PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	12. CONCLUSIONS
24 November 19 51	Mankato, Minnesota	☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 24/2153Z	**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 ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** / **9. COURSE**	☒ Other UNIDENTIFIED ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
5 Seconds	1 / E	

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Small milky white object shape of northrup flying wing with 8 ft wing span heading east in level flight appeared to be hanging in air. Observed from a/c at 25,000 ft heading west. Weather clear. Wingman of pilot observing object did not see object. No pick-up on GCI scope. Observer states that object passed 100 ft over and 100 ft left of a/c. Wingman on left wing. No trail sound or exhaust. Speed undetermined. Object disappeared in distance. Made 180 deg turn in effort to catch or see object proved negative.

11. COMMENTS

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31ST AIR DIVISION
FORT SNELLING, MINNESOTA

360.11

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft

4 DEC 1951

TO: Commanding General
Air Material Command
ATTN: MCIS
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

The attached Air Intelligence Information Report is forwarded in accordance with paragraph 5b of ADC Letter 200-1, dated 11 April 1951.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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Air Intel Info Rpt (in dup)

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Subject Report of Unusual Airborne Object		
Area Reported On 40 SW of Minneapolis		From (Agency)
Date of Report 1 December 1951	Date of Information 24 November 1951	Evaluation
Prepared by (Officer) Captain William H. Fairbrother		Source Visual Observation
References (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		

Summary: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112--Part II.)

The following Report is submitted in accordance with Paragraph 5b ADCL 200-1, dated 11 April 1951:

While flying CAP south of MPLS under GCI Control, Flight of 2 F-51's, Subway Red "A", at FJMQ 1720 at 21533 24 November 1951 saw a small white object, shape same as Northrup Flying Wing, color milky white, approximately 8' wing span. Heading of object East - level flight - appeared to be hanging in the air. Altitude 25,000 ft. 51 Flight was heading West. Weather CAVU, vis. approximately 50 miles at 25,000 ft. Wingman did not see object. GCI controller had nothing other than the 51's on the scope. Object passed approximately 100 ft. over and 100 ft. to left of flight leader. Wingman on left wing.

Checked MPLS ARTCC for balloon flights and received word that last one was released from University airport at 24/1446Z, landed 24/1901Z 250 miles ESE of MSP

Checked Lowry MFSC to see if any classified flight plans had been received during last 24 hours. Answer was negative.

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a. Shape- similier to the Northrup Flying Wing. Size - approximately eight (8) feet across. Color-milky white. Number-one. No trail or exhaust, no sound, no maneuvers. Speed undetermined. Disappeared in the distance.

b. Time sighted 24/2153Z November. Duration of observation approximately five (5) seconds.

c. Observed from an F-51 at 25,000 feet 210 IAS. Visual observation.

d. Location of observer at time of sighting was FJMQ 1720 (Geo-ref- grid) Location of object at time of sighting was 100 feet above and to the left of the observer. Direction of travel East.

e. Observer to be considered as fairly reliable.

f. Minneapolis weather teletype sequence:
MSP 0 15 278/16/5 7/026/607

g. No activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise, was present which might account for the sighting.

h. No physical evidence.

i. After sighting a 180 degree turn was made in an effort to catch or see the object again but this was unsuccessful.

j. Number and type of local aircraft airborne at the time of the sighting is unknown.

William H. Fairbrother
WILLIAM H. FAIRBROTHER
Captain, USAF

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31st Air Division
ATTN: Director of Intelligence
Ft. Snelling, Minn.
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INFO: D/I, Hq USAF, Washington 25, D.C.
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Reference AF Form 112 submitted by your Division dated 1 December 1951, subj: "Report of Unusual Airborne Object", please advise immediately the names and home station of the F-51 pilots involved.

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 2

DATE: 24 Nov 51

TIME (Local): 1553

LOCATION: Minneapolis, Minn.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: Unknown

SOUND: None

SPEED: Hovering

ALTITUDE: 25,000'

HEADING: 90°

SOURCE: AF Pilot

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Pending

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Flying wing shaped object.

EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 3

DATE: 24 Nov 51

TIME (Local): 1553

LOCATION: Minneapolis, Minn.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: Unknown

SOUND: None

SPEED: Hovering

ALTITUDE: 25,000'

HEADING: 90°

SOURCE: AF Pilot

ACTION OR COMMENTS: No conclusions.

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Flying wing shaped object.