PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD 2 LOCATION DATE 12. CONCLUSIONS Was Balloon 49.50N 50.03W (Atlantic) 10 Feb 1951 Probably Balloon Possibly Bolloon DATE-TIME GROUP TYPE OF OBSERVATION Was Aircraft Local O Ground-Visual D Ground-Rodar Probably Aircraft GMT___O055Z (N) Possibly Aircraft Air Visuoi D Air-Intercept Roger PHOTOS 4. SOURCE Was Astronomical ALROLA D Yes Probably Astronomical MIL Possibly Astronomical No K 9. COURSE ENGTH OF OBSERVATION 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Insufficient Doto for Evaluation Unknown E-7-8 Min RIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 11. COMMENTS Believed to be Aurora display by Yellowish light, like a fire in color, approached the observing ACFT and grew consulting astronomer. very bright and very large with a semicircular shape. It suddenly turned 180 deg and disappeared over the horizon at terriffic speed.

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REFERENCES. (Control quember, directize, prerious report, etc., as applicable)	at Patuxent, Maryland
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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- 1. The following described unidentified aircraft/object was sighted off the coast of Newfoundland by MATS Navy C-54 crew.
- a. Originally sighted as a single, heavy, yellowish light, similar in appearance to that of a city. As object approached observing aircraft, it grow very bright and large, and appeared to be semi-circular in shape. Near aircraft, it did a 180° turn and was last seen as a small ball disappearing over the horizon. The speed was "terrific" and the size "tremendous" to quote observers. (The difference in size between the time it was first seen and last seen as a small ball going over the horizon was described as tremendous, at least 100 times larger.

b. Sighted at 0055Z on 10 February 1951 and remained visible for approximately 7 or 8 minutes.

- c. Visually observed from WATS Navy C-54 #6501 of VR-1 Squadron based at Patuxent, Maryland, flying at 10,000 feet altitude, 172 knots air speed, 225° true course.
- d. Observing aircraft was at 49° 50' N 50° 30' W at the time of observation. Object appeared near the water's surface at approximately a 45° downward angle from the observing aircraft and was making good a true course of approximately 125°. Upon approaching observing aircraft, it executed a sudden turn approximating 180° and disappeared very rapidly over the horizon.
- e. Object sighted by 5 crew members, listed below, of the above aircraft, who are all experienced North Atlantic fliers. Gander Traffic Control reports no other aircraft known to be in the vicinity at time of sighting. All 5 observers agree on facts as stated, but there has been no confirmation from other sources. Believe C-3 appropriate.

Lt Fred W. Kingdom - 173390 (first to see dject)

Lt. A. L. Jones - 391096

Lt G. E. Fethune - 299055

Lt N. G. P. Koger - 305873

Lt. J. M. Mayer - 263836.

- f. Weather clear, visibility from 15 miles to unlimited, no other weather information available.
- g. No unusual meteorological activity known to exist and having any influence on the sighting. This object oculd not have been a comet as the object was below and between the aircraft and ocean.
 - h. No physical evidence available.
 - i. No interception action taken.
- 2. The above information was forwarded from this Headquarters to Headquarters, USAF by 1 H on 10 February 1981 by THE Man, MEAC EN 9712 and WH 0215.

HERE IS OUR FEB 10,1951 SIGHTING REPORT THAT I OBTAINED FROM MICROFILM AT THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES IN WASHINGTON, D.C. JUNE 1991. AFTER REVIEWING I HAVE DETERMINED THE FOLLOWING FACTS, GREEN FIREBALLS ?

1, THERE WERE NO SIGNATURES ON THE PROJECT TWINKLE FINA, REPORT DATED 11-27-51 SUBMITTED BY L. ELTERMAN TO BE APPROVED BY P.H. WYCHOFF? (PAGE 1)

L. THE WEATHER WAS CLEAR - THE NORTH ATLANTIC WEATHER REPORTS ALWAYS INCLUDE ANY ACTIVITY OF THE NORTHEREN LIGHTS (ARORA BUREALIS) AND ITS INTENSITY, OUR DEPARTURE WEATHER BRIEFING REPORTED AS CLEAR THE ENTIRE ROLTE. CONTINOUS WEATHER REPORTS RECEIVED FROM THE WEATHER SHIP WERE CLEAR GANDER CONTROL REPORTED CLEAR WEATHER AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTIME (PAGES 449)

3. OBJECTS OBSERVED BY-MYSELF IN CONTROL OF THE AIRCRAI AND FRED KINGDON IN THE CO-PILOTS SEAT. I OBSERVED THE LIGHT YELLOW GLOW BELOW THE HORIZON FOR ABOUT I MIN PROIR TO CALLING FRED'S ATTENTION TO IT, MY TOTAL OBSERVAT TIME FOR ALL PHASES WAS ABOUT 10 MIN, FRED'S TIME ABOUT 9 MIN. ALJONES ABOUT 4 MIN. AND THE OTHER PILOTS AND CREW MEMBERS ABOUT & MINUTER, (PAGES 10 THRUIT)

4. CIRCULAR OBJECT DEPARTED FROM - BELOW THE WATER, THE WATER OR A SHORT DISTANCE ABOVE THE WATER,



5. CIRCULAR OBJECT OBSERVED BY-ALL PILOTS, CREW AND
PASSENGERS OBSERVED THE CIRCULAR CRAFT FROM THE
TIME IT REACHED AN ALTITUDE OF ABOUT 200 TO 500 FEET
BELOW US, WAS MOVING WITH US AND UNTIL IT DISAPPEARE.
OVER THE HORIZON.

6. THE CRAFT NEVER ATTAINED OUR ALTITUDE - THE CRAFT WAS
ALWAYS BETWEEN OUR AIRCRAFT AND THE WATER (PAGE 4)

7. DUR HEADING WAS 225°(SW)-IF THERE HAD BEEN ANY

NORTHERN LIGHT ACTIVITY IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BEHIND

US AND REPORTED IN THE WEATHER REPORTS GIVEN TO US,

THREE OF US WERE EXPERINCED NORTH ATLANTIC PILOTS.

AT THAT TIME I HAP OVER 5,000 FU WHAT HOURS, FLYING

FOR OVER 11 YEARS AND FRED HAD MORE TIME AND

EXPERIENCE THAN I, AL JONES WAS A PLANE COMMANDERS

WITH EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE, (PAGE 449)

SI SAME TYPE CRAFT SIGHTED BY PATROL PLANE CREW
A FEW DAYS LATER WHEN AL JONES LANDED AT ARGENTIAL

HE WAS TOLD THAT THE SKIPPER OF VP-8 AND HIS CREW

SIGHTED THE SAME TYPE OF OBJECT IN THE SAME AREA ON

NIGHT PATROL BUT DID NOT MAKE OUT A FORMAL REPORT,

THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT THE AIRFORCE CONTACTED

OR QUESTIONED ANY ONE IN NEWFOUNDLAND OR ICECAND

WHERE MAMY SIGHTINGS WERE COMMON KNOWLEDGE,

LOCK HOED OVERSEAS PERSONER WHO, DPERATED THE KEFIAVIA

AIRPORT TOLD US OF THE MAMY SIGHTINGS OF VERY LARGE

CRAFT OVER ILFEAN WHICH THEIS ASSUMED WERE RUSCIAN.

THEY WERE AFRAID THAT THE COMMUNIST WERE GOING TO

TAKE OVER THIS IS WHY WE FLEW THE ARMY IN AND THE

DEW LINE WAS SET UP, WE DID NOT INTERPT THE SIGHTINGS

AS UFO'S AT THAT TIME, (PAGE 13 CO. VP-8)

9. CRAFT TRACKED BY RADAR-A FEW WEEKS LATER. WHEN I LANDER AT ARGENTIA I WAS TOLD BY THE OPERATIONS DUTY OFFICED THAT GANDER CONTROL HAD TRACKED ITHE CRAFT BY RADAR IN EXCESS OF - 1800 MPH.

10. INVESTIGATION RESPONSIBILITY - IT WAS THE AIR FORCES RESPONSIBILITY TO INVESTIGATE UF O'S PAGE 5) CAPT D.H. PAULSEN USAF PEPPERELL AFB NEWFOUNDLAND WAS SENT TO INTERROGATE OUR CREW WHEN LANDED AT ARGENTIA (PAGES 849) HIS DISPATCHES AND WRITTEN REPORT WERE SENT TO HEADQUARTERS WASH, D.C. (PAGES 8, 9 AND BOTTOM OF PAGE 6) HIS WRITTEN REPORT AND RADAR REPORT WAS NOT ON MICHOFILM. WHEN WE LANDED AT OUR HOME BASE (NAVAL AIRTEST CENTER PATUXENT RIVER, Md.) WE WERE INTERROGATED BY NAVAL INTELLENGENCE, OUR INDIVIOUAL REPORTS WERE FOWARDED TO THE AIRFORCE IN WASHINGTON, D.C., WE DID NOTSEE EACH OTHERS REPORT (PAGES 10 THROLT) THE AIR FORCE DID NOT CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION. I TOLO NAVAL INTELLENGENCE VERBALLY STHAT IF THEY NEEDED MORE DETAILED INFORMATION I WOULD BE GLAD TO PROVIDE IT AND COULD PROBABLY TELL THEM HOW TO BUILD ONE IF THEY WERE INTERESTED . IT WAS PUT IN THEIR REPORT, FRED KINGDOW SAID BASTCALLY SAID THE SAME THING IN HIS WRITTEN REPORT, (PAGE 12) NORTH EAST AIR COMO. PEPPERRELL AFB, LETTER SUGGESTED THE SAME PET

11, NO ONE CAPABLE OF PROPER IDENTIFICATION - IN MY MANY VISITS TO WRIGHT-PATTERS ON AFR (1956-1954) I ORSERVE NO ONE QUALIFIED TO PROPERTY IDENTIFY A FLYING OBJE EVEN A RPLANES, THEY WERE MOSTY KEEWEES (NON-DILOTE OR BIRDS THAT CONT FLY). WHAT THE HELL DOES AN ASTRONOMER HAVE TO DO WITH TRAVEL, HE IS STATIONARY ON THE GROUND, WHAT HE IS LOOKING AT IS STATIONARY HIS FIELD DE VISION IS VERY SMALL LOGHING THROUGH A PEEP HOLE (O) AND IF HE HAS NEVERSEEN ONE OR TAMEN A PICTURE OF ONE THROUGH HIS TELESCOPE HOW IN THE HELL CAN HE IDENTIFYIT OF KNOW WHAT PILOTS HAN. FIND AND HEEP IN VIEW AN AIRPLANS? IT TOOK DR. J. ALLEN HYNER 20 YEARS TO BECOME AN EXTERT, ON(PAGES 1/ & 2) IN MAJ. HEY HOE'S BOOK THERE ARE SOME NAMES OF MENTHAT HAD THE QULIFICATIONS TO PROPERLY CLASSIFY MOVING BRIFETS.

12, AIR FORCE COVER UP - MAJ. KEYHOE DEVOTED
THE ENTIRE FIRST CHAPTER TO OUR SIGHTING AND
THE AIRFORCE COVER UP, THE AIR FORCE COULD NOT FIND
OUR REPORT, THEY SAID? IT IS MY OPINION THEY WERE
NOT OR GANIZED OR HAD ENOUGH QUALITIES PERSONEL
TO PERFORM THEIR ASSIGNED TASK. IN: ONE OCASION
WHEN MY SKIPPER CAPT, J.O. TAYLOR AND I WERE AT
WRICHT PATTERSON COL WATSON (NOT POSITIVE ABOUT NAME
SAID TO HIM THAT THERE HAD REEN OVER 30,000 CALLS
ON ONE RECENT SIGNETING AND THAT THERE WAS NOT
ENDUGH PERSON OF IN THE ARMY AIRFORCE AND NAME

TO INVESTIGATE THE CALLS, WE WERE FIGHTING THE HOREANS

13. AIR FORCE COVER UP ADMITTED-ON MY OLD LIST I HAD DNLY 12 ITEMS (MJ-12) BUT I HAD TO LIST DR. J. ALLEN HYNEK. HIS BOOK IS A MUST FOR ANY UFOLIGIST. IT TELLS THE TRUTH ABOUT THE COVER UP I HAVE ENCLOSED SOME PAGES BUT EVERYONE SHOULD READ IT FROM COVER TO COVER.

SUMMORY

PROJECT TWINKLE WAS A BIG AIRFORCE COVERUP IF YOU ARE GOING TO COVER UP VED SIGNATINGS WHO WOULD YOU GIVE THE RETPONSIBILITY +0 - ASTROMERS - BECAUSE THEY KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THEM TAKE A LOOK AT THE BOTTOM RIGHT OF PAGE 8 WHERE THEY TRIED TO TLOT THE COURSE OF OUR AIRGRAFT AND THE OBJECT. THEY WERE UNABLE TO PETECT THE ERROR IN THE OBJECT COURSE, THEY DO NOT UNDERSTAND MANY TYPES OF AERIAL PHENOMENA. WHEN THEY SAW A HITE, BALLOW OR AIRPLANE IN THEIR TELESCOPE FOR THE FIRST TIME THEY CALLED IT AERIAL PHENOMENA, IF THEY WELF NOT GOING TO COVER. UP OR INVESTIGATE ALL THEY HAD TO DO WAS READ PARAGRAPH FAG PAGE & OF THE 3-12-51 AF REPORT AND STATE THA IT WAS A UFO IF YOU LOOK AT HOW THE REPORT PAGE Q WAS FICLED OUT YOU WOULD HNOW THIS INDIVIOUAL HA! NOT YET GRADIATED FROM THE AMATEUR ASTRONOMER'S CLAS

THAT SOMEONE WOULD DO THE INVESTIGATION TOR THEM.



THEY DID NOT ASK ANYONE TO SEND THEM SUPPORTING INFORMATION. THEY DID NOT ASH ANY OF THE PROTESSIONAL ORSERVERS, DID NOT ASH FOR THE RADAR REPORT, DID NOT OVERTION OTHERS THAT HAD SIGHTINGS IN THE MREA, DIE NOT READ OR UNDERSTAND THE REPORTS, IN SHORT THON DIO A BIG INJUSTICE TO THE PEOPLE ON PLANET EARTH AFTER READING THIS PEPORT I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY MATON HEYHOE WAS UPSET AT THE AIRFORCE AROUT THEIR COVERUP AND OUTRIGHT LIES. HE HAD THE PROPER EXPERTS AT HIS DISPOSAL TO ACCRUATELY INENTIFY THESE OCTECTS. HIS BOOK FLYING SAUCERS TOP SECRET "WAS A BLESSING, I AM SURE THAT IN THE EARLY \$0'S WE HAD NO ONE IN THIS COUNTRY THAT WAS CAPAPLE EXCEPT THOSE FROM STHER PLANETS OR WITH OFF PLANET CONTACT, WITHOU DR ALLEN HYNER'S BOOK WE WOULD STILL NOT PESURE ABOUT THE COVERUP. AL JONES AND NOEL J. P. KOGER ARE ALIVE AND NERY ACTIVE, SORRY FOR THE LONG DISERTATION ALJONES AND I HAD AN EXTENSIVE MEETING (SEPT. 27, 1993) IN POENIX. HE CONCURRED 100% WITH THE INFORMATION THAT I AM MAKING PUBLIC AND CONFIRMED IT AS BEING THE TRUTH, SINCEREZU

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NEWS LOOKS BACK

Crew members and passengers on an R5D (C-54) experienced a dramatic UFO sighting in the pre-dawn hours of a North Atlantic flight in the early 1950s. Details of the interesting occurrence, as told some years later by the pilot, Lt. "B." are excerpted here through the cooperation of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena

At the time of the event, Lt. B. was 2830 years old, experienced in both North and South Atlantic flight, with qualifications in 38 types of aircraft.

westerly course for Newfoundland. around speed 200 knots. Three and a half hours out of Iceland, midpoint in the flight, they passed over a weather ship on station off the coast of Greenland. The ship reported normal conditions.

he aircraft was on autopilot. K. and myself were on constant watch for other aircraft. I observed a yellow glow in the distance about 30 to 35 miles away. at about the one o'clock position and below the horizon. My impression was that there was a small city ahead, because it was the same glow you get from a group of lights on the surface before you get close enough to pick them out individually.

"Knowing that our course took us past the tip of Greenland, my first thought was that we hadn't yet reached it, that we were behind schedule and had drifted north, but remembering that we had passed over the weather ship, I realized this was not the case. I called K.'s attention to the glow and asked him what he thought it was. He said that it looked like we were approaching land. I asked our navigator to check our position. He did and replied that

The weather was excellent. The moon had set but visibility was good. Lt. B. and the plane commander, Lt. K., who was in the copilot's

seat, could make out the horizon clearly.

Asleep in the aircraft were two extra crews, one a relief for B.'s men, the other on board as passengers. The R5D was at 10,000 feet on a south-

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we were on flight plan and on course.

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"The lights were farther away than we thought because it took us eight to ten minutes to get close enough to where the lights had a pattern (our ground speed was over three miles per minute), about 15 or 18 miles away. At that time, due to the circular pattern of lights, I got the impression that possibly two ships were tied up together and that lights were strung between them for either transferring cargo from one to the other or that one was in some kind of trouble.

"I asked the navigator to check his ship plot. He replied that there were no ships plotted in this area and that we were not close to the shipping lanes anyway. The radioman also went on the air to the weather ship, which verified that there were no ships in the area.

"Since it was time for Lt. J.'s crew to relieve us, I had the plane captain awaken them. When Lt. J. and Lt. M. came up forward, I pointed the lights out to them. Their only comment was that it had to be a ship because it was on the water and we were overtaking it fast. By this time, we were five to seven miles away; it was about 30 degrees to our right; and we had to look down at about a 45-degree angle. The lights had a definite circular pattern and were bright white.

"Suddenly, the lights went out. There appeared a yellow halo on the water. It turned to orange, to a fiery red, and then started moving toward as at a fantastic speed, turning to a bluish red around the perimeter. Due to its high speed, its direction of travel and its size, it looked as though we were going to be engulfed. I quickly disengaged the autopilot and stood by to push the nose of the plane over in hopes that we could pass under it because of the angle at which it was ascending. The relief crew was standing behind us: everyone began ducking and a few heads were hit on objects.

"It stopped its movement toward us and began moving along with us about 45 degrees off the bow to the right, about 100 feet or so below us, and about 200 to 300 feet in front of us. It was not in a level position; it

was tilted about 25 degrees.

"It stayed in this position for a minute or so. It appeared to be from 200 to 300 feet in diameter, translucent or metallic, shaped like a saucer. A purple-red glow around the perimeter was the same type of glow you get around the commutator of an auto generator when you observe it at night.

"When the object moved away from us, it made no turns, as though it was backing up about 170 degrees from the direction from which it approached us, and was still tilted. It was only a few seconds before it was out of sight. (Speed estimated in excess of 1,500 mph.)

"All of our cameras were within reach, but no one was calm enough to think about taking a picture. Most of us were wondering what it was. Our impression was that this was a controlled craft. It had been either hovering over the water or sitting on it; then it detected us and came up to investigate.

'After Lt. J.'s crew had taken over, I proceeded aft and learned that most of the passengers had observed the same thing. Since I was unable to identify the object. I asked Dr. M., a commander in the Medical Corps, if he had observed the object. He replied that he had and that he did not look further because it was a flying saucer and he did not believe in such things. I immediately returned to the cockpit and informed the crew to keep quiet about what we observed because it might have been our first sighting of a flying saucer (during those years when you mentioned you had such a sighting, you were believed to be crazy). Lt. J. informed me that it was too late because he had called Gander Airfield in Newfoundland to see if the object could be tracked by radar.

"When we landed we were met by intelligence officers. It was obvious that there had been many sightings in the same area.... Subsequently, when we arrived in the United States, we had to make a full report and I found out a few months later than Gander radar did track the object in excess of 1,800 mph."

20 YEARS AGO IN NANEWS

MCAS CHERRY POINT — A favorite ready room conversation for Second Marine Air Wing pilots has been the story of the "flying saucer" which recently outsped an F9F Panther jet flying more than 500 mph.

The jet pilot, 1st Lt. Ed Balocco, was on a local night flight from ALF Edenton when alerted by Navy Norfolk tower to watch for a silver object sighted from the ground near the North Carolina-Virginia line.

Over Washington, N.C., the VMF-224 pilot said, "I saw what looked like an airplane with red lights which appeared to be below me.... It moved from below me 10,000 feet vertically in a matter of seconds."

Balocco said he poured on the coal and could not close on the object at first, then closed rapidly. He considered it a "big" object, the color of white heat and throwing out a glow. It had what appeared to be two red lights on the lefthand side, flashing and bouncing off the end, inscribing an arc.

As the object began pulling away again, the pilot radioed other planes in the area to help track it. Diving toward the spot where the object disappeared, Balocco thought he saw a flash but was unable to see it again. By then he was joined by Captain Thomas W. Riggs of the same squadron, who sighted an object flying near the coastline but could not identify it.

Similar flashes were reported by a Navy pilot from Norfolk and Gerald Midget of Oriental, N.C. Midget told of the flash being followed by a ground fire but no explosion. Marine helicopters later searched the area and found a small forest fire but no traces of a crash.

The object was first reported by a helicopter at 1747. Ground control intercept radar failed to pick it up but Balocco sighted it about 1800.

Balocco, a veteran of 550 jet hours and 1,000 flying hours, said visibility was so good that from 20,000 feet at Washington he could see the lights at Norfolk and the Cherry Point beacon. He had the object in sight three or four minutes.