PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 28 April 1955	2. LOCATION Dahlgren, Virginia		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 28/1820Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☒ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military		☒ Was Astronomical Jupiter ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 hr, 30 mins	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE	☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Round, 20-30 feet in diameter. Silver-metallic. Moving slowly.

11. COMMENTS

Jupiter in approximate position reported. Daylight observation. Object not visible to naked eye. Visible only through theolite.

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UFOB

1 DESCRIPTION

A ROUND

B. 20-30 FEET DIAMETER

USING GRND THEOLITE

C. SILVER METALLIC

D. ONE

E. N/A

F. ELONGATE AND WAVER COULD BE ILLUSION

G. NONE

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H. NONE

I. NONE

2 DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

A. TAKING PIBAL AND TRACKING IT WHEN THEY CAME UPON UFOB

B. 31.8 DEG ELEV 240 DEG RELATIVE BEARING FROM DAHLGREN OPERATIONS VA.

16 MILES AT 28/1820Z 19.8 DEG ELEV 259 DEG TRUE BEARING AT 28/1940Z

FROM SAME LOCETION

C. STILL VISIBLE AT 29 DEG

D. MOVING VERY SLOWLY DROPPED TO 29 DEG ELVE 245 DEG RELATIVE BEARING

2 DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

A. TAKING PIBAL AND TRACKING IT WHEN THEY CAME UPON UFOB

B. 31.8 DEG ELEV "40 DEG RELATIVE BEARING FROM DAHLGREN OPERATIONS VA. 16 MILES AT 28/1820Z 19.8 DEG ELEV "59 DEG TRUE BEARING AT 28/1940Z FROM SAME LOCETION

C. STILL VISIBLE AT 29 DEG

D. MOVING VERY SLOWLY DROPPED TO 29 DEG ELVE 245 DEG RELATIVE BEARING AT 28/1820Z

E. STILL PRESENT

F. 1 HR 30 MINS

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

A. GROUND VISUAL AND GROUND ELECTRONIC - AIR SURVEILLENCE RADAR

B. THEDI.

TES

C. N/A

4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

A. 28/1820Z

B. DAY

5. LOCATION OF OBSERVER

LAT 3820N 770"Z AT DAHLGREN BASE OPNS VA

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BYM IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBSERVERS

A. N/A

B. [redacted] N[redacted]AL PROVING GRD DAHLGREN VA EA OBSERVOR

[redacted] AG1 SAME ORGAN AND SAME DUTY

RELIABILITY UNK

7. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITION AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING

A. 250 SCATTERED CLDS 20000 SCATTERED CLDS VIS 15 MILES WINDS SSW 25 KTS

B. 6000 FT3210 DEG 24 KT

10000 FT 020 DEG 17 KT

16000 FT 040 DEG 11 KT

RELIABILITY UNK

7. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITION AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING

A. 250 SCATTERED CLDS 20000 SCATTERED CLDS VIS 15 MILES WINDS SSW 25 KTS

B. 6000 FT3010 DEG 24 KT

10000 FT 020 DEG 17 KT

16000 FT 040 DEG 11 KT

20000 FT 090 DEG GPE KT

30000

40PPPP FT 10 DEG 13 KT

50000 FT 250 DEG 06 KT

80000 FT 260 DEG 15 KT

C. SAME AS 7 A ABOVE

DBM 15 MILSE

E. 2/1

F. N/A

8. NONE

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9. AD TYPE A/C BUT OUT OF RANGE 35-40000 FT

10 NONE

11. OPERATIPN OFFICER FLT SVC CEN OLMSTED AFB PA

POSSIBLY WEA BATTOON SINCE WINDS ARE NEGL1903

?12 NONE

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UFOB INDEX CARD

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	12. CONCLUSIONS
28 April 1955	Dahlgren, Virginia	☐ Was Balloon ☒ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 28/1820Z April 1955	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	**6. SOURCE** Military (USN)	☒ Was Astronomical JUPITER ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** / **9. COURSE**	☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
One hour and fifty-six Min.	One (1) / Semi-Stationary	

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

One (1) object, round, white, sharpley defined edges, estimated at 38,000 feet, to be approx 30 feet in diameter. Theodolite eyepiece used by observer.

11. COMMENTS

Observer commented that the object looked like a balloon. Investigation by Flight 3-H disclosed that this object was/a Rasonde balloon released by the Norfolk Naval Base.

JUPITER(?)

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[redacted]

6 May 1965

28 April 1965

CHESTER B. HANSON, Captain, USAF

Phone conversation between Capt B. Hanson, HQ, 4602d AISS and Capt Hanson 28 Apr 65 - 1st Lt [redacted] 6th Mun Sq (Mun Off Svc) APO 81, dated 28/1820Z April

None

None

Part ONE: Observation of sightings by AC1 [redacted] Observer, US Naval Security Station, Washington, DC (GMT 5820)

Part TWO: Observation of sightings by AC1 [redacted] Observer, US Naval Security Station, Washington, DC

Part THREE: Supplementary Investigative Records

Part FOUR: Comments of Preparing Officer

SUMMARY: An unidentified flying object was sighted at Naval Security Station, Washington, DC (GMT 5820) at 28/1820Z April. The information contained in this report was obtained from personal observation. This Objective Investigation conducted to determine the possible cause of the sighting.

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CHESTER B. HANSON
Captain, USAF
Investigating Officer

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JOHN M. WEST, JR.
Colonel, USAF
Commander

D/E USAF, Comdr, 4602d, D/I, 26th AD(A), Comdr, 4602d AISS, OIC, [redacted]

None

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

Flight 2-B, 46026 AISS	REPORT NO. 5B-UFOB-4-55	Page No. Pt. 2 of 6 Pts.

I. SOURCE: [redacted]

Address: [redacted] Naval Proving Ground, Dahlgren, Virginia

Age: 32

Occupation: Petty Officer 1st Class, USN

Education: High school graduate

Qualifications: Aerographer

II. RELIABILITY: Unknown. SOURCE was contacted by phone.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE had released a weather balloon from his station at operations, Naval Proving Ground, Dahlgren, Virginia (GUNT 5820) and was tracking it by use of a theodolite when at 28/1820Z April SOURCE observed an object in the sky in the general direction of the weather balloon. SOURCE discontinued further observation of the weather balloon and trained the theodolite, estimated 20° on the object.

The object as seen through the eyepiece of the theodolite was the size of the head of a pin. It could not be seen with the naked eye.

The object was round, white in color, and had dimply defined edges. It appeared that it did assume an elongated shape at times and wavered.

SOURCE notified AGI [redacted] of the sighting (vide to Part Two, this report). He then continued tracking the object, recording elevations and bearings.

In the course of observing the object, SOURCE was informed that the local, alerted radar station had received returns from the object by use of Air Surveillance Radar. From his own records and those available from the radar station SOURCE estimated that the object was at an altitude of 58 000 feet and was 20 to 30 feet in diameter.

SOURCE believed that the object may have been a balloon of the sky-hook type, but since he had no experience with large balloons he did not want to commit himself.

The information contained in the following paragraphs of Incl 1 TT message from Commander, 26th AD, dated 28/2340Z was furnished by SOURCE: 1 Description, A, B, D & F; 2 Description of Course, A, B, C, D, E, F; 7 Weather and Winds-aloft Conditions, A, B, C, D, E, & F.

SOURCE observed the object for a period of one hour and 50 minutes.

1 Incl:
1. TT MSG FRM COC 26TH ADIV BOSTON MY

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FM COC 26TH ADIV ROSLYN NY
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TO JEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLORADO
JEPNY/CMDR 26TH AD DEF ROSLYN NY
JEDWP/CMDR AIR MECHANICAL INTEL CEN WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO
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UFOIR
1. DESCRIPTION
A. ROUND
B. AM 20-30 FEET DIAMETER
USING GRND THEODOLITE
C. SEEVER METALLIC
D. ONE
E. N/A
F. ELONGATED AND WAVER COULD BE REFLECTION
G. NONE

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H. NONE
I. NONE
2. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE
A. TAKING PITCH AND TRACKING INIT WHEN THEY CAME UPON UFOIR
B. 31.8 DEG ELEV 140 DEG RELATIVE BEARING FROM DAHLGREN OPERATIONS VA
16 MILES AT 28/1820Z 19.8 DEG ELEV 159 DEG TRUE BEARING AT 28/1940Z
FROM SAME LOCATION
C. STEAL VISIBLE AT 29 DEG
D. MOVING VERY SLOWLY DROPPED TO 29 DEG ELEV 245 DEG RELATIVE BEARING
AT 28/1820Z
E. STEADY PRESENT
F. 1 HR 30 MINS
3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION
A. GROUND VISUAL AND GROUND ELECTRONIC - AIR SURVEILLENCE RADAR
B. THEODITES
C. N/A
4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING
A. 2818202
B. DAY
5. LOCATION OF OBSERVER
LAT 3820N 7709-Z AT DAHLGREN BASE OPNS VA

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BYE IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBSERVERS
A. N/A
B. [redacted] AGE NAVAL PROVING GRD DAHLGREN VA WEA OBSEVOR
[redacted] AGE SAME ORGAN AND SAME DUTY
RELIABILITY UNK
7C WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITION AT TIME AND SPACE OF SIGHTING
A. 25Ø SCATTERED CLDS 2ØØØØ SCATTERED CLDS VIS 15 MILES WINDS SSW 25 KTS
B. 5ØØØ FT 3Ø1Ø DEG 24 KT
1ØØØØ FT Ø2Ø DEG 17 KT
15ØØØ FT Ø4Ø DEG 11 KT
2ØØØØ FT Ø8Ø DEG GPE KT
3ØØØØ FT 1Ø DEG 15 KT
5ØØØØ FT 25Ø DEG Ø6 KT
8ØØØØ FT 26Ø DEG 15 KT
C. SAME AS ABLVE
DBM 15 MILSE
E. 2/1
F. N/A
8. NONE

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9. AD TYPE A/C BUT OUT OF RANGE 55-4ØØØØ FT
1Ø NONE
11. OPERATION OFFICER FET SVC CEN OLMSTED AFB PA
POSSIBLY WEA BALLOON SINCE WINDS ARE NEGLIGABLE
12Z NONE
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2/2Ø15Z AHR JEDLS

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Chester B Hanson
CHESTER B HANSON
Captain, USAF

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

Flight 3-E-4602d AISS	SB-UROB-4-55	Part Two

1. SOURCE: [redacted]

Address: [redacted], US Naval Proving Ground, Dahlgren, Virginia

Age: 27

Occupation: Petty Officer 1st Class, USN

Education: High school graduate

Qualifications: Aerographer

2. RELIABILITY: Unknown. SOURCE was contacted by phone.

3. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE was working inside the Operations building, (Naval Proving Ground, Dahlgren, Virginia (GDR-3820)) when at 28/1820Z April he was called outside by AGI William A. Conlon (refer to Part One, this report) who had spotted an object through the eyepiece of the theodolite he was then using in tracking a weather balloon which had just been released at this station.

SOURCE went outside to have a look at the object which could not be seen with the naked eye. He stated that the object as observed through the theodolite was the size of the head of a pin.

The color of the object appeared to be a metallic silver and its edges were sharply defined.

It moved at a relatively slow speed and did not change its course. SOURCE believed that it moved South-West to West from his point of observation.

The object was round, but it seemed to take on an elongated shape at times, and also waver.

SOURCE had no explanation for the object and returned inside the Operations Building to notify his superiors and remained at the telephone, handling all phone traffic in reference to the object. He left for brief periods to have another look.

From 28/1820Z to 28/1940Z SOURCE observed the object intermittently for an estimated total period of five minutes.

SOURCE stated that the object might have been a balloon of a type unknown to him because his experience was limited to the regular type weather balloon which bursts upon reaching certain altitudes.

SOURCE had never observed anything like this object before.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATION REPORTS:

1. A check with Andrews AFB (GJEJ 0818) Operations and Weather was made for balloon releases at the time of the sighting. Negative results.

2. Operations and Weather of the Marine Air Station at Quantico (GJNJ 4230) was checked with for balloon releases at the time of sighting. Negative results.

3. The US Weather Service, Washington, D.C. (GJWF 5856) was contacted for information of balloon releases in the Chesapeake Area at the time of sighting. Negative results.

4. Operations and Weather of Langley AFB (GJEF 1010) were contacted for information of balloon releases. Negative results.

5. Fleet Weather Central, Norfolk Naval Base, Norfolk, Virginia (GJPG 4356) was contacted and furnished the following information by phone and TT message:

Fleet Weather Central released a Rasonde balloon at 28/1405Z April which was 82 inches long, flaccid and white. An AN/AMT-4 Rasonde was attached.

The balloon was lost at 28/1436Z. Last azimuth observed 277 degrees. Last elevation angle 60.5 degrees. Location of termination approximately 5 miles west of Norfolk Naval Station. Altitude at termination 45,774 feet.

Weather data during observed flight of balloon:

Altitude	Degrees	Knots
5 000	008	24
10 000	033	15
15 000	062	08
20 000	140	12
25 000	142	09
30 000	156	12
35 000	182	06
40 000	138	15
45 000	190	08

Information received by phone conversation with the Fleet Weather Central revealed that there was a good possibility that the object sighted at the Naval Proving Ground, Dahlgren, Virginia was the Rasonde balloon released at Norfolk Naval Base.

6. For weather data at the Naval Proving Ground, Dahlgren, Virginia at the time of sighting refer to paragraph 7.A.B.C.D.E. of Information Part One, this report.

1 Inclosure:
TT MSG FM FLEWEACEN NORVA

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FLT 3000 FT BRKN CEDS VIS 8 MI X ALT OF BALLOON AT TERMINATION
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COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. In the opinion of the Preparing Officer, this sighting was probably caused by the Rasonde balloon released by Fleet Weather Central, Norfolk Naval Base, Norfolk, Virginia for the following reasons:

a. The object's general behavior and appearance was that of a balloon and the color of the object as described by SOURCE A/1 [redacted] coincided with the color of the Rasonde balloon.

b. Both SOURCES agreed that the object could have been a balloon but were not sure because of inexperience with large type balloons, size of object, altitude of object, radar returns from object and direction of course.

(1) The size of the object as given by SOURCE [redacted] (20 to 60 feet in diameter) was computed from two estimates, altitude 38,000 feet and image size in eyepiece of theodolite (head of a pin). SOURCE stated that this may be inaccurate.

(2) An AN/ART 4 Rasonde was attached to the balloon and according to information furnished by Fleet Weather Central, this equipment would give a radar return.

(3) One of the main factors causing SOURCES to doubt that the object was a balloon was its course. However, Fleet Weather Central at Norfolk estimated that the course of the balloon would be approximately in a north-west direction.

CHESTER B. HANSON
Capt, USAF
Officer-in-Charge

COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Concur in the opinion of the Preparing Officer that sighting was caused by the designated Rasonde balloon released at Norfolk Naval Base.

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