1. DATE - TIME GROUP	2. LOCATION
16 October 53 17/0230Z	Presque Isle, Maine
3. SOURCE Military	**10. CONCLUSION** ELECTRONIC INTERFERENCE OR BIRDS
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Twenty-Five	Interception attempted with negative results. Electronic expert conclusion. Probably some undetermined type of electronic interference. Possible bird activity also.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 1/4 Hours	**11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS** At 17/0200Z, Oct 53, Limestone AFB, GCA Station alerted K-I AFB GCA Station in an effort to confirm observations of UFOB seen on LAFB, PPI scope. K-I AFB GCA personnel picked up approx 25 targets on PPI [illegible] traveling in a S direction at an estimated speed of 300-400 M.P.H. Sources stated that the 25 objects were observed on scope at irregular intervals in groups of 3-8.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Radar	
7. COURSE South	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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PD OBSERVATIONS ON MTI SHOULD PRECLUDE BIRDS IN FLIGHT PD /2/ DESCRIP-
TION OF COURSE OF OBJECTS: /A/ WHAT FIRST CALLED ATTENTION OF OB-
SERVERS: LIMESTONE AFB, MAINE, GCA STATION CALLED TO VERIFY SIGHTS AT
APPROX 2202Z 16 OCT 53 /B/ ANGLE WHEN FIRST OBSERVED: 68 DEG 10 MIN
W CMA 44 DEG 40 MIN N AT 2202Z 16 OCT 53 /C/ ANGLE WHEN DISAPPEARANCE
WAS NOTED: 68 DEG 15 MIN W BY 44 DEG 45 MIN N AT 2445Z 17 OCT 53.
/D/ DESCRIPTION OF FLIGHT PATH AND MANEUVERS OF OBJECTS: OBJECTS WERE
TRACKED IN PPI SCOPE, MTI EMPLOYED CMA PAREN 1½ MILE RNG PAREN FROM
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SERVATION TRAVELING AT ESTIMATED SPEED OF 80 TO 100 MILES PER HOUR
PD /E/ MANNER OF DISAPPEARANCE OF OBJECTS: DISSAPPERARED IN GROUND
COVER AND DID NOT REAPPEAR /F/ LENGHT OF TIME IN SIGHT: FROM 0230Z
16 OCT 53 TO 0445Z 17 OCT 53 /3/ NAMMER OF OBSERVATION: /A/ GROUND-
ELECTRONIC ANC-CPN-4 /B/ STATEMENT AS TO OPTICAL AIDS USED: PPI SCOPE
10 MILE RNG CMA UNDEFINITE ALTITUDE DESIGNATION CMA ACUATE DISTANCE
DESIGNATION /C/ ONE F-89 TYPE ACFT SERIAL NO 51-5777 FLYING AT 1500
FT AT 2 TO 3 MILES NE OF PQI RNG TO APPROX 300 KNOTS CMA FROM 57TH
FTR-INTCP SQ PIAFB, ME. SIGHTED ONLY INDICATION ON SCOPE /4/ /A/ 16/0230Z
OCT 53 TO 17/0445Z OCT 53 /B/ NIGHT /5/ LOCATION OF OBSERVERS: 68 DEG
04 MIN W 46 DEG 40 MIN N AT PRESQUE ISLE AFB, MAINE, GCA SITE /6/
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IDENTIFYING INFORMATION: /A/ CIVILIAN: NON /B/ MILITARY: /1/ EDWIN F
NEWELL JR M/SGT 1974-1AACS SQ RADAR MAINT SUPER CMA RELIABILITY GOOD
/2/ STANLEY YUCIKAS M/SGT 1974-1AACS SQ GCA OPS SUPER CMA RELIABIL-
ITY GOOD /3/ NORMAN K FALLS T/SGT 1974-1AACS SQ GCA OPERATOR CMA RE-
LIABILITY GOOD /4/ WILLIAM M. BRINKLY A/1C 1974-1 AACS SQ RAD MECH
CMA RELIABILITY FAIR /5/ RONALD L. HANDY 2ND LT 57T FTR-INTXP SQ OFF
OF DAY CMA RELIABILITY GOOD /6/ CURTIS W. SCOTT JR 2ND LT 57FIS,
F-89 RAD OBSERV RELIABILITY GOOD /7/ WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITIONS
AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTINGS: WEA AT 2215 HRS EST CLEAR 20 132/41/33
WEST 7 989 2315 HRS CLEAR 20 139/37/30 WNW 4 991 CMA 2200 HRS EST WINDS
ALOFT: 6,000 320/40 K 10-330/45K 16/3200/60 K 20/320/70 K 30-320/85K
45-270/100K PD /8/ ANY OTHER UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OR CONDITION CMA METE-
OROLOGICAL CMA ASTRONOMICAL CMA OR OTHERWISE CMA WHICH MIGHT ACCOUNT
FOR THE SIGHTING: B-36 TYPE AIRCRAFT FLYING IN VICINITY MIGHT HAVE
EMPLOYED ECM PD /9/ EXISTENCE OF ANY PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF THE SIGHTING:
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TARGETS WERE SIGHTED PD THE PILOT OF THE ACFT EMPLOYED THE USE OF LANDING LIGHTS AT CERTAIN INTERVALS PD BUT WAS NOT ABLE TO PICK ANYTHING UP /11/ ONE F-89 ACFT 51-5777 IDENTIFIED ABOVE AND B-36 ACFT FLYING NORTH TO LIMESTONE AFB, ME. /12/ DANIEL KRAMER MAJ USAF DIR OF OPS CMA NO COMMENTS PD END

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Reurmsg DO 151-J reporting UFOB's observed on radar scope at 0230Z 16 Oct 53. Request a Form 112 be forwarded to this Center with special attention to the following items: 1) Were the 25 targets observed to follow the same path several times during the period of observation, 16/0230Z to 17/0445Z? 2) All available weather data such as temperature and humidity vs altitude. 3) Exact track paths; these tracks may indicate interference or jamming.

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COORDINATION:

ATIAE-5 M G Futch DATE 20 Oct 53
A/1C FUTCH

ATIAE [signature] DATE 20 Oct
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DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required): A/1C Max G. Futch/jos

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE: R C Schum

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SUBJECT: Radar Sightings of UFOBS

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
MAINE PRESQUE ISLE AFB, (GEOREF HKGB 5841)	Flight 3-G, 4602d AISS Presque Isle AFB, Maine

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
28 October 1953	23 October 1953	

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
JOHN F. FARNHAM 1st. Lt., USAF	1974th AACS Sq., Det. # 1974-1

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

TWX. 528th Air Defense Group, TWX WP AFB 151-J AFOIN-ABIAB-10-7-E, AFR 200-2

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 113—Part II.)

I. CONTENTS: Report F30-T-14A. Radar Sightings of UFOBS, PRESQUE ISLE, AFB (GEOREF HKGB 5841) MAINE.

II. SUMMARY: Project Blue Book: twenty five (25) UFOBS observed, on radar scope, at PRESQUE ISLE AFB, (GEOREF HKGB 5841) MAINE, during period 17/0230Z Oct 53 to 17/0445Z Oct 53. Radar sightings observed by four (4) members of Detachment 1974-1, 1974th AACS Squadron, Presque Isle AFB, Maine. Interception attempted by one (1) PIAFB based Foxtrot-89 type A/C, from 0308Z to 0413Z. During attempted interception no physical sighting or contact was made. No more sightings observed since 17/0445Z/Oct 53.

III. TECHNICAL INVESTIGATORS: M/SGT. WILLIAM W. CHAPIN
T/SGT. GARNETT P. COFFIN

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Report of Radar Sightings of UFOBS

I. INITIAL REPORT: Initial Report of Subject UFOBS made 17 October 1953 Ref: TWX 151-J from Commander 528th Air Defense Group Presque Isle AFB, Maine 17/1737/Oct 53.

II. INVESTIGATION: At 17/0200Z/Oct 53, Limestone AFB, GCA Station (GOSREF HKOB 1055) alerted Presque Isle AFB, GCA Station (GOEREF HKGB 5841), in an effort to confirm observations of unidentified objects seen on Limestone AFB, PPI Radar scope. Presque Isle AFB, GCA Station went into operation at 17/0230Z/ Oct 53. The objects were located and observed by M/SGT. STANLEY YUCIKAS, M/SGT EDWIN F. NEWELL, T/SGT NORMAN K. FALLS and A/1C WILLIAM M. BRINLY of the 1974th Airways & Air Communications Service Squadron, Presque Isle AFB, during the period 17/0230Z/Oct 53 to 17/0445Z/Oct 53. Initial Report indicated duration of observation 16/0230Z/Oct 53 to 17/0445Z/ Oct 53. This is erroneus, duration of observation was 17/0230Z/Oct 53 to 17/0445Z/Oct 53. Objects were approximately twenty five (25) in number, resembled conventional A/C targets on PPI scope. One (1) F-89 aircraft was scrambled at 17/0308Z/Oct 53 to attempt interception. No physical or electronic observation or contact was made. The objects were observed at irregular intervals, in groups of three (3) to eight (8). They first appeared within ten (10) mile marker on PPI scope in NW Quadrant (App 340 degrees). From NW Quadrant objects traveled in approximately same path, without deviating, and then disappeared in ground return in SW Quadrant (App 225 degrees). All objects traveled at approximate speed of eighty (80) to one hundred (100) miles per hour. There was no apparent formation, some tracks were parallel, others followed preceding tracks. Exact tracks were not plotted, nor were photos of PPI scope made. Altitude could not be determined, due to limitations of GCA set, but was estimated to be from 2000' to 6000' feet. Altitude estimated at a three (3°) degree angle of tilt of radar antenna.

B-36 type aircraft in vicinity during this period employed electronic E.C.M. intermittently from 17/0234Z/Oct 53 to 17/0258Z/Oct 53.

Weather conditions during period of sightings:

Pressure Level	Temperature	Dew Point	Relative Humidity
Surface	38° Far.	29°	70 %
4,860 Ft. Alt.	- 0.5° Cent.	- 12° Cent.	43 %
9,900 Ft. Alt.	- 7.5° Cent.	Unk	Unk

Winds aloft- 6,000 320/40K, 10,000 330/45K, 16,000 320/60K, 20,000 320/70K, 30,000 320/85K, 45,000 270/100K.

17/0315Z/Oct 53: Clear 20 132/41/33 West 7 989
17/0415Z/Oct 53: Clear 20 139/37/30 WNW 4 991

No further sightings or observations have been reported.

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Sketch of PPI Scope

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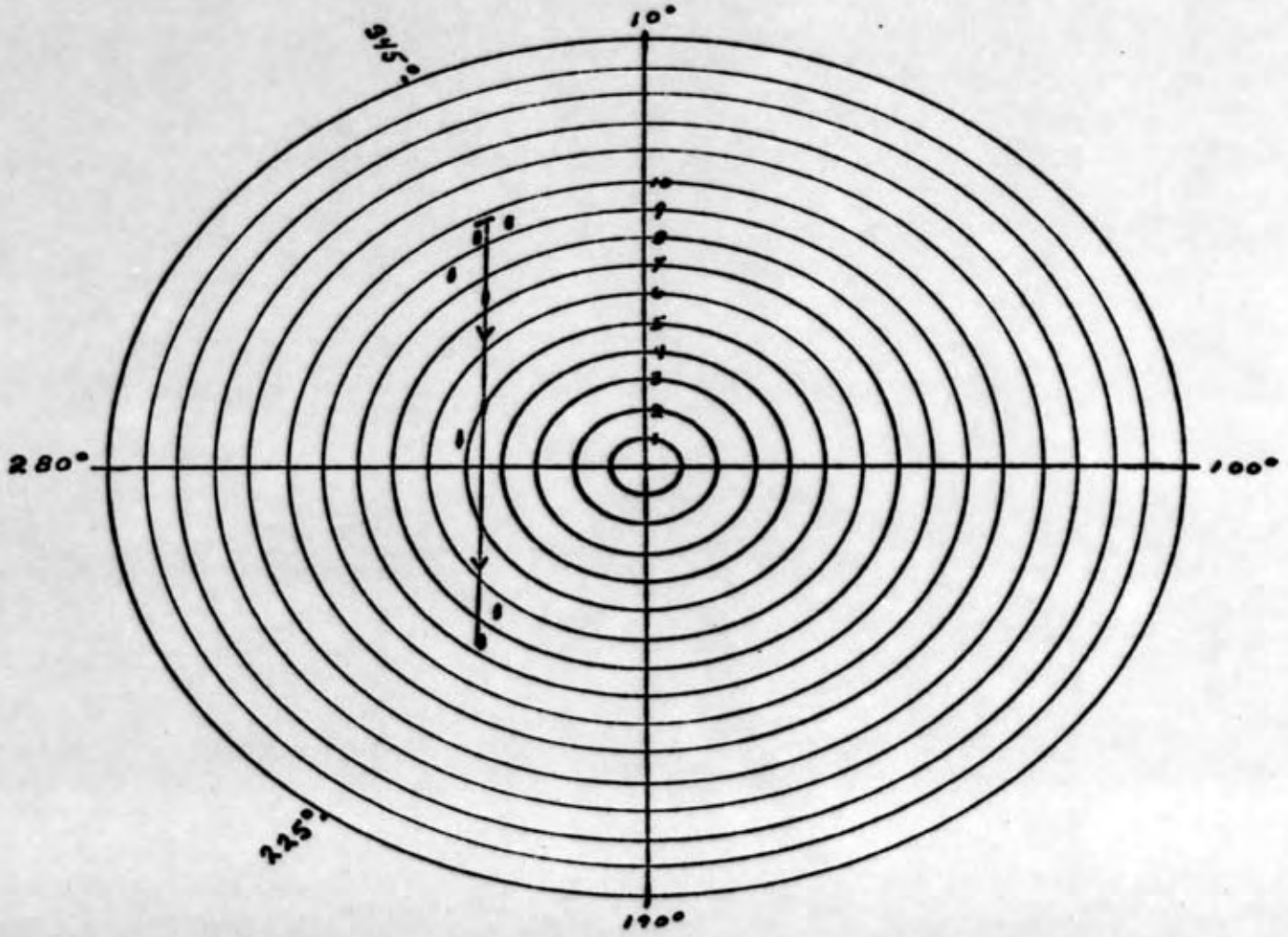
PPI RADAR SCOPE



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1. SCOPE GRADUATED IN 1 MILE RANGE MARKERS — RANGE 30 MILES
2. 10° — 190° CENTERLINE PARALELL TO PIAFB RUNWAY
3. SKETCH INDICATES TRACK PATH — DOES NOT INDICATE ACTUAL POSITION OF UFOBS

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