

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 4 NOVEMBER 1954 04/1620Z	2. LOCATION ELMENDORF AFB, ALASKA
3. SOURCE MILITARY	10. CONCLUSION PROBABLY BALLOON
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS ONE	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 MINUTES	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Round, white light, size of pea. Obj flew in 4 360° circles, ascended from 45° elev at 250° az then came to rest at approx 80° elev 250° az. Observer looking in direction of Fire Island.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION GROUND VISUAL	
7. COURSE 360° circles	COMMENTS: Rawinsonde balloon launched at 1430Z. Bust at 1530Z. Possible Balloon Sighting.
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☐ No	

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8. Negative
9. Negative
10. No known aircraft were airborne or expected to arrive at time of sighting at Elmendorf AFB, Nellis Field, International Airport or Lake Hood.
11. Assistant Chief, Field Operations, 5004th AINS. A check with CAG Weather, Anchorage International Airport, revealed a radio-sonde balloon was sent up at 041430Z Nov 54, heading North by East but had burst by 041530Z Nov 54. Base Weather, Elmendorf AFB, sent up red and black ceiling balloons, the first one recorded to be released at 042050Z Nov 54. None of the balloons released coincide with the time of the reported sighting. 10th Air Division radar did not track any unidentified objects.
12. Negative

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- c. N/A
- f. The object was observed for 20 minutes.
3. Name of observation:
 - a. Ground visual
 - b. N/A
 - c. N/A
4. Time and date of sighting:
 - a. 041620Z Nov 54 to 041640Z Nov 54
 - b. Night
5. Sunflower residential district, Elmendorf AFB, Alaska.
Approximately 3/4 mile South of the West end of the East-West Runway.
6. Identifying information of all observer(s):
 - a. N/A
 - b. 1st Lt. Jay R. Day, 65th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, Radar Observer. Considered very reliable, has been a Radar Observer since March 1952.
7. Weather and wind aloft conditions at time and place of sighting:
 - a. Overcast at from 5,000 to 7,000 feet, scattered. Clear spots over Fire Island and Chugach Mountains - thin clouds - haze.
 - b.

ALTITUDE	DIRECTION	VELOCITY
a. Surface		Calm
1,000 ft	160°	3 knots
6,000 "	150°	12 "
10,000 "	170°	18 "
16,000 "	180°	32 "
20,000 "	190°	35 "
30,000 "	200°	62 "
50,000 "	220-240°	100 "
 - c. At 041625Z Nov 54, 2,500 feet scattered, 4,000 feet broken.
 - d. At 041625Z Nov 54, 4-5 miles, South then West 3 miles.
 - e. At 041625Z Nov 54, 8/10 overcast.
 - f. Negative

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In accordance with the format established by AFM 200-2, Subject: UFOs, dated 12 August 1956, the following information is submitted:

1. Description of the object:

- a. Round
- b. Size of a small pea ($1/8"$ diameter) held at arms length
- c. White light
- d. One
- e. N/A
- f. N/A
- g. N/A
- h. N/A
- i. N/A

2. Description of course of object:

- a. The brightness of the light attracted the attention of the observer.
- b. When first observed the angle of elevation was approximately 45° on an azimuth of approximately 250° . Later rose to 85° on approximately 250° .
- c. N/A
- d. When first noticed, the object appeared to be descending toward the base at an elevation of 45° . The object was somewhat stable, in a very slight angle of descent and actually appeared to be moving closer during this maneuver. Duration of descent was approximately 15 seconds. At elevation 45° , the object made three (3) horizontal 360° circles. During the first 360° , the object was very bright and clear. The second and third 360° circles were not quite as bright as during the first, yet fairly clear. After the third 360° the object began climbing at a good steady rate, though not rapid. During ascent, the object made a backward horizontal maneuver for a short distance, then continued the ascent coming to rest at approximately 85° . The object remained in this location as the observer drove off to work.

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SECURITY INFORMATION

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AREA OF ORIGIN ELMENDORF ALASKA		DATE OF REPORT 17 Nov 54
SOURCE OF INFORMATION JAY H. DAY, 1st Lt, USAF		DATE OF INFORMATION 6 Nov 54
NAME OF SUBJECT MAJOR HEDGECOCK, 1st Lt, USAF		GRADE O-3
REFERENCES (Cite source, date, and report number)		
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SUBJECT UF03		
SUMMARY (Extensive summary of report. Give pertinent information in brief, but complete sentences. Do not use abbreviations.)		
This report contains information on an unidentified flying object observed by an Air Force officer from 014520Z Nov 54 to 011630Z Nov 54. The object was sighted from Elmendorf AFB on a Southwest bearing (270°) toward Pine Island. Upon completion of investigation, the object remained unidentified.		
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