PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	12. CONCLUSIONS
25 Feb 58	Gander AFB, Newfoundland	☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 25/0630Z	**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** VIS ✕ Arcturus Military	☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** / **9. COURSE**	☐ Other _____ ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
1 1/2 hrs	4 on radar/multi varied	

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Radar sighting obj that moved fm SE to NW eratically. Visual sighting of obj at 45 deg elev 150 deg azimuhh not the same as the rptd radar track. Visual obj stationary. Radar track disappeared in West, visual sighting azimuth 150 deg. No duration given other than 1½ hrs. Positional info & other data on the Radar plots not furnished.

11. COMMENTS

A/C ruled out at source. Wind direction rules out balloon. WX info not included, however tracks //appear real. No radar film //taken. Visual portion evaluated as Star by the principal witness on a subsequent check, Radar track not furnished, however the duration of the sighting was listed as 1½ hrs. No speed, no mention of flight formation given. Alt given as 2[illegible] ft at one point. Insf data to conclude on radar portion(see case same date fm Gelnwood Nfd.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

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SQF87A TYB109HQF878

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R 2606082

FM COFS USAF

TO COMDR ATIC

Note: See Newfoundland Sighting, Same date, Visual by J. Leroy Neville — appx 2½ hrs. later.

Y 2581252 ZEX

M 84647A CONAD CC PEP AFB NFLD

TO RJDIC/COMDR 932ND ACWRON

RJEDDN/CINC CONAD ENT AFB COLO

RJERSN/COMDR 931ST ACWRON

RJEPHQ/COFS USAF WASH 25 DC

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UNCLAS CONAD CC 1594 UFOB REPORT.

1. A. ROUND

B. BASEBALL

C. RED

D. ONE

E. N/A.

F. NONE

G. NEGATIVE

H. NEGATIVE

CPL RALPH, RADAR MAINTENANCE, 226TH AC&WRON, GANDER, NF.

ALL ABOVE MENTIONED PERSONNEL CONSIDERED VERY RELIABLE.

7. A. CLEAR AND VISABILITY UNLIMITED.

B. 260/8
260/15
270/20
280/35
320/50
300/70
280/30
150/20

WINDS FROM THE WEST. A, Visual UFO was moving into WIND (NW) (See 2A)

Not a balloon! Reason. →

B. RADAR UFO was moving into WIND (WEST) (See 2B)

C. NONE

D. UNLIMITED

E. NIL

F. NIL

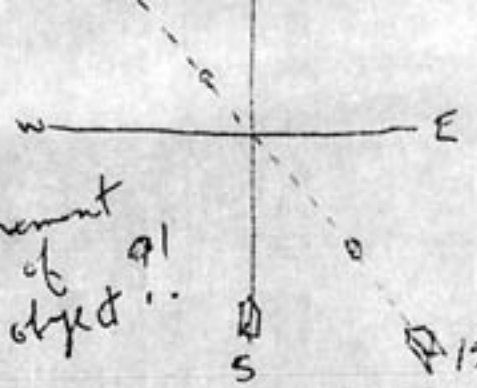
9. NIL

10. NONE

11. NONE

12. LOCATION OF SIGHTING MAKES PROPER ANALYSIS OF SAME DIFFICULT.

ALL POSSIBILITIES AS FAR AS IDENTIFIED AIR TRAFFIC ARE CONCERNED WERE



2. A. VERY ERRATIC ZIGZAGING COURSE AT RANGE OF 12 TO 15 MILES, AZIMUTH OF 150 330 DEGREES.

B. APPEARANCE INSIDE 11Z OF RADAR RETURN OF MODE 2 IFF. TRACK TURNED TO SE THEN TO E, NE AND W. DIRECTION CENTER HAD NO POSSIBLE IDENT AND SINCE TRACK FADED AFTER TURN TO WEST, OPS PERSONNEL WENT OUTSIDE TO SEE IF THERE WAS ANYTHING IN THE AREA WHERE THE TRACK WAS LAST SEEN. See plot below

C. 49 DEGREES, AZIMUTH 152 DEGREES, STILL IN SIGHT.

D. HOVERING FLIGHT OVER ERRATIC COURSE.

E. STILL IN VIEW.

F. AT 0822Z, 1 1/2 HOURS.

3. A. VISUAL.

B. NONE.

C. N/A

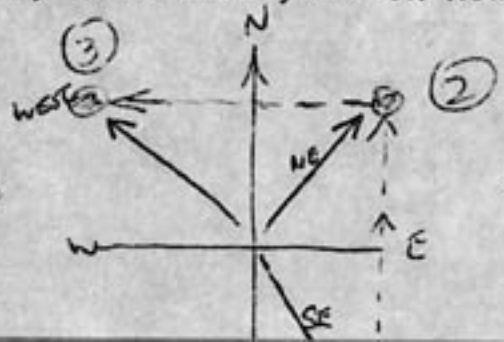
4. A. 25/2632Z 0630 Z - 3:30 = 0300 A.M. Local - 25 Feb 57

B. NIGHT

5. A. JKFD 2554.

6. A. NONE

B. F/O MILLER, DUTY CONTROLLER 226TH WC&W RON, GANDER, NF.
CPL FERGESON, CREW CHIEF, 226TH AC&WRON, GANDER, NF.



Radar Plot: SE, to NE, then

Note diff. between Visual and Radar Track

25/2 CONFIDENTIAL

ATIC Comment:

Note: Have requested field-scale investigation of both HQ AISS and Local Commanders (Gen Moore AFB). Also a check to be made by helicopter via area long-distance enforcement telephone, morning 26 Feb, 1956. Will carry this case as an "UNKNOWN" pending results of the investigations.

(1) Majority of reports showing UFOs having blinking or rotating lights (T.P) are found to be aircraft. However, Air traffic check here (1) rules this out apparently.

(2) Hovering, erratic course, and in sight for almost 1½ hours in same locality is definitely a well-known Russian characteristic. However, wind data shows that the object observed, both visually and by radar — was moving into the wind.

(3) Navy. USAF Wx Charts (for high-altitude tests) Flt. Nos. 35, and 161-70 definitely show 60-70 foot balloons are carried when the New foundland area here by jet streams. Tracked by both AACS + FCC + Confirmed.

(4) A large balloon of this size, can drag the ground for some considerable distance (See 2nd Msg) UFOB 1668) without radio

(5) Also possible for a test c/c of the weather around in the area and blow up the ground after it

Brief - Newfoundland Sighting
25 February 1958

1. Upon review of all available data it becomes apparent that this case involves
   a. Gross exaggerations for publicity purposes.
   b. Mistaken identification of conventional objects i.e. (1) Red light from some vehicle
      (2) Star, seen through adverse atmospheric conditions

2. Cross-reference with respect to specific sources involved:
   1a. Mr. [redacted] Prime Source
   1b. Miss [redacted] (1)
   1b. Flying officer [redacted] (2)

3. The three (3) separately seen sightings apparently were not related, and possibly influenced the others.

4. However, there were four (4) radar sightings plotted at the time of 1st sources report which remain classified Pending further information or developments, will remain in "UNKNOWN" category.

CIA

Further questioning of Flying Officer [redacted] on the sighting at 2300Z revealed that, in his opinion, this object was definitely a bright star with changing colors due to some atmospheric condition prevailing at that time. The object was sighted as being south-east of Gander and this fact makes it apparent that this sighting was also not the same as [redacted]. But the fact exists, that Eyebrow had four unidentified plots at about that time on an object approximately at 2000 feet.

[redacted] reported two different sightings, the first at 25/0410Z and the second at 26/0405Z, and the position of both sightings was the same, south west of Glenwood in the vicinity of an operating Bowaters Wood Camp. It is not known as yet whether any activity at this camp at those times could have caused a glow in the sky and made [redacted] feel that he had seen some strange object. The clearing presumably found by [redacted] could have been a wood yard made by a bulldozer prior to the snowfall. Bowaters has a bulldozer in that area of this camp, but the officials did not know if it had made such a clearing.

10 The existence of the clearing with freshly broken and uprooted trees as described by [redacted] cannot be disregarded. The fact that [redacted] was unable to guide the ground party back to it could be due to his lack of knowledge of the area. His home is in Deer Lake, and he has been away from Newfoundland for several years. Although quite well known in Glenwood because of relatives there, he still does not possess intimate knowledge of the terrain. Further ground search is not recommended because of the snow and bush conditions existing in the area. For these reasons, it is recommended that a low level search using an L-20 or a C-47 might disclose the position of the clearing. Aerial photos could be taken if the clearing is located, and a study of such photos should give a reasonable explanation for the clearing.

11 Further, the fact the Eyebrow had four unidentified plots at a height of 2000 feet about the time of [redacted] sighting adds weight to his report. Until these plots are definitely identified, it must be assumed that Johnson saw an object that could be an unidentified flying object.

12 A map, scale 1:50000, is included as App "B" and shows the route of the search party and the route presumable taken by [redacted] on his trip in to the clearing.

13 May the Detachment Commander be advised of any further information required by your command.

s/t/ (WE Dyck) F/L
Detachment Commander
72 RCAF Ground Observer Corps Detachment