PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
22 April 1955

2. LOCATION
Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local
GMT 23/0201Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
XX Ground-Visual
☐ Ground-Radar
☐ Air-Visual
☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
XX No

6. SOURCE
Civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
approx 4 minutes

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
one

9. COURSE
stationary

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
One object, round, sharply outlined, white, solid, was observed to stand still for one minute and then rise slowly.

11. COMMENTS
Investigated by Flight 3f, 4602d AISS, with the following conclusion: UFOB sighted was a Piper Cub.

12. CONCLUSIONS
☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon
XX Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft
☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical
☐ Other
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

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/A/ ROUND

/B/ BASKETBALL

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/F/ STOOD STILL FOR 6 SECONDS AND THEN ROSE VERY SLOW

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/A/ LIGHT IN THE SKY

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/D/ STOOD STILL FOR 5. SECONDS AND THEN ROSE VERY SLOW OBERSERVED AT ABOUT 2000 FT.

/E/ WAS JUST LIKE TURNING OFF LIGHT

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/A/ GROUND-VISUAL

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/A/ NM 45.13 JERSY SHORE PA.

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JERSY SHORE PA.

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SF 20SC SCATTERED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND SCATTERED FOUR MILES

VISIBILITY 2 13.0 Z

AVP SCT AVAILABLE 0230 Z

SF TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND SCATTERED FOUR MILES VISIBILITY 0230 Z

THUNDERSTORM 100 MILES EAST OF JERSY SHORE PA.

1/ 270/15K

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250/40K

270/55K

270/35K

NO REPORT

/C/ AVP CLEAR SWF 5000 SCATTERED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND SCATTERED

D/ AVP 15 MILES SWF 4 MILES

/E/ FOUR TENTHS

/F/ THUNDERSTORM 100 MILES EAST OF JERSY SHORE PA.

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1. DATE ~~23/0201Z~~ April 1955	2. LOCATION Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania	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 ~~23/0201Z April 1955~~ GMT_____	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Approx four (4) Minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One (1)	9. COURSE Stationary

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

One (1) object, round, sharply outlined, white, solid, was observed to stand still of one minute and then rise slowly.

11. COMMENTS

Investigated by Flight 3f, 4602d AISS, with the following conclusion: UFOB sighted was a Piper Cub.

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SUBJECT: UFOB

AREA REPORTED ON: JERSEY SHORE, PENNSYLVANIA, USA

FROM (AFSE): Flight 31, 46026 AISS

DATE OF REPORT: 22 April 1955

DATE OF INFORMATION: 22 April 1955

EVALUATION:

PREPARED BY (Office): CHARLES B. COPAS, 1st Lt, USAF

SOURCE: [redacted] and others

REFERENCES (Attach summary, transcript, previous report, map or sketch): Telephone Conversation with Hq 46026 AISS, Sq Cmd, 200-2

SUMMARY: (Write concise summary of report. For intelligence use, summarize pertinent facts and comments, including [illegible] 24 April 1955.)

I. CONTENTS:

PART ONE: Description of sighting by Mr. [redacted] Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania. (GJNK AA3)

PART TWO: Description of sighting by [redacted] Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania. (GJNK AA3)

PART THREE: Supplementary Investigative Efforts.

PART FOUR: Comments of Reporting Officer.

II. SUMMARY: One (1) unidentified flying object was sighted by one (2) GCA operators at 2302½Z April 1955, east of Jersey Shore, Pa. (GJNK AA3), and subsequently reported GCA. An investigation was conducted at Jersey Shore, Pa by personnel from Flight 31, 46026 AISS, and supplementary investigative efforts were made through Air Force [illegible] in Pittsburgh as well as Jersey Shore, Pa areas. The information contained in this report was obtained through these investigations.

III. INVESTIGATORS:

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T/Sgt PAUL E. MONCHEICK	AF 13079881
A/2C MALCOLM E. SUGARER	AF 16417889

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I. SOURCE: [redacted]

Address: [redacted] Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania

Age: 22

Occupation: Knitter in Hosiery Mill

Education: 8 years Grade School

4 years High School

Qualifications: GOC Observer for past six (6) months, one (1) enlistment in USAF (4 years) as mechanic

II. RELIABILITY: Source answered questions without hesitation, and seemed to be sure of his answers. He appeared to be intelligent, as a trained GOC Observer who is highly regarded at his unit, and is also a former Air Force man. The information given by Source is considered to be reliable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: Source a member of GOC at Jersey Shore, Pa (GIN 4413) while on duty 22 April 1955 did at 230210Z April observe an Unidentified Flying Object to the east of his post. Source stated that there was no moon light, a clear sky, and that the object was round, fuzzy or blurred, and appeared much brighter than the background of the sky. Source stated that object appeared to stand still for about sixty (60) seconds and then to rise slowly for about three (3) minutes and disappear. No sound was heard at this time. Source observed this with naked eyes. He stated that object appeared to him like an automobile light at a distance of one (1) mile. Source estimated the real size of the object as fifty (50) feet in diameter. He further stated that it gave the same appearance as a single aircraft landing light. Source had seen an object similar to this in February 1955.

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I. SOURCE: [redacted]

Address: [redacted] Jersey Shore, Pennsylvania

Age: 46

Occupation: Housewife and Stenographer

Education: 8 years Grade School

4 years High School

Qualifications: GOC Observer for four (4) years.

II. RELIABILITY: Source is trained GOC Observer, gave the impression of being competent in her work. Source answered questions intelligently and without hesitation. Therefore, the information received from Source is considered to be reliable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: Source, a GOC Observer, while on duty 22 April 1955, Jersey Shore, Pa (GJNK 4713) stepped outside the post and to the east noticed an Unidentified Flying Object in the sky. Source stated that the time was 2302 10% April 1955 and that there were only a few stars, no moonlight (pitch black) and no aircraft heard flying at that time. Source states object was round, sharply outlined, white, and appeared to be solid. Object appeared to stand still, then rise up slowly and then disappear. Total elapse time during her observation was ten (10) minutes. Source stated that object was brighter than background of sky and gave the appearance of an automobile light at a distance of one (1) mile. Source stated that object just blinked out and looked like a big spotlight. Source has no opinion what object was or what might have caused it.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS:

1. Williamsport Airport Weather Bureau: Information received from the weather bureau at Williamsport, Pa. (GJPM 0515), located approx. (16) miles east of Jersey Shore, Pa. (GJNM 4413), indicated the following which was compiled between 230125Z April 55 and 230225Z April 55:

a. (1) Wind direction 290 degrees - 50 knots at altitude 6,000 feet.
(2) Wind direction 280 degrees - 39 knots at altitude 10,000 feet.
(3) Ceiling - unlimited.
(4) Visibility - 12 miles.
(5) Cloud cover - zero.
(6) No thunderstorms observed in area.

b. One (1) weather balloon, color red, weight 30 grams with standard electric lightning was released at 230200Z April 55. It was observed for seventeen (17) minutes until 230217 April 55. Balloon continued to rise in easterly direction until out of sight.

2. Greater Pittsburgh Airport Weather Bureau: Weather report for Williamsport - Jersey Shore area received from Greater Pittsburgh Airport Weather Bureau was the same as that indicated under para 1.a. for the same period.

3. Allegheny Observatory, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, Pa. (GJM 2701): Allegheny Observatory reported that no observations had been made during evening of 22 April 1955.

4. 146th ACAW Squadron, Benton, Pa. (GJPM 4212): A check made through Operations, 71st Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, Greater Pittsburgh Airport, to 146th ACAW Squadron indicated negative results for period of reported UFOB sighting.

5. CAA Office, Williamsport Airport, Williamsport, Pa. (GJPM 0505): A check made at the CAA Office, Williamsport Airport, indicated that no flight plans for any small aircraft were filed for area of UFOB sighting during time of sighting. However, the CAA Office stated that the weather was VFR during the period of the reported UFOB sighting, and that it was possible for small aircraft to be flying locally without a flight plan being filed.

6. Lock Haven Airport, Lock Haven, Pa. (GJNM 5405): A check was made for aircraft in the area of sighting at time of sighting. Negative results.

7. Mr. Thomas Deacon, a member of the Williamsport, Pa. Weather Bureau, who was contacted by a Flight 31 investigator, stated that he had observed a small Piper Cruiser aircraft flying around to the west of Williamsport in the general area of the reported UFOB sighting from Jersey Shore, at the time of the reported UFOB sighting (230210Z April). Mr. Deacon further stated that one of the aircraft's navigation lights was out. He was not certain but he thought that the red light was out. A check was made with CAA to determine who owned a Piper Cruiser stationed in the Williamsport area. It was determined that a local flying club owned a Piper Cruiser and that a member of the club had been flying in it in the area of the UFOB sighting at the time of the UFOB sighting. An investigator could not locate and contacted the member Mr. Bobby Jacques whose statement follows in paragraph 8.

8. Mr. Bobby Jacques, Wycombing Creek Road, Williamsport, Pa. (GJPM 5515) told the Flight 31 investigator that he had been flying a Piper Cruiser over the area of Montoursville, Pa. (GJNM 5513), approximately two (2) miles west of Williamsport, Pa. between

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approximately 230215Z and 230230Z April 1955. He could not give the exact time that he was in this area since he had not filed a flight plan. He stated that his navigation lights were functioning. He stated he checked them on take-off and on landing, but also stated that there had been trouble with one of the navigation lights (red one) going off and on. He stated, however, that to the best of his knowledge, the lights were all functioning during the entire period of his flight.

9. Check with Flight Service Center, Olmstead AFB, Pa. Negative results. Base Operations, Greater Pittsburgh Airport, has been unable to obtain the requested information from Airways Traffic Control Center, Idlewild Airport, New York through Flight Service Center, Olmstead AFB, Pa to date (27 April 1955), due to the heavy IFR weather in the New York-Pennsylvania area during the past week and the resulting heavy work load on Airways Traffic Control Center personnel, facilities etc.

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COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. It is the opinion of the preparing officer that the Unidentified Flying Object sighted and reported by the two (2) GAC Observers, whose descriptions of the object are contained in this report, was a light aircraft, specifically the Piper Cruiser, piloted by Mr [redacted] (Williamsport, Pa) and described in paragraphs 7 and 8 of Part Three - Supplementary Investigative Efforts. The specific reasons for this opinion are the following:

a. Place:

Both of the observers state that the object was deep east of Jersey Shore, Pa. The aircraft known to be aloft at the approximate time of the sighting was over Newberry, Pa, which is approximately sixteen (16) miles east of Jersey Shore, Pa. CONCLUSION: The light aircraft described above was definitely at the place where the UFOB was observed.

b. Time:

Both observers state that the object was sighted at 230210Z April 1955. One observer [redacted] stated that she observed the object for a period of ten (10) minutes. The other observer ([redacted] stated that he observed it for three (3) minutes. The pilot of the aircraft states that his aircraft was over Newberry, Pa, between approximately 230215Z and 230230Z April 1955. (See Part Three, para 8). Mr Deacon of the Williamsport Weather Bureau stated that the aircraft was definitely in the area of the reported UFOB sighting at 230210Z April 1955 (See Part Three, para 7). CONCLUSION: The light aircraft described above was definitely at the place of the UFOB sighting at the time of the sighting.

c. Nature of the Lights:

One observer (Mr Schall) stated that in his opinion the lights might have been caused by a helicopter or plane with a searchlight. (He) disappeared like you would turn out a light. The other observer (Mrs Waddell) stated that she had no opinion regarding what the object was, but she indicated that she had seen an object like the one reported about a year ago. She further stated, "It turned out to be a plane". She also stated that the lights "just blinked out". Mr Deacon (See Part Three, para 7) indicated that one of the aircraft navigation lights was out when he observed it - the pilot of the aircraft (See Part Three, para 8) stated that all of the lights on the aircraft were functioning during the flight to the best of his knowledge, but he indicated that there had been trouble with one of the lights (red or green) off and on. CONCLUSION: It is highly probable that the lights described by the two (2) observers were the lights given off by the navigational lights on a plane having discovered a difference of from ten (10) to twenty (20) miles with one light blinking off and on at irregular intervals. With the time and place of the aircraft well established, it is the opinion of the preparing officer that the lights described definitely were the lights given off by the deep green and red light aircraft navigational lights, with one light blinking off and on at irregular intervals.

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d. Movement of the Object:

Both observers state that the object appeared to stand still and then to move slowly upward and then disappeared. CONCLUSIONS: The movement observed was that of the light given off by the navigational lights of the slow moving aircraft described above, possible "disappearing" when the aircraft made a turn and/or lights went out.

e. Negative Results of Supplemental Investigative Efforts:

As a result of the supplemental investigative efforts made by Flight 3E, no object or aircraft, other than the aircraft described in Part Three, paras 7 and 8 (Piper Cruiser piloted by Mr [redacted], Williamsport, Pa) has been placed in the area of UFOB sighting at the time of UFOB sighting. CONCLUSIONS: Aircraft described above was only flying object at place of sighting at time of sighting.

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COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Concur with the opinion of the Preparing Officer that sighting was the result of observing designated aircraft.

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