

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD

<p>1. DATE - TIME GROUP</p> <p>23 June 1949 24/0407Z</p>	<p>2. LOCATION</p> <p>Fort Devens, Massachusetts</p> <p>373</p>
<p>3. SOURCE</p> <p>Military</p>	<p>10. CONCLUSION</p> <p>Astro (METEOR)</p>
<p>4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</p> <p>One</p>	
<p>5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</p> <p>2 - 3 Seconds</p>	<p>11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS</p> <p>Object was disc-shaped, like a plate with white glow tinged with red. Object made a slow bank to left of observer.</p>
<p>6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</p> <p>Ground-Visual</p>	
<p>7. COURSE</p> <p>Norht</p>	
<p>8. PHOTOS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	
<p>9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	



29

INCIDENT NO. 373

1. Date of Observation 23 June 1949 Date of Interview 9 July 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 2307
3. Place of Observation (Shirley, Mass.) Fort Devens, Mass.
4. Position of observer Ground in auto
5. What attracted attention to object Moving object
6. Number of objects 1
7. Apparent size Half size of fist at arms length
8. Color of object White glow tinged with red
9. Shape Disc-shaped like a plate
10. Altitude 45°
11. Direction from observer Traveling north from 9 o'clock to 3
12. Distance from observer 1 Mile
13. Direction of flight of object(s) North
14. Time in sight 2-3 Seconds
15. Speed No estimate
16. Sound and odor None
17. Trail None
18. Luminosity Soft glow
19. Projections None
20. Maneuvers Slow bank to left
21. Manner of disappearance ~~Ran~~ passed out of line of sight
22. Effect on Clouds No clouds
23. Additional information concerning object
24. Weather Conditions Clear, very dark

(over)

Ast. (meteor)

7-3712-21



Name and address of observer: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
1170th ASU, Fort Devens, Mass.

Occupation and hobbies:

U. S. Army Officer  
Hunting and fishing

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

Average intelligence, character above reproach.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:



1. Date of Observation 23 July 1949 Date of Interview 9 July 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 2307
3. Place of Observation (Shirley Mass.) FORT Devens, Mass.
4. Position of observer Ground in auto
5. What attracted attention to object Circular motion of colorful light and speed
6. Number of objects 1
7. Apparent size Large fist or frying pan on an angle at arms length
8. Color of object White, orange, pale blue, red
9. Shape Frying pan without handle
10. Altitude 45-50°
11. Direction from observer SE, last seen West
12. Distance from observer 3-5 Miles
13. Direction of flight of object(s) SE to West in circular motion
14. Time in sight 1-2 Seconds
15. Speed Unestimated, but great
16. Sound and odor None
17. Trail None
18. Luminosity Unknown
19. Projections None
20. Maneuvers Circular manner of travel
21. Manner of disappearance Went out like light
22. Effect on Clouds No clouds
23. Additional information concerning object Appeared to be rotating
24. Weather Conditions Clear, bright starry night

(over)



Name and address of observer: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ WO (jg)  
PFI Fort Devens, Mass.

Occupation and hobbies: Officer  
Investigator for Provost Marshall

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):  
Intelligence average, character above reproach.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:





**HEADQUARTERS  
AIR MATERIEL COMMAND**

IN REPLY ADDRESS BOTH  
COMMUNICATION AND EN-  
VELOPE TO COMMANDING  
GENERAL, AIR MATERIEL  
COMMAND, ATTENTION  
FOLLOWING OFFICE SYMBOL:

**UNCLASSIFIED**

WRIGHT FIELD, DAYTON, OHIO

JUL 7 1949

**SUBJECT:** Project Grudre - 373

**TO:** Commanding Officer  
Fort Devens  
Ayer, Massachusetts  
ATTN: Base Intelligence Officer

1. Reference is made to your teletype message 09106PR JEPAB, date time group 241525Z reporting unidentified aerial object sighted by Lt George Hammon and WO (j.g.) Henry G. Coogan at 2307 hours on 23 June 1949 (copy inclosed).

2. It is desired that the Base Intelligence officer initiate an investigation and obtain detailed information from each witness regarding the sighting referenced above.

3. As an aid to the investigating officer in recording the desired data, 4 copies of our Guide to Investigation are inclosed herewith.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

2 Incls:

1. Cy of teletype, 6/24/49
2. Guide to Inves. (4)

*Weyoll*  
W. P. CLINGERMAN  
Colonel, USAF  
Acting Chief, Intelligence Department

DHFGB

1st Ind.

LHR:h:604

HEADQUARTERS FORT DEVENS, MASSACHUSETTS, 11 July 1949.

**TO:** Commanding General, Air Material Command, Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.  
**Attn:** MCIAXS.

1. Par. 2, basic letter, complied with.

2. Terrain Maps: scale 1/25000 of Fort Devens Military Reservation and vicinity are inclosed for your assistance.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

Incls.

**UNCLASSIFIED**

2 Guide to Inves Terrain Maps:  
cy of teletype Clinton 6668 1 NW  
Hudson 668 1 NE  
Ayer 6669 11 SE  
Shirley 669 11 SW

*Louis H. Ressler*  
LOUIS H. RESSIJAC,  
Major, Infantry,  
Chief, Intelligence & Security.

JUL 13



UNCLAS

RF14210C205

EUA102

EGAP10

DE1061R JEPAD

FM UECBI 5/CG FTDEVENS MASS 241525Z

TO COMGENAMC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB DAYTON OHIO

ATTN HCI CONTROL NO A-117 PASS T DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE GSUSA

TO COMMANDING GENERAL FIRST ARMY CI NEW YORK & NY

WD CENC

AT FORT DEVENS MASS AT 2307 EDST 23 JUNE 48 WEATHER CLEAR LT COL RGT  
HARRISON AND WOJG HENRY C COUGAN CAP ASU 1170 SIGHTED ONE CIRCULAR SHAPED  
OBJECT OR DISC SIXE UNKICUN COLOR PLUSH REDDISH ORANGE CONSIDERABLE  
SPEED MOVING SE TO W ON A TURN ALTITUDE UNKNOWN NO SOUND AND NO TRAIL  
OBSERVERS STATED OBJECT LOOKED LIKE A WHIRL OF LIGHT

CFM 2307 23 48 1170

24/1525Z

UNCLAS

*Incl. #1*



# GUIDE TO INVESTIGATION

## UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. \_\_\_\_\_

1. Date of Observation 23 June 1949 Date of Interview 2 July 1949
2. Exact time of observation (local) 2307
3. Place of Observation: Shirley, Mass.  
(Map Coordinates) 1:25,00 Grid Co-od 283-713 (TERRAIN MAP 1:25000  
SHEET: SHIRLEY 6669 11 SW)
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details:  
In Car
5. What attracted attention to object: Moving object
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One (1)
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb  
or fist at arms length): About half size of fist at arms length
8. Color of object: White glow tinged with red.
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):  
Shaped like a plate, round
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon,  
90° overhead):  
Unknown, about 45 degrees
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):  
When first seen? When last seen?  
Traveling north from 9 o'clock to 3
12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over  
which object appeared to be):  
One (1) mile
13. Direction of flight of object (s): North
14. Time in sight: 2 or 3 seconds
15. Velocity (time to cover given angular distance): No estimate
16. Sound and odor: No sound or odor.

JUL 13



17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.) No trail.
18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): Soft glow.
19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):  
No projections.
20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):  
Banking to the left, slow.
21. Manner of disappearance: Moved out of line of sight.
22. Effect on clouds: No clouds
23. Additional information concerning object: None
24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:  
Clear, very dark.

Name and address of observer: \_\_\_\_\_,  
1170th ASU, Fort Devens, Mass.

Occupation and hobbies: U. S. Army  
Hobbies are fishing, hunting in season, weapons.

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc):

It is the opinion of the interrogator that the intelligence of this individual is above average and character above reproach.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

Observer did not wear glasses of any kind; object was viewed through automobile window.



Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars now operating on ground
  - a. Observations of direction, range, speed, altitude and size of target:
  - b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle ( $180^{\circ}$ ), etc., and what radius of turn. If radius of turn was not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed?
  - c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach:
  - d. Was radar blip on cathode ray tube well defined and consistent with size of object; faint; fading, pulsating at regular rate:
  - e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?
2. If airborne, when object was sighted
  - a. Were there any radar indications or extra noise on radio circuits:
  - b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.:

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:
2. Winds aloft report:



3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time:  
(Check Canadian activity if close to border)
4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other; obtain computed or observed trajectory of device (theodolite, radar readings, etc.)
5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils.
6. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of:
  - a. Object
  - b. Surrounding terrain where object was observed
  - c. Place where object contacted earth (if this happened)
  - d. Maneuvers
  - e. Formation (if more than two)
7. Secure signed statements.
8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.



# GUIDE TO INVESTIGATION

## UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. \_\_\_\_\_

1. Date of Observation 23 June 1949 Date of Interview 9 July 1949
2. Exact time of observation (local) 2307
3. Place of Observation: Shirley, Mass. (TERRAIN MAP 1/25000  
(Map Coordinates): 1:25,000 Grid Co-od 283-713 SHEET: SHIRLEY 6669 11SW)
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details:  
Car; while proceeding on Post Inspection toward the Lovell South  
Hospital Area near Lovell South Hospital Bridge; from the main Post area.
5. What attracted attention to object:  
The circular motion of the colorful light and its speed.
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping:  
One object.
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb  
or fist at arms length): Large frying pan held at arms length, on  
an angle or a large fist.
8. Color of object: White, orange, pale blue and red.
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):  
Frying pan without handle, colors seemingly in rings.
10. Altitude (Angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon,  
90° overhead): 45 to 50 degrees
11. Direction from observer (Angle clockwise from North):  
When first seen? Coming from SE. When last seen? In West.
12. Distance from observer (Distance to town, bldg, etc., over  
which object appeared to be):  
3 to 5 miles south of the Shirley Industrial School, Shirley, Mass.
13. Direction of flight of object (s):  
Southeast to west in circular motion.
14. Time in sight: 1 to 2 seconds.
15. Velocity (time to cover given angular distance):  
Unestimated but great speed
16. Sound and odor: No sound; no odor.

JUL 13.



17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.) No trail
18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): Unknown
19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.):  
None
20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):  
Circular manner of travel.
21. Manner of disappearance:  
Out like a light.
22. Effect on clouds: No clouds in sky at that time.
23. Additional information concerning object:  
To me it appeared to be rotating.
24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:  
Clear and bright, starry night

Name and address of observer: [REDACTED] WOJG PI, Fort Devens, Mass.

Occupation and hobbies: Investigation Officer for PM. Hobbies: sports.

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer (Check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc):

It is the opinion of the interrogator that the intelligence of this individual is average and character above reproach.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting, or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

No glasses of any description were worn

JUL 13



Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars now operating on ground
  - a. Observations of direction, range, speed, altitude and size of target:
  - b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle ( $180^{\circ}$ ), etc, and what radius of turn. If radius of turn was not observable, how long did the target stay in the turn and what was its speed?
  - c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach:
  - d. Was radar blip on cathode ray tube well defined and consistent with size of object; faint; fading, pulsating at regular rate:
  - e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?
2. If airbourne, when object was sighted
  - a. Were there any radar indications or extra noise on radio circuits:
  - b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc.:

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:
2. Winds aloft report:



3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time:

(Check Canadian activity if close to border)

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other; obtain computed or observed trajectory of device (theodolite, radar readings, etc.)

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils.

6. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of:

- a. Object
- b. Surrounding terrain where object was observed
- c. Place where object contacted earth (if this happened)
- d. Maneuvers
- e. Formation (if more than two)

7. Secure signed statements.

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible.