

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 22 Apr 52		2. LOCATION OKINAWA		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☒ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2100 GMT 22/1200Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE B-29 Aircrew			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 3		9. COURSE W	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Elliptical-shaped objects 2'-3' long, maneuvering erratically, sighted by crew members (B-29) awaiting plane at Naha AFB.				11. COMMENTS	

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SUBJECT USAF Air Crew Debriefing Requirements (ZI)			
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DATE OF REPORT 22 August 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION Nov 1951 - Apr 1952	EVALUATION B-2	
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REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) A-4339-RP			
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 112, Part II.)			

The report contained herein is an intelligence debriefing of combat crew returnees from Korean Combat Theatre as set forth in USAF Debriefing Requirements Ltr Hq USAF AFOM-C/CC-9 dtd 17 April 1952. Salient features of this report are namely: (1) One encounter with unidentified enemy fighter. (2) Encounter with enemy anti-aircraft fire on missions on primary target to include one encounter with unguided rockets. (3) Observations of unidentified flying objects at Naha AFB and Kadena AFB, Okinawa, and (4) Recommendations and comments USAF equipment procedures and training.

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USAF Aircrew Debriefing (ZI)

B-29 Combat Crew R50AO
307th Bomb Wing
372 Bomb Squadron

Debriefed (ZI): 1 August 1952

		Missions
A/C	Capt [REDACTED]	16
P	1st Lt [REDACTED]	(Not Debriefed - Transferred to March Air Force Base, Calif.)
N	1st Lt [REDACTED]	29
B	1st Lt [REDACTED]	(Not Debriefed - Returned to In-active duty)
WO	1st Lt [REDACTED]	(Not Debriefed - Returned to In-active duty)
FE	T/Sgt [REDACTED]	28
RO	A/IC [REDACTED]	29
GFC	A/IC [REDACTED]	22
IG	A/IC [REDACTED]	23
RQ	A/IC [REDACTED]	
TG	A/IC [REDACTED]	26

Aircrew Debriefing Requirements (ZI) Part I General

SECTION A

1. B-29
2. Crew average approximately 25 missions.
3. One unidentified jet fighter on a special daylight mission.
4. Not observed.
5. Ref 3. - Jet aircraft attack from the rear at 5:00 O'clock high at approximate range of 1500 yards breaking away at 1000 yards 9:00 o'clock. Poor visibility due to haze. No enemy fire observed however gunners fired at enemy aircraft with no results.
6. Enemy ground (anti-aircraft) fire was directed and barrage type at altitudes from 17,000 to 25,000 feet, and was ineffective.
7. Not observed.
8. Not observed.
9. Not observed - night missions.
10. No enemy fighter attacks on night missions. Encountered searchlights on bomb runs on various targets with both radar directed and blind type searching. In both types searchlights usually set up in two circles - one inside the other with directed cone of light searching out aircraft.
11. Observation I
 - a. Observers: Capt [REDACTED], 1st Lt [REDACTED], A/IC [REDACTED], T/Sgt [REDACTED] (1st Lt [REDACTED], 1st Lt [REDACTED], 1st Lt [REDACTED] - Not interrogated, transferred)
 - b. Time and Place: Approximately 2100-2200 hours 22 April 1952 during a practice alert (blackout). Observations made by crew members from immediate vicinity of MATS Passenger Terminal, Naha AFB, Okinawa. Crew was awaiting scheduled flight to the United States returning on rotation.
 - c. Weather: Overcast of haze at 2000 feet, light wind blowing from NNE.
 - d. Observation: Unidentified flying object observed at an altitude of approximately 1000-1500 feet beneath overcast in straight and level flight. First a single object was sighted to the East in lower part of sky and observed to fly over [REDACTED] appear to the West.

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One minute later two more objects were sighted flying in formation along same course from the East, and disappearing to the West. Five minutes later two more objects were sighted flying in formation with same observation. All five objects were each observed to have the same characteristics namely: (1) eleptical in shape (2) approximately 2-3 feet long (3) noiseless (4) no trail of sparks or flame (5) brilliant white light that blinked at regular interval of one or two seconds similiar to running lights of conventional aircraft (6) covered course from East to West in approximately 5-10 seconds with estimated speed at 1000 knots (7) objects flew straight and level course. Said observations were reported to the officer of the day in MATS terminal by 1st Lt Herbert E. Johnson.

11. Observation II

- Observers: A/1C [REDACTED], T/Sgt [REDACTED], A/1C [REDACTED], A/1C [REDACTED].
- Time and Place: Approximately 2400 hours 5 April 1952, Tent Area, 2nd Bomb Squadron, 307 Bomb Wing, Kadena AFB, Okinawa. Crew members made observations from tent area.
- Weather: Thin layer of broken clouds at approximately 20,000 feet with northerly wind.
- Observation: Unidentified flying object observed at an approximate altitude of 20,000 feet flying an erratic course from position on North horizon to Base Area and then disappearing to the West. The object was observed to approach the base flying a straight and level course on and then maneuvered over the base with violent high speed zig-zagging stopping momentarily and then maneuvering. Finally objects shot up out of sight heading West. Total time of observation was ten (10) minutes. The objects was observed to have the following characteristics, namely; (1) white steady light (2) no definite shape but larger than the stars, (3) noiseless (4) no trail of sparks or flame (5) grew larger and brighter on approach and smaller and dimmer ascending and breaking away. (6) all maneuvering done at speeds higher than any conventional jet aircraft - estimated at 1000 knots.

SECTION B

12. N/A
13. N/A
14. Removal of chaff dispenser when not in use. Move (bombing) salvo switches from bomb-bay to cockpit eliminating necessity of gunners operating switches.
15. Multiple 50 caliber guns are satisfactory.
16. N/A
17. N/A
18. N/A
19. N/A
20. (Ref 3 & 5) observed whitish brown puff of smoke as jet aircraft broke away.
21. Not observed.
22. Not observed.
23. N/A
24. N/A

II Fighter Pilots

25. - 44. N/A

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III Bomber Crews

45. On way to target on second bomb run one (1) minute from bombs away.

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46. West of Hungnam Marshalling yards.
47. 20,000 feet, 190, 045°.
48. Clear with some haze. No.
49. One
50. Single aircraft flying race track pattern.
51. Unescorted.
52. N/A
53. N/A
54. N/A
55. N/A
56. N/A
57. Yes, sighted at 1500 yards - broke away at 1000 yards.
58. No.
59. Attack from the rear at 5:00 o'clock high, 1500 yards breaking away at 9:00 o'clock.
60. pursuit curve.
61. Single Aircraft.
62. N/A
63. N/A
64. One non-firing pass.
- 65.-68. Not observed.
69. 1000 yards.
70. Not observed.
71. One burst.
72. No.
73. 9:00 O'clock.
74. Not observed.
75. No.
- 76.-86. Not observed.
87. None.
- 88-93. Not observed.

IV Reconnaissance.

94.-97. N/A

V Photography and Maps

98. Yes.
99. WAC Charts.
100. Roads and Cities.
101. a. Chart with contours.
b. Chart with relief shading.
c. Vertical photograph.
d. Oblique photograph
102. 1:10,000 23,000-28,000 feet.
103. Large scale photograph.
104. 1:250,000.
105. UMT.

Part VI Escape and Evasion.

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106. Training at Camp Carson excellent while at Okinawa Base Training not comparable consisting of lectures and specialized briefings.

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106. b. Radio and generator inadequate range in mountainous areas. C-1 vests were incomplete on issue and need more rations, flares, machettes, and complete first aid kit. Suggest C-1 vest materials be packed in special pockets in parachute pad.

c. No information pictures on communist forces, Chinese and North Korean. Not enough UPC-4 radios with at least two and preferably four for crew.

107. Covered in specialized briefings - given coordinates and photos. Suggest this information be included in flimsey.

108. a. Issue guns and fishing tackle on treks. Make the training more realistic by having instructor personnel attired in Chinese and North Korean Military uniforms, on the evasion problem.

b. Actual water survival training by crews on one manland larger rafts for period of at least 24 hours, on open body of water.

c. adequate.

d. More UPC-4 radios - at least two and preferably four.

VII Guided Missiles.

109. - 111. Unobserved.

VIII Electronics and Communications.

112. No.

113. N/A

114. N/A

115. No.

116. Yes.

117. No.

118. Received call in English giving erroneous direction while under ground control on close support mission - not positive this was the enemy.

119. See 118.

120. No.

121. No.

122. No.

123. Not observed.

124. Not observed.

125. Not observed.

IX Antiaircraft Artillery

126. A. Not determined - only a flash of light on burst.

b. White and red.

c. Tracking and barrage pattern.

d. 20,000 to 25,000 feet.

e. Inaccurate and moderate.

127. a. Same as 126 a.

b. (1) Clear white

(2) None

c. 20,000-23,000 feet.

d. (1) No evidence of flame - only a long stream of orange reddish sparks.

(2) Long stream of sparks.

e. 20,000 feet.

f. Inaccurate.

g. Moderate.

h. Nothing definite - barrage type.

128. Received tracking fire with bursts going off on a definite sequence.

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X Intelligence Training

129. a. Nothing given on North Korean Geography, culture, races, customs, living habits, and other conditions that would be encountered on the ground by an evadee or escapee.
b. Same as a.
130. None.
131. a. Incomplete and information given not up to date with nothing given on current ground situation.
b. accurate.
c. Not enough training received overseas and state side the technique of slides with performance data not adequate. Consider slides utilizing flash lens and scale models the most effective.
d. Yes - New Russian planes in production and in operation in North Korea and other parts of the world.
e. Adequate.
f. Adequate.
g. Adequate.
h. Inadequate with natives allowed far too much freedom and access to flight line briefing rooms and quarters. This is especially true for clean-up boys. No doors were locked or guarded on (Secret) briefings.

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

Information on combat crew observations submitted herewith is evaluated as B-2. The one factor affecting the significance of said information is the limited number of actual encounters with the counter-air effort of the enemy in Korea. All recommendations and comments are based on actual combat and training experience.

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COMMENTS OF Approving Officer: None

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