

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 30 August 1954		2. LOCATION Minneapolis, Minn		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 _____ GMT 31/0350Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 - 4 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 5		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING White or silver circle, no trail or sound, 5 lights. Lights moving in circle at 60 deg elevation 75 deg az disappeared.				11. COMMENTS Insufficient data. Manner of disappearing etc., missing.	

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3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 31/0150Z - 0210Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 - 25 Minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1 - 3		9. COURSE NW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Large round shiny object 30' in diameter. White. Object appeared to have wings. Initial object split into 3 objects. Two departed to NW climbing at 45 deg angle, third object remained stationary for 1 1/2 minutes and then followed objects. Object at 70,000 ft, a/c at 42,000 ft.				11. COMMENTS Most likely balloon. Only one of 3/observers saw object split.	

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[REDACTED] A-I-REQ-4 8009 ATTN: DIR OF INT. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS A VERBATIM EXTRACT OF A MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM THE FOURTH FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR GROUP, KOREA, CITE NO FGI 545-54, 31 AUG 54. QUOTE SEATRAIN SHARK FLIGHT (3) AIRCRAFT) WHILE ON A ROUTINE TRAINING MISSION, OBSERVED AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT(UFOB) APPROXIMATELY CR 9540. THE FLIGHT TOOK OFF FROM K-14 AND FLEW TO K-55 WHERE THEY TURNED ON A 090 DEGREE HEADING TO DS 5504, CLIMBING TO 25,000 FEET. THIS POINT THE FLIGHT TOOK A 180 DEGREE HEADING TO DR 5540 CLIMBING TO 35,000 FEET. THE FAPPROXIMATELY CR 9540, 50-5000 FEET, 1050I, SHARK LEAD OBSERVED A

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LARGE ROUND SHINY OBJECT. HIS POSITION WAS AT APPROXIMATELY DR 2142, 42,000 FEET, HE IMMEDIATELY CALLED THE OBJECT TO THE ATTENTION OF OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS FLIGHT. AFTER HAVING THE OBJECT'S PRESENCE CONFIRMED BY THE OTHER MEMBERS, SHARK LEAD HAD HIS FLIGHT SET UP AN ORBIT AT 42,000 FEET 5 MILES RADIUS AROUND THE OBJECT. THE OBJECT REMAINED STATIONARY FOR ABOUT 20 MINUTES(1050I-1110I) SHAR LEAD CONTACT BADGER TO SEE IF BADGER WOULD TRACK THEM AND/OR THE OBJECT. HE GAVE BADGER A WRONG POSITION THROUGH MISTAKE, AND BADGER WAS NEVER ABLE TO GET A FIX ON IGT THE FLIGHT OR THE ORBIT. SHARK LEAD THEN AND THE OBJECT SPLIT INTO THREE (3) ELEMENTS. ELEMENT 1 AND 2 TOOK OFF FROM THE STATIONARY POSITION WITH ELEMENT E3 REMAINING FOR ABOUT 1 AND 1/2 MINUTES. ELEMENTS 1 AND 2 SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN PERFORMING ABOUT 45 DEGREE VERTICAL ROLLS, ABOUT THIS TIME (1110I) BASS FLIGHT WAS IN THE AREA AND WAS INFORMED OF THE OBSERVATIONS. BASS 3 SAW A BRIGHT ILLUMINATION BUT NOTHING ELSE. OTHER MEMBERS OF BASS FLIGHT HAD NEGATIVE OBSERVATIONS. THE OBJECT DISAPPEARED ON A NORTH EASTERLY HEADING. SHARK FLIGHT, BEING LOW ON FUEL, RETURNED HOME, LEAVING BASS PATROLLING THE AREA. BASS HAD NO FURTHER OBSERVATIONS. THE WEATHER STATION AT K-14 WAS CHECKED AS TO THE POSSIBILITY OF WEATHER BALLONS IN THE AREA WITH NEGATIVE RESULT. UNQUOTE. THIS INCIDENT IS BEING FURTHER INVESTIGATED BY ATLO DI FEAF. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE FORWARDED SOONEST.

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ACTION
A-I-REQ-4 8042 REF A-I-REQ-4 8009 CMM 3 SEP 54 PD THIS PRESENTS CORRECTIONS TO AND ADDITIONAL INFO CONCERNING UFOB SIGHTING PD AFTER FLT LEADER SAW OBJECT AND POINTED IT OUT TO OTHER TWO ACFT CMM THE THREE ACFT FLEW SINGLY IN ABOUT 25 DEGREES LEFT BANK TO KEEP OBJECT IN SIGHT AT ABOUT 70 DEGREES RELATIVE ELEVATION PAREN TRUE ANGEL CMM 45 DEGREE ELEVATION PAREN PD A 25 DEGREE AT FLTS ALT OF 42,000 FEET GIVES CIRCLE OF 10 MILE DIAMETER PD BY TRIANGULATION CMM ALT OF UFOB 70,000 FEET PD OBJECT APPEARED TO BE SIZE OF DIME AT ARMS LENGTH PD AFTER ORBITING FOR APRX 20 MIN CMM FUEL SHORTAGE NECESSITATED RETURN TO BASE PD AFTER FORMATION JOINED UP CMM ONLY

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FLT LEADER SAW OBJECT AS IT BROKE INTO 3 SEPARATE OBJECTS PD TWO DEPARTED NORTH WESTERLY IN TRAIL CLIMBING AT 45 DEGREE ELEVATION PD THIRD OBJECT REMAINED STATIONARY FOR ONE AND ONE-HALF MINCTES CMM THEN FOLLOWED IN SAME DIRECTION PD WINDS FROM 300 DEGREES CMM 31 KNOTS AT 50,000 FEET PD OTHER PLTS HAVE SEEN SIMILAR SINGLE OBJECTS AND REPRESENTATIVE SIGHTINGS WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE COMPLETE REPT OF SUBJ URFO CMM 4TH F-I GP IR 2-54 PD
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT UFOB

AREA REPORTED ON Pyeong Yang	FROM (Agency) 1st Air Force Group
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DATE OF REPORT 2-2-54	DATE OF INFORMATION 21 August 1954	EVALUATION B-2
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PREPARED BY (Officer) James M. Brissett Jr and Lt., USAF I tell	SOURCE OFF. 1 Combat Crew Members (F-84 Pilots)
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REFERENCES (Control number, directing previous report, etc., as applicable)

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 119-Part II.)

An UFOB was observed between 320150Z and 310210Z. The object remained stationary for a period of approximately two to (20) minutes. It was last observed moving in a northwesterly direction. Reliability of the report (1) is considered to be good.

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1. Description of object

- a. When first sighted, the object was round in shape.
- b. The object was about thirty (30) feet in diameter. In comparison to a dime, held at arm's length, it would appear to be an estimated $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 degrees of arc.

Note: The size of the object is rather hard to estimate. Observer reported the aforementioned size as it appeared from the altitude of their estimation, 8-10,000 feet above them or approximately 50-60,000 feet above the earth. However, a mathematical computation, using triangulation and taking into consideration the angle of elevation and the horizontal distance, an altitude of approximately 31,000 feet above the observer or approximately 73,000 feet above the earth. If this altitude is correct, an object which appears to be 30 feet in diameter is a rather large object.

- c. The object was predominantly white in color, but at times it appeared to be very luminous.

- d. Only one (1) object was sighted.

- e. Not applicable.

- f. One observer thought at times he could see wing-like objects protruding from the object. This was only when the object was between him and the sun. These wing-like objects seemed to be of swept back or crescent shape in appearance.

- g. Negative.

- h. Negative, as far as could be determined.

- i. Negative.

2. Description of course of object:

- a. The flight commander was looking for aircraft of another flight when he saw the object. It was the only bright object of distinction in the area. He called it to the attention of other members of his flight.

- b. The object, at the time of sighting, was at an angle of elevation of approximately 70 degrees (a true angle of 45 degrees, taking into consideration a bank of 25 degrees of the aircraft) to the observer and on a 260 degree heading with a sun azimuth of approximately 300 degrees.

- c. The object, at the time of its disappearance, was at an angle of elevation of approximately 70 degrees (true angle of 45 degrees) to the observer on a 320 degree heading and a sun azimuth of 300 degrees.

- d. The object remained stationary for about twenty (20) minutes. One observer then saw it split into three (3) elements. Elements one (1) and two (2) disappeared on a northwesterly heading of approximately 320 degrees, performing what appeared to be 45 degree vertical rolls. Element three (3)

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remained in its position for approximately one to one and one-half minute and then disappeared in the same direction.

e. The initial object split into three minor ones, according to one observer, and disappeared on a northeasterly heading.

f. The object was observed for approximately twenty (20) to twenty-five (25) minutes.

3. Manner of observation

a. Object was observed by air-visual means.

b. Not applicable

c. The observation was made by three (3) F-86's, with a fourth seeing the illumination. The aircraft numbers are:

359
894
416
565 (saw the illumination)

The aircraft were on a heading of 270 degrees at 42,000 feet, Mach .78 (approximately 490 knots ground speed). The home station of all aircraft is K-14. (Kimsu Air Force Base, Kimsu, Korea)

4. Time and date of sighting

a. The object was observed on:

0150Z-0210Z 31 August 1954

1050Z-1110Z 31 August 1954

b. It was observed during the day. (Conditions very bright)

5. Location of observer(s)

a. The observers were at DR 2142 (UNM Grid) approximately 45 miles southeast of K-6 Air Base at P'Yongt'saeng-wi, Korea on a 270 degree heading.

6. Identifying information of all observer(s)

a. Not applicable

- b. 1. John E. Taber 2nd Lt. 335 FIS 1st Comdr B-2
2. Vernon B. Hesterman 2nd Lt. 335 FIS Element Leader B-2
3. Donald G. Huff 2nd Lt. 335 FIS Pilot B-2
4. Donald A. Phillips 2nd Lt. 335 FIS Pilot B-2 (Saw illumination)

7. Weather and winds aloft conditions at time and place of sightings

a. The observers reported that the clouds were 3,000 feet scattered, three to five tenth cloud coverage. Visibility was unlimited, and the winds aloft were 290 degrees at 60 knots.

b. The weather report from K-14 weather station is as follows.

(1) Surface: Calm

(2) 6,000 feet: 010 degrees at 3 knots

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- (1) 10,000 feet, 2.0 degrees at 11.10.
- (2) 20,000 feet, 2.0 degrees at 11.10.
- (3) 30,000 feet, 3.0 degrees at 11.10.
- (4) 40,000 feet, 3.0 degrees at 11.10.
- (5) 50,000 feet, 3.0 degrees at 11.10.
- (6) 60,000 feet, 3.0 degrees at 11.10.
- (7) 70,000 feet, 3.0 degrees at 11.10.
- (8) 80,000 feet, 3.0 degrees at 11.10.
- (9) 90,000 feet, 3.0 degrees at 11.10.
- (10) 100,000 feet, 3.0 degrees at 11.10.

1. 10,000-12,000 feet, mentioned

a. Visibility was 15 miles

a. Amount of cloud coverage - Four tenths

2. Thunderstorms in area. None known

3. Negative

4. Negative

10. The flight set up an orbit of about 10 miles diameter (15 miles radius) around the object at 42,000 feet. The object was estimated to be between 40,000-50,000 feet by the observer. (Approximately 10,000 feet of uncertainty)

11. Negative

12. The preliminary analysis of this affair reveals that there is a possibility of a balloon or other aerostatic device. All research as to the possibility of a balloon or other aerostatic device led to negative results. The only balloon of the type observed was located in South Korea and it was reported that it was in Japan at about 10,000 feet, about 100 miles from the coast. The direction of the object was possibly blown a balloon released from Korea to the east. However, the object was last observed moving in a northeasterly direction. This tends to rule out the possibility of the latter assumption. Unfortunately, only one observer saw the object split into elements, although four verified the presence of the object. The TADC, located about 45 miles away, could not point a fix on either the aircraft or the object. It is quite possible that the ability of the TADC to point an object at 42,000 feet over such a short distance as 45 miles is highly limited.

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2nd Lt., USAF
Intelligence Officer

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While flying a local high altitude combat patrol training mission, I spotted an object above me (CR 9852). I set up an orbit around the object and told my wingman and element leader to look for the object. Both men picked it up. At first I thought it was a weather balloon but after closer observation, decided it was too large to be a balloon. I was at 42,000 feet and my element leader was at 44,000 feet. Both of us estimated the altitude of the object to be between 50,000 feet and 55,000 feet. We circled for approximately 20 minutes and contacted Radar to try to get a definite fix, but Radar could not pick us up. We spotted the object about 1050K and at 1110K. I observed the object to break into three sections. Two of the sections moved off immediately toward the northeast. The other hesitated momentarily and then followed the first two. At times, when the object would pass almost directly through the sun, it appeared to have swept back or crescent shaped wings. However, when the object was out of the sun, it was too high to distinguish if it had wings or not, and appeared to be round.

John E. Tabor

JOHN E. TABOR
2nd Lt. USAF
Pilot

On 31 August 1974 at approximately 1030K we took off on a normal training mission. We were on a pre-briefed intercept and while climbing out at about 42,000 feet, Squad leader ask me (Squad 2) if I saw anything at about ten o'clock high. I did not have the object in sight at that time. We climbed up to 42,000 feet and started a left orbit. Squad lead again ask me if I saw it. I saw the object there. It was featureless, white and appeared to be round. I estimated it to be about 18,000 feet above me. I kept the object in sight for awhile and it did not move. Other aircraft came into the area and I took my eyes off the object to watch the aircraft and was unable to pick it up again. This was about 1135K.

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I was member three of a flight of three F-86's on a routine combat tactics training mission on 31 August 1954. Our call sign was "Seatrail Shark" and we had debriefed with Seatrain Base to attempt locating each other south of line Fox and make several "bounces" on each other. We were approximately 45 miles southeast of K-6 at 10:01 on a heading of 270 degrees and 42,000 feet when Shark Leader (Lt Tabor) called me and asked if I had an object in sight at about ten o'clock and very high to my position. I could not locate the object at this time and informed Lt. Tabor of the fact. Lt. Tabor then set up an orbit to the left around the object and called us over to White channel, where he proceeded to contact Badger control. After contact with Badger, Lt. Tabor asked them to make positive radar contact with him and then find if they had any unidentified objects in our area. I believe Lt. Tabor gave Badger our wrong position and there was an extreme amount of radio chatter at this time which made good radio contact difficult. Badger could not positively identify us but did inform us that they had an unidentified object on their radar scope. It was during this time that I sighted the object and the number 604 had sighted it slightly before I did. We were heading approximately 270 degrees when I sighted it. It was at my nine o'clock position at the time and approximately 70 degrees high. I was at 44,500 feet. It is difficult to give a close estimate of the size of the object, but my guess would be that it was around 30 feet in diameter and about 5,000 feet higher than me. The object was white in color but at times in the orbit, it appeared very brilliant and looked very similar to a star which was probably due to reflection from the sun. During the time that I had the object in sight, it did not appear to move. I had the object in sight for a period of about ten minutes when I finally lost sight of it and could not pick it up again. We were low on fuel at this time and left the area to return to the field and land. Base flight was in the area at this time and were looking for the object after we left.

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Element Leader

On 31 August 1954, while on a four ship high altitude mission, I heard over the radio another flight having spotted some object high over their head. Our flight contacted visually this other flight and the other flight leader mentioned the clock position of the object to be at eleven o'clock to his ship. This position was about eight o'clock to my ship. I looked out the top of my canopy and caught sight of some bright shiny object directly overhead and very high. Before I could get a very good look, I lost the object in the sun.

DONALD A PHILLIPS
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Pilot

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There were two other sightings by members of this organization on 31 August 1954, although there was not sufficient information to carry out an investigation. Statements from the pilots are enclosed which might assist in a final analysis of the first sighting.

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On 31 August 1954 at 1825I, while flying number 2 on the left wing of Collier lead in aircraft 769 at 36,000 feet, position GS 4095, on a compass heading of 110 degrees, I observed an object in the nine o'clock position at 45 degrees azimuth. It appeared like the shiny top of a common pin. Disregarding the size of the object, it could have been at an extremely high altitude. I called same to Collier lead who had no joy. We continued on same course and the object moved to eight o'clock and then almost to seven, no change in azimuth. I called object to lead again who had no joy. He advised I keep object in sight. To do so, I turned left until object was at my eleven o'clock and then right until it was at my ten o'clock. The other pilots in the flight. Since the sun was at our rear on original course, I was still observing object at eleven o'clock to myself. I could still observe object although the sun was at ten o'clock, 20 degrees azimuth and very bright, the point being that said object was not down sun or sun and could hardly be reflected light from another aircraft. I kept object in sight on a compass heading of 310 degrees for awhile, and after to others in the flight could sight object. I discontinued observation. Disregarding known size of object and assuming only that it was at an extremely high altitude, it is my opinion that approximately the object was between GS 7000 and GS 5000 during the time I observed it.

James E. Brinkley Jr.
JAMES E. BRINKLEY JR.
1st Lt. USAF
Chief

This report is general as to the previous sightings and is relative as to the one seen on the 31 August 1954. The first object observed was several minutes ago when on a early morning practice scramble, the number four man of our flight of four sighted an object at our one o'clock position high. This object was seen by all members of the flight and was travelling in an easterly heading. It was travelling at no outstanding speed and was approximately the same height level of jet aircraft. Its course was 130 degrees from our heading and it was observed until it went out of sight. The flight leader turned a report of this object in to our intelligence section when we returned. We were under the control of 3rd AF during the complete mission and they never called any stranger in our area. Our flight flew at 44,000 feet and the object was approximately 15 to 20,000 feet above us. The second object seen was during a instrument training flight while making an instrument let-down at K-14. I was flying chase for the other pilot on

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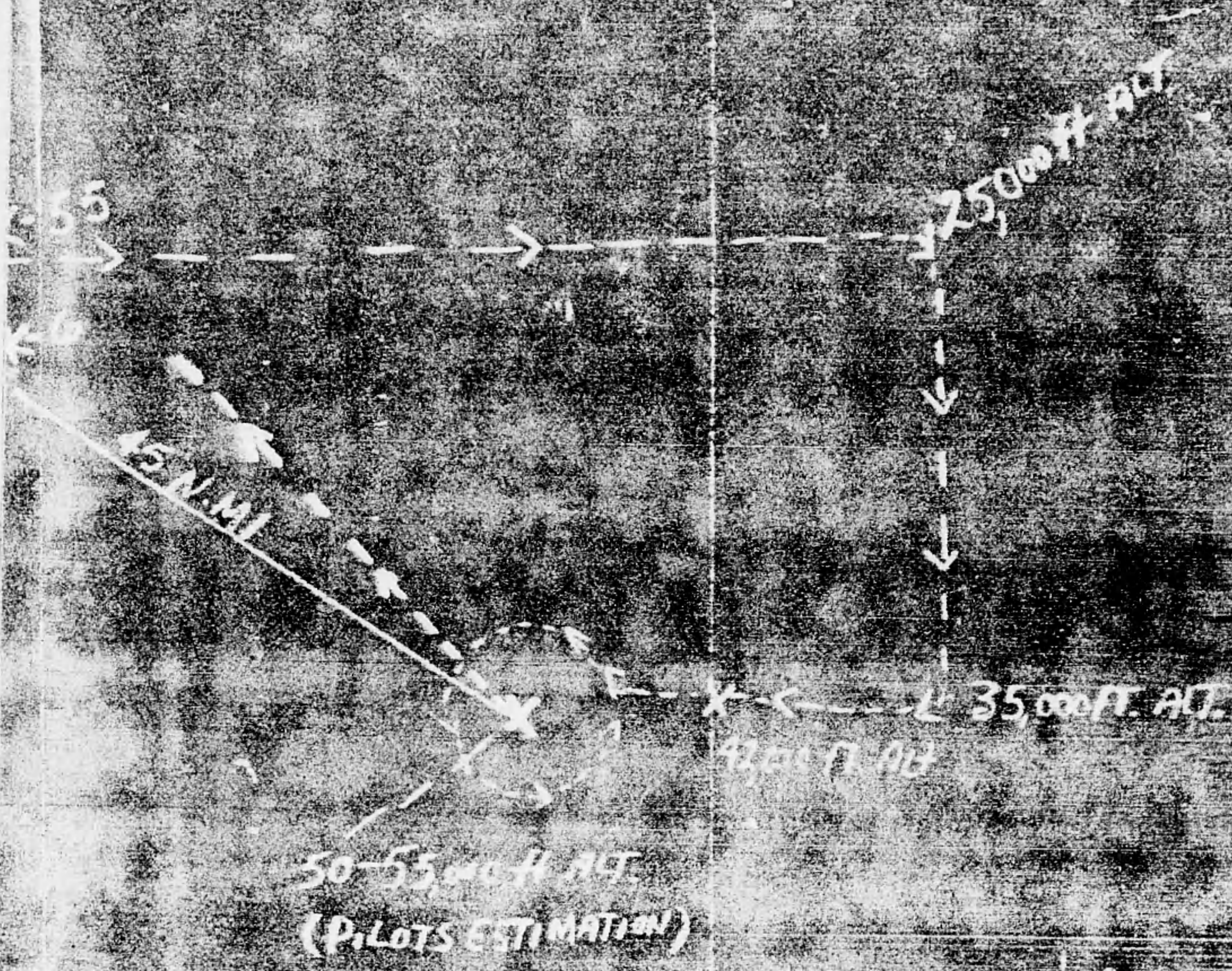
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instruments and was at an altitude of 12,000 feet heading west. The object was off at our ten o'clock position and at an altitude of approximately 45,000 feet plus. I was not able to continue an observation for any length of time for the necessity of clearing the other pilot. The third time an object was observed was the 31 August 1954 while returning to the home field from the local area. Our flight was doing i-trail aerobatics and at an altitude of 36,000 feet. This object was at our two o'clock position and again at a very high altitude. Its position was east of K-14 and approximately over the K-47 area in the buffer zone. No direction of flight or speed was noticed. These observations are not to be called "Flying Saucers" as the shape was not specifically round. They were definitely objects that were flying and maintaining an altitude. I cannot call them aircraft because no specific airframe type was observed. The altitude difference and direction would prevent a definite description of the object. They were not pulling any contrails on all observations.

Donald F. Koester

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2	Machiato, Okinawa (CASE MISSING)	Military & Civilian	Balloon
2	Mineral Wells, Texas	[REDACTED]	A/C
4	Butler, Missouri	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
5	Rockford, Illinois (CRIFO Newsletter, 1 Oct 54)(INFO)	Bartkus & McColm	
5	Butler, Missouri	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
5	Hillcrest Heights, Maryland	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
5	Palm Springs, California	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
6	Washington, D. C.	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
7	France	Unknown Civilian	Insufficient Data
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7	Las Vegas, Nevada	Military	Astro (METEOR)
9	Seoul, Korea	Military	Balloon
9	Kinston, North Carolina	Mewborn	Astro (METEOR)
12	Cape May, New Jersey	Unknown Civilian	A/C
14	Finland	Unknown	Astro (METEORITE)
14	Italy	Unknown Civilian	Insufficient Data
17	Hamlet, Indiana	[REDACTED] (PHOTOS)	Other (HOAX)
17	N. Rome Ciampino, Italy	Military	Balloon
17	Clarksdale, Arizona	Military	Insufficient Data
18	Kimpo AB, Korea	Military	UNIDENTIFIED
18	New Baden, Illinois	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
18	Oklahoma	Military	Astro (METEOR)
19	Montgomery, Alabama	[REDACTED]	Balloon
19	Beaumont, Texas	Unknown Civilian	Balloon
19	Atlanta, Georgia	[REDACTED]	Astro (STAR/PLANET)
20	Ionia, Michigan	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
20	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	[REDACTED]	Astro (CAPELLA)
20	Neah Bay, Washington	[REDACTED]	Astro (STAR/PLANET)
21	Barstow, California	Multi Civilian	UNIDENTIFIED
21	Winslow, Arizona	American Air Lines	Insufficient Data
21	Santa Maria Airport, Azores	Multi Civilian	UNIDENTIFIED
21	Houston, Texas	[REDACTED]	1. Insufficient Data 2. A/C
21	Venice, California	[REDACTED]	Astro (VENUS)
22	Marshfield, Missouri	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
23	Gatlinburg, Tennessee	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
23	Baltimore, Maryland	Military & Civilian	Astro (MARS)
23	West Riverside, California	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
24	Neosho, Missouri	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
25	Biloxi, Mississippi	[REDACTED]	A/C
26	Butler, Missouri	[REDACTED]	Other (BIRDS)
26	Beaumont, Texas	Military	A/C
26	Altoona, Pennsylvania	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
27	Loudonville, Ohio	[REDACTED]	A/C
27	Lafayette, Louisiana	Military & Civilian	Astro (METEOR)
27	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	Military	Insufficient Data
27	Kensington, Maryland	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS)
30	Temple Hills, Maryland	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
30	Lyon, France (Christian Science Monitor)(INFO)	[REDACTED]	