes*, said today he observed a mysterious glowing object moving across the sky at great speed north of Bornholm last night, heading southeast.

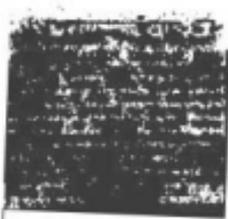
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AI-P-59

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## Spot a Saucer While Big War Games

Topcliffe, England, Sept. 13 (Reuters).—A flying saucer was seen at the eight-nation-Rifle area maneuvers here today.

The RAF was here reported to maneuver headquarters that all unidentified flying saucer objects had been sighted 15,000 feet above the airfield.

The objects which appeared three miles behind a bomber jet formation maintained a slow forward speed before descending in a zigzag path to the ground. There it began a rotary motion about its own axis and accelerated at an increasing speed in a westerly direction but later turned southeast.

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During the brief episode between 15 and 20 seconds—the object was reported to have switched its course, and then seemed to descend.

Later, an Air Ministry meteorological office spokesman suggested the object could have been a meteorological balloon. They are usually 15,000 feet high.

The silver-colored balloons are about 60 feet in height.

During Operation Margharite, extensive aerial maneuvers in the North Sea on and about September 10, 1952, UFOs were noticed in the vicinity on several occasions. See Section VII, Operation Margharite Chronology. On the 10th, a heavy disc of metallic appearance was observed passing quickly over the Allied fleet. Wallace Luten, an American lieutenant on board the aircraft carrier "Franklin Roosevelt," took three color photographs of the UFO. As far as is known, the pictures have never been published and no explanation of the incident was offered.

A few of the reports which have appeared through authoritative Topcliffe, September 11, 1952 (Reuters).— "A Group bomber crossed the North-Atlantic Baltic area yesterday 'Operation Margharite' in the today. The RAF had been reported to someone headquarters that an unidentified silver circular object had been spotted 15,000 feet above the airfield. The object, which appeared low order behind a bomber jet formation piloted by Lt. John W. Kober, maintained a slow forward speed before descending in a zigzag path to the ground. There it began a rotary motion about its own axis and accelerated at an increasing speed in a westerly direction but later turned southeast. It was seen by RAF officers and men on the airfield."

While "Operation Margharite" was in full swing nearby at the North Sea during September 1952, a somewhat previously mentioned sighting was seen on the 10th by three Royal Air Force officers. About 7:30 p.m., the UFO sped over Kewee Airport, Denmark, disappearing in a crash to the east.

