PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	12. CONCLUSIONS
29 April 1957	English Channel (France - England)	☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 9 pm GMT 29/2100Z	**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** News Clipping	☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** / **9. COURSE**	☐ Other_____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
not rptd	one / not rptd	

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Object flying in excess of 900 mph picked up on Radar screen. Jets scrambled and contact made. Possible test a/c.

11. COMMENTS

Believed to be French model of new type a/c during testing.

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1ST Report

British Jets Give Chase To Object

Reuters

LONDON, April 30—Royal Air Force all-weather jet fighters screamed into the air last night to chase a mystery object spotted on a south coast radar screen.

The Javelin fighters from Odiham Base near Southampton failed to intercept the object, reported traveling at 900 miles an hour over the English Channel.

An Air Ministry spokesman in London, disclosing this today, said the object was first sighted just before 9 o'clock last night.

An Air Ministry investigation has been ordered and reports from radar stations along the coast are being studied.

It is understood the object could have been a manufacturer's test plane. Private firms testing prototypes do not necessarily have to give prior warning to the Air Ministry of any intended high-speed attempt.

The Ministry is waiting to see if any manufacturer does report such a flight.

THE WASHINGTON POST and TIMES HER...
Wednesday, May ...

UFO Sa...

2nd Report

...reported.

British Identify Mystery Object

Reuters

LONDON, May 8—A mysterious fast-flying object over the English Channel, which last week left pursuing Royal Air Force jets flying at 900 m.p.h. far behind, now has been identified, according to an authoritated aviation source.

But Air Ministry officials will not reveal the secret until Air Minister George Ward tells it to Commons next Wednesday in answer to a question.

A London evening newspaper tonight speculated that the object was the new French fighter plane, the Mirage, said to be capable of flying at 1100 miles an hour. But the aviation source said it was not believed this was the real answer.

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UFO's PLAGUE ENGLAND

Apr. 29: A fast moving object, tracked on radar and chased in vain by jets, was [redacted]

'Saucer' Is Mirage—in Name Only

By the Associated Press.

LONDON, May 8.—A mysterious flying object that easily distanced British javelin jets that rushed up to intercept it over the English Channel last week was identified today as a visitor from France, not from outer space.

The London Evening News said it was one of France's new 1100-mile-an-hour jet fighters, the delta-winged Mirage, out on a night flight.

One of the claims of the Mirage's designers, the Dessault Co., is that the plane is "impossibl eto catch."

2 Escape Plane

W.T.&S 5/8/57

Apr.29-England-"Flying Golf Ball" reported from London, Essex, Gravesend, Bexley-heath & Chingford. (London UFO dove, climbed, hovered & even whistled). Many reports said there were orange, glowing Objects, but no-sound noticed. (A "Flying Golf Ball" reported over Wash., DC, I could understand!). (See: July 2nd. Report, Alamo, Texas).

*London, Eng-8:30 to 9:15pm-TV interference reported by witness.

*Over Eng. Channel-8:50pm-UFOs tracked on Radar; British Javelins sent-up to investigate, found nothing, apparently. UFOs shot W!.

*Leckhampton, Eng-9:20pm-"Cigar" UFO silently swallows Disc after they had made light "Signals" at eachother, says Report (See: 3/10).

*London, Eng-9:25pm-Blurry; orange Disc going NW near clouds..

*Mudeford Beach, Eng-Large, orange UFO observed by many 1/2minute.