

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 2 February 1955		2. LOCATION Miramar NAS, California		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>UNIDENTIFIED</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>1150</u> GMT <u>02/1950Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Military (Navy)			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Observer Navy Comdr, driving vehicle & noticed Navy a/c landing, sighted object below one of the a/c. Obj was falling & motion seemed erratic. However, object descended at a steady rate. White in color highly polished surface. Was definitely reflecting sunlight. Change from white to a reddish-brown color & suddenly accelerated to a tremendous speed. Object left a short brown vapor trail.				11. COMMENTS UNIDENTIFIED	


3 February 1955

From: [REDACTED]
To: Office of Naval Intelligence (Attn: Rm 200 Ft. of Broadway,
San Diego, California)

Subj: Observation of unidentified aircraft

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
13th DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
AF DEPOT, BOX 310, MAYWOOD, CALIF.

18D 24-378

2 March 1955

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Object Reported
to Office of Naval Intelligence by
Lt Commander JOHN L. INCERSOLL

SPECIAL INQUIRY

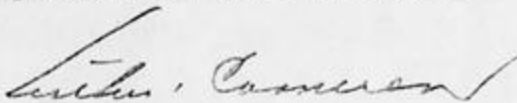
THRU: District Commander
5th District OSI (IG) USAF
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. Attached are two copies of a self-explanatory memorandum dated 3 February 1955 from Lt Commander [REDACTED], addressed to the Office of Naval Intelligence at San Diego, California.
2. The attached is being made available to your Headquarters for such action as you deem necessary and appropriate. No investigation in this matter is contemplated by the 18th District OSI.

1 Incl. a/n

cc: Dir OSI (w/Incl)


ARTHUR T. CAMERON
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

S/L, DO #18, Maywood AF Depot, Cheli AF Sta, P.O. Box 310, Maywood, California,
24-378, Subj: Unidentified Aerial Object Reported to Office of Naval Intelli-
gence by Lt Commander [REDACTED]

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HEADQUARTERS 5TH DISTRICT CSI (IG), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 14 March 1955

TO: Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

Forwarded.



ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, JR.
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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W. Schaefer

COMMANDANT'S OFFICE
ELEVENTH NAVAL DISTRICT
SAN DIEGO 30, CALIFORNIA

ADDRESS REPLY TO
COMMANDANT
ELEVENTH NAVAL DISTRICT
AND REFER TO:
1122/34
AS/IN
Ser 9052/1122
22 April 1955

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From: Commandant, ELEVENTH Naval District
To: ~~██~~ 35 78, ADAC, PG, USNFR
~~██~~,
San Diego, California

Subj: Observation of Unidentified Object

Encl: (1) U.S. Air Force Technical Information Sheet
(2) Self-addressed envelope

1. The Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio has received a narrative report completed by you on 3 February 1955, of an unidentified aircraft. The report was comprehensive and well prepared, however, to facilitate Wright Patterson Air Force Base in performing an analysis of the incident, it is requested that you complete the enclosed "U.S. Air Force Technical Information Sheet" and return it to the Commandant, ELEVENTH Naval District for forwarding to the Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

2. The enclosed self-addressed envelope is for your convenience.

J. T. RASTALLIS
By direction

Copy to

→ Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio

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ATIM-1

SUBJECT: (Uncl) Observation of Unidentified Object

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TO: Office of Naval Intelligence
ATTN: Rm 200 Ft. of Broadway
San Diego, California

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3. It is further requested that upon accomplishment of the sheet, it be returned directly to the Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: ATIAS-5, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

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FOR THE COMMANDER

1 Incl
QuestionnaireMARY L. STORM
1st Lt. USAF
Assistant Adjutant

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3/3/55 Albert W. Drippard 751. AE-5
[Signature]
*[Signature]**Questionnaire
never returned*

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CLASSIFICATION CANCELLED BY AUTHORITY OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPEC INV BY KURT K. KUHZE, Capt, USAF Historian

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FEBRUARY 1955 SIGHTINGS

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1	Chochise, New Mexico	Military Air	UNIDENTIFIED
2	Del Ray Beach, Florida	Sharpe	Insufficient Data
2	Miramar NAS, California	Military	UNIDENTIFIED
3	Bettles, Alaska (CASE MISSING)	Military	Other (MISSILE)
4	Pomona, California	Oberdurf	Aircraft
5	Long Beach, California	Belcher	Aircraft
7	Harrisburg, Pennsylvania	Flying Tigers Flt 989	Astro (METEOR)
7	Kings Landing, California	Allender (TAPES) *	Aircraft
7	Platte City, Missouri	Sandall, Perry	Balloon
7-15	Fort Wayne, Indiana	Axelrod	Insufficient Data
7-15	San Diego, California	Overturf	1. Astro (MARS) 2. Aircraft
9	May Port, Florida	Military	Aircraft
9	Dobbins AFB, Georgia	Smith (Multi)	Balloon
10	Bethesda, Maryland	Stein	UNIDENTIFIED
11	Okinawa, (CASE MISSING)	Military Air	Insufficient Data
12	Saipan	Wx Observer	Astro (RIGEL)
14	Milan & Green City, Missouri	Crawford, Brandon, Bennes	Balloon
14	New York City, New York	Cleghorn, Wilson	Other (SEARCHLIGHT)
15	New York City, New York	Laird (PHOTOS)	Other (PHOTO ANALYSIS: REFLECTION)
15	Ellesmere Island, Canada	Military	Other (CONTRAILS)
15	New Orleans, Louisiana	Multiple	Aircraft
17	Blackstone, Virginia	Military	Insufficient Data
18	Bowling Green, Kentucky	Potter, Lyen, Henry, etc....	1. Aircraft (REFUEL OPR) 2. Aircraft
19	Palm Springs, California	David	3. Astro (STARS/PLANETS)
19	San Diego, California	McKim	Aircraft
19	Pacific Beach, California	Military & Civilian	Astro (METEOR SHOWER)
23	San Diego, California	Youhlf	Aircraft
23	Wilton, Connecticut	Hardy, Fabrey	Astro (METEOR)
25	Snowhill, Maryland	Gordy	Other (FLARE)
28	Baltimore, Maryland	Multiple (PHYSICAL S)	Other (DETERGENT BUBBLES)
28	Edwards AFB, California	Rosenbaum, Dexter	Aircraft
28	Palm Springs, California	Grindrod	Balloon

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
2-14	Venezuela, Florida, Texas, New York	DHM	Meteors
6	New Zealand	Newsclipping	Meteor, Bolide
13	Texas-Mississippi	Newsclipping	Meteor
21	Horseheads, New York	Newsclipping	Angel Hair/Waste Products from Milk Plant

* IN SEPARATE FOLDER