PROJECT 1073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	12. CONCLUSIONS
15 March, 1951	New Delhi, India	☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1020 GMT 15/0450Z	**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** Civilian	☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 7 1/2 minutes	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** one	**9. COURSE** Manuvered

☐ Other UNIDENTIFIED
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☒ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Cigar shaped object viewed by about 25 witnesses flew over aif field, made loop, and flew off to South. Initial appearance of whitish cloud about 700 ft long and believed to be at 3-4,000 ft. Cloud increased in length and bullet shaped nose and whitish tail emerged. Tail about 100 ft long. No sound. Object flew over airport. Speed erratic Slow speeds, no smoke. Parid speed smoke became black, and control appeared similar to be either manual or wireless. Top speed estimated to be about 2,000 mph. Cigar shaped. Principal witness prone to exaggerate.

11. COMMENTS

Flight and manuvers consistant with analysis as a/c, however the many witness should have been able to identify some feature of an a/c since all were familiar the local airplanes. Case listed as UNIDENTIFIED.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
India	Air Attache, New Delhi, India

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
26 March 1951	16 March 1951	C-3

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
Robert L. Tillotson, Captain, USAF	See report

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

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SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List indicators of force list. Data list of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

In accordance with letter AFOIC-CC-1, dated 8 September 1950, from Director of Intelligence, USAF, subject: "Unconventional Aircraft," the following report is submitted.

APPROVED:

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Call it what you like---a Flying Saucer, a Suicide Soup Plate, or a Pink Elephant. So what you may - that I must have had one over the mark and what I saw were the effects of the morning after the night before, but, whatever you may think or say is ruled out by the fact that what I and many others saw was certainly something out of the ordinary.

Before I say any more I would like to mention that I have been associated with Aeronautics for over twenty years. I am an Aeronautical Engineer and a Pilot and without exaggeration my eyes and ears are so trained that should there be any unusual sound or irregularities in the sky, before you could say knife my attention would be attracted to it.

On Thursday morning the 15th March, 1951, at 1020 hours Indian Standard Time I was standing by my car xxxxx which was being serviced by three apprentices and Mr. [redacted], a young lad who recently qualified as an engineer. All of a sudden my attention was drawn to a whitish, swirly cloud suddenly appeared in the sky from North to South about seven hundred feet in length and approximately four to five thousand feet high quite near the Delhi Flying Club Hanger. I immediately called out Mr. [redacted], showed him the strange cloud and said what in the hell is that? Before he could say anything the cloud increased in length and then at the end of it appeared a bullet nosed shape with a whitish tail approximately 100 ft. long. On seeing this we shouted out loudly to those (mechanics, cleaners, and apprentices) working in the hangar. About 17 to 20 people rushed out and saw it. I must now omit to say that all xxxxx who saw it with me have been in the Aeronautical line for 4 years and over. The object made no sound whatever and it proceeded South. After travelling in this direction for 3 minutes it made a loop or (what looked like a loop from a distance) at the top of the loop we could clearly see a silver-coloured bullet nosed shape glittering in the sky which seemed to be some sort of metal. At the end of the nose there was a line of Crimson Red colour followed by a whitish tail. See five below a rough sketch.

After completing the loop it headed South-West leaving a swirling whitish cloud similar to the one left over the aerodrome. The object was

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clearly visible to all of us for a little over 7½ minutes.

To be a little more descriptive I must say that this peculiar object travels at varying speeds and alters its course in such a manner that it appears to be under a manual or a wireless control. While travelling at slow speeds it does not smoke trail but when it accelerates it leaves a black smoke trail which turns into a whitish swirly cloud which denotes as if left by a turbine.

I estimate that when travelling at top speed the so called Flying Saucer is travelling at a speed of 2,000 miles per hour.

I do not understand why it is called a Flying Saucer as it is not shaped like a Saucer but more like a Cigar. Perhaps when this object is viewed from the underside it may have the shape of a Saucer.

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DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
March			
6	Albuquerque, New Mexico	LaPaz	Astro (METEOR)
8	45.09N 140.47E (Far East)(CASE MISSING)	Military (RADAR)	A/C
10	Chinnampo, Korea	Military	UNIDENTIFIED
11	Biggs AFB, Texas(CASE MISSING)	Military	Astro (VENUS)
11-14	Tatilek, Alaska	Civilian	Other (FLARES)
13	Cartwright, Labrador	Military	A/C
13	McClellan AFB, California	Millitary & Civilian	UNIDENTIFIED
15	New Delhi, India	Floate, Mehra, Verma	UNIDENTIFIED
19	St Lawrence Island, Alaska	Military (Multi)	A/C
21	Iran(INFO ONLY)		Astro (METEOR)
24	Holloman AFB, New Mexico	Tracking Camera	Insufficient Data
25	Preque Isle, Main	Featherston	Astro (VENUS)
-12	Albuquerque, New Mexico(CARDS MISSING)	Project Twinkle	Insufficient Data
-14	Holloman AFB, New Mexico (CARDS MISSING)	Project Twinkle	Balloon
	PINE BLUFF, AR		
April			
1	Los Alamos, New Mexico (CARDS MISSING)	Project Twinkle	Insufficient Data
	Coopersville, Michigan	Geisel	Insufficient Data
	Gambill, St. Lawrence, Alaska	Military	Gun Fire
12	Tacoma, Washington	Military (Multi)	A/C
23	Gerald, Missouri	Lambert	Other (A/C Contrails)
26	Chicago, Illinois	Heimann	A/C
May			
4	Sheppard AFB, Texas	Swinbank, Ferguson	Other (BIRDS)
22	South Falls, Montana	Buzzelle	Balloon
24	Chicago, Illinois	Dworak, Kedroski	Other (A/C w/contrails)
29	Downey, California (World of Flying Saucers, DEM)		
29	Spokane, Washington	Military	Balloon
31	Niagara Falls, New York	Military (Multi)	UNIDENTIFIED
June			
7	Los Alamos, New Mexico (CARDS MISSING)	Project Twinkle	Insufficient Data
8	Los Alamos, New Mexico (CARDS MISSING)	Project Twinkle	Insufficient Data
- June	Surrey, England	Young	Insufficient Data
9	Mikkeli, Finland	Saastamoinen	A/C
9	Thule, Greenland	Military (Crew)	Other (Poss wx phen)
- Summer	Gonzales, Texas	Shuler	Balloon
July			
9	Corona, New Mexico (CARDS MISSING)	Project Twinkle	Insufficient Data
1	Seoul, Korea	Military (Pilot)	Astro (METEOR)
4	Newport News, Virginia	Wilson, Josephson	Astro (ARCTURUS)
9	Madagascar (Tarrytown, New York)	Cabrol Family	Other (HOAX)
14	White Sands, New Mexico (Flying Saucers from Outer Space, Keyhoe)		
14	Rensselehr, New York	Labier Family	A/C
16	Fairborn, Ohio	Andrews	Balloon
19	Lima, Peru	Civilian	Other (HOAX)
24	Portsmouth, New Hampshire	Cobb, Fein	UNIDENTIFIED
24	Kelly AFB, Texas	Stacy, Hewitt	A/C
30	Selfridge AFB, Michigan	Military (RADAR)	Other (Anomalous Propagation)
-11	Paso Robles, California (INFO ONLY)	Civilian	Poss Balloon
6	MOUNT AIRY, NORTH CAROLINA (INFO ONLY)	Civilian	Poss Balloon

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