

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 5 Apr 52	2. LOCATION Miami, Florida		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2115 EST GMT 06/0215	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		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Amateur astronomer and son		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 second	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 4	9. COURSE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <del>Unknown</del> <b>UNIDENTIFIED</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Dark-opaque color. Circular. Straight and level maneuvers.		11. COMMENTS Source observed 4 objects pass the full moon. One object was more plainly seen was $\frac{1}{2}$ moon's diameter, had sharply defined leading edge and was opaque. Other object, did not pass directly in front of the full moon.		

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 7

DATE: 5 Apr 52

TIME (Local): 2115 EST

LOCATION: Miami, Fla.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: Not Reported

SOUND: Unknown

SPEED: Unknown

ALTITUDE: Unknown

HEADING: 90°

SOURCE: Civilians

ACTION OR COMMENTS: No conclusions.

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Four dark shapes passed across face of moon, objects were circular, dark, opaque and invisible except when outlined against moon. [REDACTED]

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COUNTRY U.S.A.	REPORT NO. AIR No. WIN 2-52	(LEAVE BLANK) 8437285
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT SIGHTING OF UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT		
AREA REPORTED ON MIAMI, FLORIDA	FROM (Agency) 435TH TROOP CARRIER WING (M)	
DATE OF REPORT 16 April 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 5 April 1952	EVALUATION C3
PREPARED BY (Officer) JOHN H. SHARPE, MAJOR, USAF	SOURCE Civilian Observer	
REFERENCES (Optional: author, director, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFOIN-C/CB-2		
SUMMARY: Enter concise summary of report. Give classification in final paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.		
<p>1. On the night of <u>5 April 1952</u> at 2115 EST, Mr. Lewis E. Van Dercar of 331 N.E. 18th Street, Miami, Florida observed four (4) unusual objects pass through the sky above Miami. He did not make a report promptly, but notified the Airdrome Officer of the 435th Troop Carrier Wing (M) on the following day by telephone. The report was relayed to the Wing Intelligence Officer who visited Mr. Van Dercar and obtained his account of the incident as outlined below.</p> <p>2. Mr. Van Dercar and his nine year old son were lying in hammocks in the yard of their home, gazing at the sky. Mr. Van Dercar is interested in astronomy, and owns a small telescope, but was not using it at the time. There was a rather heavy haze in the atmosphere at the time, enough to throw a large ring around the moon which was almost full. There were no clouds in the sky. Quite without warning, a dark shape passed across the lower edge of the moon. It was followed by a second shape which crossed the upper edge of the moon; a third which passed the lower edge of the moon; and a fourth which passed directly across the face of the moon. These objects were circular, dark, completely opaque, and were invisible except when outlined against the moon. The one which passed directly across the moon completed the passage in approximately one (1) second. Its diameter, from the observer's point of view was about half the moon's diameter. That is, superimposed upon the face of the moon, it blocked out about half the moon's span. (See attached free-hand sketch made by Mr. Van Dercar). The objects moved from west to east. The leading edge was sharply defined, but a fuzzy corona surrounded about 300 degrees of its outline, which was perfectly circular. No light nor noise emanated from the objects.</p> <p>3. Although three (3) of the objects were only seen partially, Mr. Van Dercar was sure that they were all the same size and shape. His son also saw one of the objects but saw it as an irregular shape rather than circular. However, it is felt that his father's observations were more accurate, since he is a competent artist and as he said, "accustomed to noticing shapes".</p> <p>4. Comment by 435th Wing Intelligence Officers: There is no reason to believe that the observations of Mr. Van Dercar were not accurate. He impressed the interviewer as being better qualified</p>		
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than the average observer and certainly seemed level headed and unemotional in making his report. His intelligence is probably above average. He stated that he had been observing the skies at every opportunity for three or four years in the hope of seeing "flying saucers", but that now after seeing them for the first time, he was disappointed because they were less spectacular than he had anticipated. He said that they seemed almost a natural manifestation, except for the perfectly circular shape and the fact that they appeared to be flying in formation. There was no method of judging their altitude because there were no clouds nor other reference points. Mr. Van Dercar brought out his telescope after the incident and searched the skies for some time without sighting anything else of interest.

5. No other persons have reported sighting the same objects.

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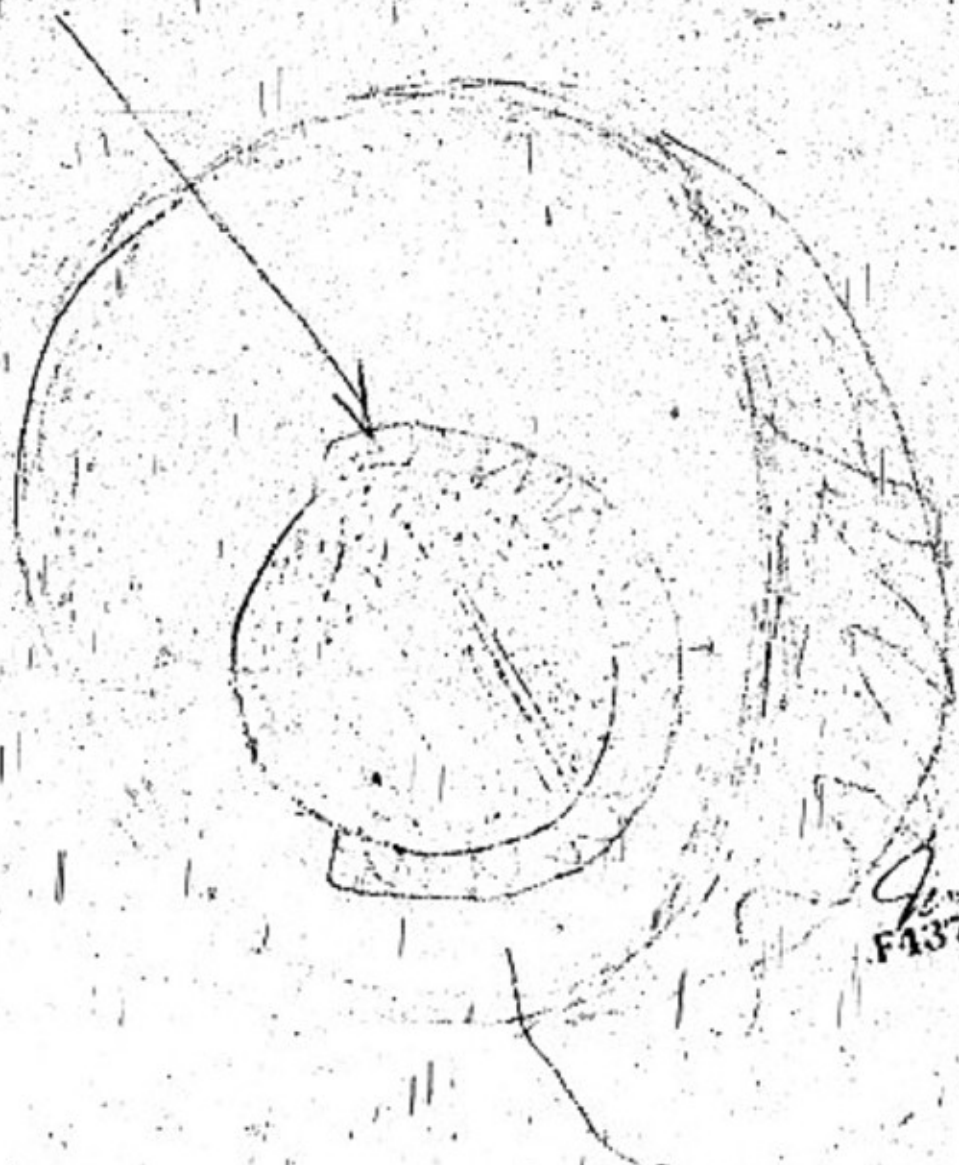
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