PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
5 November 1957

2. LOCATION
Approx 200 Mi south of New Orleans, Louisiana

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 0510 - 0521 hrs
GMT

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☒ Ground-Visual ☒ Ground-Radar
☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
Coast Guard Ship

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
approx 11 minutes

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
four

9. COURSE
separate & variable

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Report from skipper of Sabego that 3 contacts made on radar of unknown object, also one visual sighting. Press & TV implied that it was one simple distinct mysterious object. Visual sighting at 0521Z. Object insight for 3 seconds in horizontal flight from 270 dgr to 310 dgr azimuth at altitude of 31 dgr.

11. COMMENTS

Visual sighting: Meteor.
Radar: False Targets.

12. CONCLUSIONS

- ☐ Was Balloon
- ☐ Probably Balloon
- ☐ Possibly Balloon
- ☐ Was Aircraft
- ☐ Probably Aircraft
- ☐ Possibly Aircraft
- ☒ Was Astronomical Meteor
- ☐ Probably Astronomical
- ☐ Possibly Astronomical
- ☒ Other spurious R return
- ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
- ☐ Unknown

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

GULF OF MEXICO, 5 NOVEMBER 1957
COAST GUARD CUTTER SEBAGO

Unidentified Flying Object was observed at 0510Z, position 25.47N 89.24W, Sebago course 023 degrees true. First contact by ship's radar bearing 290 degrees true at 14 miles. Target moving in north to south direction. No visual or audible contact. At 0513Z target closed to two miles returned up port side from south to north. Contact lost at 0514Z. Second contact at 0516Z bearing 188 degrees true, range 22 miles, faded at 0518Z, 190 degrees true and 55 miles. Third contact at 0520Z bearing 350 degrees true, range 7 miles. Target appeared stationary. At 0537Z target faded from scope at 015 degrees true, range 175 miles. Fourth contact (only visual contact) was at 0521Z bearing 270 degrees true target angle 31 degrees moving in horizontal direction from south to north. Visual contact held through 270 degrees to 310 degrees for approximately three seconds. Object resembled brilliant planet. High rate of speed.

The impression that there was only one object is erroneous. Each time succeeding target picked up it was in almost the direct opposite direction from preceding target and considerable distance away. Since 3 radar contacts were observed in a period of about 6 minutes, then disappeared, anomalous propagation (false targets) is the most likely cause of the radar sighting. The visual target was determined to be a meteor.

HEADQUARTERS
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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

REPLY TO ATTN OF: TDEED

SUBJECT: Evaluation of UFO Report, Gulf of Mexico 5 Jun 63

TO: TDEW/Capt Quintanilla

Opinions regarding 5 ~~Nov~~ 1957 Gulf of Mexico reports:

a. Speeds of two of three radar sightings are compatible with aircraft speeds.

b. If planes were flying at very low altitudes (below 1000 ft), they would "drop out" at distances around 55NM. (Assuming ship's antenna height = 100 ft).

c. "Second time around" signals might act like this - be erratic, and drop out at what looks like short ranges.

d. If the target in the third sighting actually did "hover" - i.e., if the range remained constant, it would indicate either a balloon, or a false target - probably the latter, since the contact apparently lasted only about 1 minute.

e. Since 3 radar contacts were observed in a period of about 6 minutes, then disappeared, it seems most likely that anomalous propagation (false targets) is the answer.

[redacted]
TDEED

TAB

A	INITIAL TWX
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Nov 6 01 04'57

A UZ

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P 052230Z

FM COMDR 557TH ACWRON

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB

RJESKB/COMDR 35TH ADIV DOBBINS AFB

RJEDWP/COMDR AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB

RJEPHQ/COMDR DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS USAF

INFO RJEPNB/COMDR EADF STEWART AFB

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/UNCLASSIFIED/OPS 020E.ATTN:CIC UFOB PD FOLLOWING UFOB REPORT IS SUBMITTED

IN ACCORDANCE WITH PAR 7AFR 200-2 DATED 12 AUGUST 1954 PD

7D (1) (A) EGG SHAPED

(B) DON'T KNOW

(C) DON'T KNOW

(D) 1

(E) N/A

(F) RESEMBLED BRILLIANT PLANET

(G) DON'T KNOW

(H) NONE

(I) TRAVELED AT HIGH RATE OF SPEED

(2) (A) UNKNOWN

(B) UNKNOWN

(C) UNKNOWN

(D) 0510 CST- RADAR 14 NM FROM COAST GUARD CUTTER. 1. OBJECT GOING NORTH TO SOUTH. 0513 CST TARGET 2 NM FROM CUTTER 2. GOING SOUTH TO NORTH. 0514 CST LOST RADAR CONTACT. 0516 CST PICKED UP TARGET 22 NM FROM CUTTER FLYING CIRCULAR PATTERN. 0520 CST 7 NM FROM CUTTER STATIONARY AND HOVERING. 0521 CST FIRST VISIBLE CONTACT GOING SOUTH TO NORTH, VISIBLE FOR 3 SECONDS. 0537 CST LOST VISUAL AND RADAR CONTACT.

(E) WENT OUT OF SIGHT

(F) 3 SECONDS

(3) (A) ELECTRONICS AND SIGHTING VISUALLY

(B) UNKNOWN

(C) UNKNOWN

(4) (A) 05/1113Z-1137Z

(B) UNKNOWN

(5) (A) COAST GUARD SEBAGO 200NM SOUTH OF THE MOUTH OF THE MISSISSIPPI STEAMING NORTH

1st — N to South
2nd — S to North

(6) (A) UNKNOWN (INFO [redacted] NEWSPAPER REPORTER NEW ORLEANS LA) (TU 2411)

(7) (A) UNKNOWN
(B) UNKNOWN
(C) UNKNOWN
(D) UNKNOWN
(E) UNKNOWN
(F) UNKNOWN

Wind and Weather conditions ?

(8) (A) UNKNOWN

(9) (A) UNKNOWN

(10) (A) UNKNOWN

(11) (A) LAWRENCE STAGE JR. COMDR JACKSON FILTER CENTER JACKSON MISSISSIPPI UNKNOW PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS

(12) (A) UNKNOWN

REMARKS: (1) FULL REPORT ON SIGHTING BEING PASSED FROM CUTTER SEBAGO TO COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS.

(2) MR. [redacted] HAD ANOTHER REPORT ON UFOB 1100Z-1115Z AT BATON ROUGE NO DETAILS

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05/2318Z NOV RJESKB

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P Ø514ØØZ

FM CCGDEIGHT

TO RJEPHQ/DIRINT HQ USAF WASHDC

RB/AIRTECHINT CENTER WRIGHT .TT AFB OHIO - ATTN AT1AA

RJEDEN/COM AIRDEFCOMMAND ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS

RJEPNB/COMEASTERN AIR DEFENSE COMMAND STEWART AFB NY

INFO RBEPW/DIRNAVINT NAVY DEPT WASHDC

RBEGC/COMEASTSEAFRON

USCG GRNC

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FLYOBRPT X CGC SEBAGO WPG 42 REPORTS FOLLOWING AT Ø5/1255Z X QUOTE X UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT OBSERVED AT Ø51ØS X POSIT 25.47N 89.24W X SEBAGO COURSE Ø23 DEGREES TRUE X FIRST CONTACT BY SPS RADAR BEARING

1st Contact:

29Ø TRUE 14 MILES X TARGET MOVING IN NORTH TO SOUTH DIRECTION X NO VISUAL OR AUDIBLE CONTACT X Ø513S TARGET CONTACT CLOSED TO 2 MILES RETURNED UP PORT SIDE FROM SOUTH TO NORTH X CONTACT LOST AT Ø514S X

2nd Contact:

Ø516S CONTACT REGAINED BEARING 188 TRUE RANGE 22 MILES Ø518S FADE AT 19Ø TRUE 55 MILES Ø52ØS CONTACT REGAINED BEARING 35Ø DEGREES TRUE

3rd Contact

4th Contact (only visual contact)

RANGE 7 MILES X TARGET APPEARED STATIONARY X Ø521S VISUAL CONTACT BEARING 27Ø TRUE TARGET ANGLE 31 DEGREES MOVING IN HORRIZONTAL DIRECTION

ELEVATION

FROM SOUTH TO NORTH X VISUAL CONTACT HELD THROUGH 27Ø DEGREES TO 31Ø DEGREES APPROXIMATELY 3 SECONDS X OBJECT RESEMBLED BRILLIANT PLANET X HIGH RATE OF SPEED X LAST CONTACT BY RADAR BEARING Ø15 TRUE RANGE 175 MILES X Ø537S LOST CONTACT

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CFN Ø51255Z Ø51ØS 25.47N 89.24W Ø23 29Ø 14 Ø513S 2 Ø514S Ø516S 188 22 Ø518S 19Ø 55 Ø52ØS 35Ø 7 Ø521S 27Ø 31 27Ø 31Ø 3 Ø15 175 Ø537S Ø5/14ØØZ NOV RBETNFJ

1st Contact – Approx 16 miles in 34 minutes (250 MPH)

2nd Contact – approx 33 miles in 2-3 minutes (660 MPH+)

3rd Contact – UNK – 1 MIN Distance Hood

4th Contact Visual – Horizontal, SUN

It should be strongly emphasized That objects were not one target – but apparently 4 distinct, separate targets. Note: Each time target picked up, it was almost exactly opposite direction and some distance away – where the preceding target disappeared.

Maneuvers and flight of object described suggest.

In all events, more than one target is