

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 30 Oct 52		2. LOCATION MADISON WISC		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 30/1035 CST GMT 30/1635 Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE 2 Airmen		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE S	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING  Two airmen at Truax Field observed egg-shaped silvery blue object which pursued normal course and disappeared in a rapid climb.				11. COMMENTS	



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JEDEM/CG ADC ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLO

~~75-00-4625/ATTN ATIAA-2C/ /1/ ONE OBJECT DESC-~~  
CRIGED AS EGG SHAPED CMA OF SILVER COLOR WITH A BLuish CAST CMA SIZE  
APPRX THAT OF A B-36 ACFT CMA NO INDICATION OF EXHAUST TRAIL OR MEANS  
OF PROPULSION CMA OBSERVED FR MAIN GATE CMA TRUAX FLD CMA WISC CMA IN  
A DIRECTION APRX WSW AT AN ANGULAR ELEVATION OF APRX 50 DEGREES PD  
OBJECT APPEARED TO BE MOVING SOUTH AT TIME OF INITIAL OBSERVATION CMA  
TURNING SLOWLY TOWARD THE EAST AND MAINTAINING LEVEL ATTITUDE PD  
OBJECT THEN APPEARED TO BEGIN A RAPID CLIMB EITHOUT MATERIEL CHANGE  
IN ATTITUDE CMA AND DISAPPEARED FR VIEW IN HAZE AT A VERY HIGH ALTITUDE  
CMA ALMOST DUE SOUTH AT AN ANGULAR ELEVATION APPROACHING 80 DEGREES

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PD SPEED WAS THOUGHT BY OBSERVERS TO BE IN EXCESS OF F-86 SPEED PD

(2) TIME OF SIGHTING OBJECT 1635Z PAREN 1435 CST PATER PD OBJECT OBSERVED FOR ABOUT 30 SECONDS PD

(3) OBSERVATION WAS VISUAL BY TWO AMN ON GUARD BY PD NO OPTICAL OR ELECTRONIC EQUIP USED PD

(4) OBSERVERS WERE STAD AT 43 DEGREES 3 MINUTES NORTH AND 89 DEGREES 23 MINUTES WEST PD FOR LOCATION OF OBJECT WITH RESPECT TO OBSERVER SEE PAR

(1) ABOVE PD OBSERVERS INDICATED OBJECT APPEARED TO BE OVER CITY OF MADISON PD THEY WERE INDEFINITE RESPECTING DISTANCE AND ALTITUDE BUT AGREED CLOSELY ANLEENEE ABOUT DIRECTION BETWEEN USV AND 3 CMA AND ANGULAR MOVEMENT UPWARD FR INITIAL SITING ABOUT 50 DEGREES TO FINAL DISAPPEARANCE ABOUT 30 DEGREES PD

(5) OBJECT OBSERVED BY A/2C HAROLD T HAMM CMA AGE 21 CMA 2 YRS SERVICE CMA 1 YR 7 MOS AT TRUAX FLD CMA AF 10306222 AND A/2C LOUIS E GEER CMA AGE ALMOST 19 CMA COMPLETING 1-YR SERVICE NEXT MO CMA AF 15471813 PD MEN HAVE HAD MUCH OPPORTUNITY TO OBSERVE ACFT AND WERE POSITIVE IN THEIR STATEMENTS AND BELIEFS THAT OBJECT OBSERVED WAS NOT AN AIRPLANE OF A TYPE WITH WHICH THEY ARE FAMILIAR PD HAMM OBSERVED OBJECT FIRST AND CALLED GEER TO CONFIRM PD IN SPITE OF AMN'S SINCERETY CMA CONSIDER OBJECT MIGHT HAVE BEEN ACFT BUT NO MEANS OF CHECKING HERE CONFIRM THIS PRESUMPTION PD OBSERVERS THOUGHT SPEED WAS ABOVE 600 KNOTS PD HOWEVER CMA IN

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VIEW OF TIME REPTD SEEING OBJECTS PAREN 37 SECONDS PAREN THIS WOULD  
APPEAR TO BE UNLIKELY PD

(6) WEA AT TIME OF SITING WAS CLEAR CMA VISIBILITY 15 MILES PD SURFACE

WIND WAS 5 KNOTS RMW CMA 10, 100 FT WIND 25 KNOTS RMW PD

(7) THE ONLY ACFT POSSIBLE HERE IS THAT OBJECT WAS IN FACT A JET ACFT PD

(8) NEGATIVE PD

(9) NEGATIVE PD

(10) FLIGHT OF F-88 JETS LANDING FR SOUTH TO NORTH ATTRACTED ATTN OF  
FIRST OBSERVER CAUSING HIM TO OBSERVE STRANGE OBJECT PD NO OTHER ACFT  
ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN IN THE PARTICULAR AREA AT THE PARTICULAR TIME CMA  
HOWEVER CMA OTHER ACFT WERE IN THE GEN AREA AT THE TIME AND THE OBJECT  
MIGHT HAVE BEEN A CONVENTIONAL TYPE ACFT PD

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(FLYORPT)

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HEADQUARTERS, 31ST AIR DIVISION, Fort Snelling, Minnesota

TO: Commanding General, Central Air Defense Force, P. O. Box 528,  
Kansas City, Missouri

Forwarded in compliance with AFL 200-5.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

*Odus L. Kimberling*  
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MAJOR USAF  
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HEADQUARTERS CENTRAL AIR DEFENSE FORCE, Box 528, Kansas City, Mo.

TO: Director of Intelligence, Headquarters USAF, Washington 25, D.C.

*R. E. G.*  
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78TH AIR BASE SQUADRON  
Truax Field, Madison, Wisconsin

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RTU 41737  
4 NOV 1952

OPS 319.1

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Flying Objects (FLYOB RPT)

THRU: Commanding General  
31st Air Division  
Fort Snelling, Minnesota

TO: Director of Intelligence  
Headquarters USAF  
Washington 25, D. C.

Chief Air Technical Intelligence Center  
ATTN: ATIAA-2c  
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. In confirmation of our TWX, 78 CO 4625, and in the absence of availability of AF Form 112, "Air Intelligence Information Report", this letter is submitted in accordance with AFL 200-5, dated 29 April 1952.

2. Description

The object sighted was described by personnel concerned as egg shaped, of a silver color with a bluish cast, and the size approximately that of a B-36 aircraft. There was no indication of exhaust trail or oral or visual indication of a means of propulsion. The object was observed from the main gate of Truax Field, Madison, Wisconsin, in a direction approximately west south-west and at an angular elevation of approximately 50 degrees. The object appeared to be moving south at the time of the initial observation, turning slowly toward the east on a level attitude. The object then appeared to begin a rapid climb without materiel change in attitude, and disappeared from view in a haze of a very high altitude at an angular elevation of approximately 80 degrees. The speed of the object was estimated by the observers to exceed F-86 frequency.

3. The time of sighting was 301635Z (1035 CST). The line of sight was for approximately 30 seconds. 30 Oct 52

4. Observation was visual by two Air Police men on duty at the main gate. They had no use of optical or electronic equipment.

5. The coordination of the point of observation is 43 degrees, 8 minutes north and 89 degrees, 20 minutes west. Relative location of object with respect to observers is indicated in Paragraph 2. The observers indicated that the object appeared to be over the city of Madison, but could not be specific with respect to distance and altitude. They were in close agreement about direction.

6. The airmen observing the object were A/2c Harold T. Hamm, AF 19386822, age 21, 2 year service, 1 year 7 months at Truax Field;

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and A/2c Louis E. Geer, AF 15471813, age 19, completing 1 year of service next month. Both men have had opportunity to observe aircraft and were positive in their statements and beliefs that the object was not an aircraft of a type with which they are familiar. Airmen Hamm first observed the object and called Airmen Geer to confirm his observation. It must be noted that this station is within the immediate vicinity of Glenview Naval Air Station, which has jet aircraft of a type which might not be familiar to Air Force personnel. It should also be noted that the speed does not concur with the length of sight as an aircraft or object moving at that speed would disappear from view in less than 30 seconds.

7. Weather conditions at the sighting were clear, visibility, 15 miles; surface wind, 5 knots north north-west; and the upper wind was 25 knots north north-west.

8. As stated in Paragraph 6, it is estimated possibly that the object involved was a Naval Aircraft. One indication is the appearance of a bluish cast to the object. A naval jet aircraft traveling at some distance and altitude at the same time jet aircraft were landing at this station, and with the sound of landing aircraft, could thus appear to be moving without oral or visible means of propulsion.

9. There is no physical evidence such as photographs, etc.

10. No interception or identification action was taken.

11. There was a flight of F-86's landing at the time sighting occurred. It was in observation of this flight of F-86's that observers first noticed this strange object.

12. The statement of A/2c Geer, one of the observers, is attached, and A/2c Hamm's statement will be forwarded at a later date as airmen in on pass at present time.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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Statement (A/2c Geer)

*Robert L. Samuelson* 2nd Lt. USAF  
for DON A. AMOS  
2nd Lt., USAF  
Adjutant

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STATEMENT

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On Thursday, 30 October 1952, I, A/2c Lewis E. Geer was standing guard on gate #1 at 1035 when I spotted an unidentified aircraft traveling in the direction of west south-west at a high speed. The object had the form of an egg and a blue cast to it. It was flying at eight (8) to ten (10) thousand feet and climbing steadily. I watched it for about 15 to 20 seconds until it disappeared in a haze. A/2c Hamm and I then reported the incident to the Air Police Operations Section.

*Lewis E. Geer*

LEWIS E. GEER  
A/2c, USAF  
AF 15471813

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