PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	12. CONCLUSIONS
28 April 1955	Dahlgren, Virginia (RADAR 2-)	☒ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 28/1820Z	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ☒ Ground-Visual ☒ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	**6. SOURCE** Military (VISUAL)	☒ Was Astronomical Jupiter ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 hr, 30 mins	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** one	**9. COURSE**
		☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Round, 20-30 feet in diameter. Silver-metallic. Moving slowly.

11. COMMENTS

Jupiter in approximate position reported. Daylight observation. Object not visible to naked eye. Visible only through theolite.

RADAR EVAL: BALLOON.

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UFOB

1 DESCRIPTION

A ROUND

B. 2Ø-3Ø FEET DIAMETER

USING GRND THEOLITE

C. SILVER METALLIC

D. ONE

E. N/A

F. ELONGATE AND WAVER COULD BE ILLUSION

G. NONE

H. NONE

I. NONE

2 DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

A. TAKING PIBAL AND TRACKING IT WHEN THEY CAME UPON UFOB

B. 31.8 DEG ELEV "4Ø DEG RELATIVE BEARING FROM DAHLGREN OPERATIONS VA.

16 MILES AT 28/182ØZ 19.8 DEG ELEV "59 DEG TRUE BEARING AT 28/194ØZ

FROM SAME LOCETION

C. STILL VISIBLE AT 29 DEG

D. MOVING VERY SLOWLY DROPPED TO 29 DEG ELVE 245 DEG RELATIVE BEARING

2 DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

A. TAKING PIBAL AND TRACKING IT WHEN THEY CAME UPON UFOB

B. 31.8 DEG ELEV "40 DEG RELATIVE BEARING FROM DAHLGREN OPERATIONS VA.

16 MILES AT 28/1820Z 19.8 DEG ELEV "59 DEG TRUE BEARING AT 28/1940Z

FROM SAME LOCETION

C. STILL VISIBLE AT 29 DEG

D. MOVING VERY SLOWLY DROPPED TO 29 DEG ELVE 245 DEG RELATIVE BEARING

AT 28/1820Z

E. STILL PRESENT

F. 1 HR 30 MINS

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

A. GROUND VISUAL AND GROUND ELECTRONIC - AIR SURVEILLENCE RADAR

B. THEDI.

TES

C. N/A

4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

A. 281820Z

B. DAY

5. LOCATION OF OBSERVER

LAT 3820N 770"Z AT DAHLGREN BASE OPNS VA

BYM IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBSERVERS

A. N/A

B. [redacted] NAL PROVING GRD DAHLGREN VA EA OBSERVOR

[redacted] AG1 SAME ORGAN AND SAME DUTY

RELIABILITY UNK

7. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITION AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING

A. 250 SCATTERED CLDS 20000 SCATTERED CLDS VIS 15 MILES WINDS SSW 25

KTS

B. 6000 FT3010 DEG 24 KT

10000 FT 020 DEG 17 KT

16000 FT 040 DEG 11 KT

RELIABILITY UNK

7. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITION AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING

A. 250 SCATTERED CLDS 20000 SCATTERED CLDS VIS 15 MILES WINDS SSW 25 KTS

B. 6000 FT3010 DEG 24 KT

10000 FT 0200 DEG 17 KT

15000 FT 0400 DEG 11 KT

20000 FT 0900 DEG GPE KT

30000

EPPPP FT 10 DEG 13 KT

50000 FT 2500 DEG 06 KT

80000 FT 2600 DEG 15 KT

C. SAME AS 7 A ABOVE

DBM 15 MILSE

E. 2/1

F. N/A

8. NONE

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9. AD TYPE A/C BUT OUT OF RANGE 35-40000 FT

10 NONE

11. OPERATIPN OFFICER FLT SVC CEN OLMSTED AFB PA

POSSIBLY WEA BATTOON SINCE WINDS ARE NEGL1913

?12 NONE

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UFOB INDEX CARD

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	12. CONCLUSIONS
28 April 1955	Dahlgren, Virginia	☐ Was Balloon ☒ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 28/1820Z April 1955	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	**6. SOURCE** Military (USN)	☒ Was Astronomical Jupiter ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** / **9. COURSE**	☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
One hour and fifty-six Min.	One (1) / Semi-Stationary	

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

One (1) object, round, white, sharpley defined edges, estimated at 38,000 feet, to be approx 30 feet in diameter. Theodolite eyepiece used by observer.

11. COMMENTS

Observer commented that the object looked like a balloon. Investigation by Flight 3-H disclosed that this object was/a Rasonde balloon released by the Norfolk Naval Base.

Jupiter (?)

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28 April 1952

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[redacted] Observation of Sighting by AO1 [redacted] Observer, Radar Operator, Navigator, Pilot (GMT 5320)

[redacted] Observation of Sighting by AO1 [redacted] Observer, Radar Operator, Navigator, Pilot

PART THREE - Supplementary Investigative Records

PART FOUR - Comments of Investigating Officer

SUMMARY: An unidentified flying object was sighted at Newark Airport, Newark, Delaware (GMT 5320) on 28/1820Z April 1952. Nine witnesses, including two radar operators, observed the object and from investigation could determine no possible cause for the sighting.

INVESTIGATED BY: 1/Sgt Wolfgang R. Rheinendoerfer AO1 11281950

CHRISTMAS B. HANSON
Captain, USAF
Intelligence Officer

APPROVED

JOHN M. UHLER, JR.
Colonel, USAF
Commander

(See Reverse for Additional Remarks)

D/I [redacted] Comments: [redacted] D/I [redacted] Comments: [redacted] OIC [redacted]

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1. SOURCE: [redacted]

Address: [redacted] Naval Proving Ground

Dahlgren, Virginia

Age: 32

Occupation: Petty Officer 1st Class, USN

Education: High school graduate

Qualifications: Aerographer

2. RELIABILITY: Unknown. SOURCE was contacted by phone.

3. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE had released a weather balloon from his station at operations, Naval Proving Ground, Dahlgren, Virginia, (GUND 5820) and was tracking it by use of a theodolite at [illegible] on 28/1820Z April. SOURCE observed an object in the sky in the general direction of the weather balloon. SOURCE discontinued observation of the weather balloon and tracked the theodolite, estimated 20° on the object.

The object is seen through the eyepiece of the theodolite as the [illegible] size of the head of a pin. It could not be seen with the naked eye.

The object was round, white in color, and had sharply defined edges. It appeared that it did assume an elongated shape at times and [illegible] averaged.

SOURCE notified AGI [redacted] of the sighting (refer to Part Two, this report). He then continued tracking the object, recording elevations and bearings.

In the course of observing the object, SOURCE was informed that the local, alerted radar station had received returns from the object by use of Anti Surveillance Radar. From his own receiver and those available from the radar station SOURCE estimated that the object was at an altitude of 38,000 feet and was 20 to 30 feet in diameter.

SOURCE believed that the object may have been a balloon of the skyhook type, but since he has no experience with large balloons he did not want to commit himself.

The information contained in the following paragraphs of Sec 1 [illegible] message from Commander, 26th AD, dated 28/2020Z was furnished by SOURCE: 1. Description: A, B, D & E; 2 Description of Course: A, B, C, D, E, F; 7 Weather and Winds-Aloft Conditions: A, B, C, D, E, F.

SOURCE observed the object for a period of one hour and 56 minutes.

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JIEPNY/CMDR 26TH AD DIE ROSLYN NY
JIEDWE/CMDR AMR JIECHNICAL INTREP CEN WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO
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UIFOB
1. DESCRIPTION
A. ROUND
BAM 20-30 KNOTS DIAMETER
USING GRND RADAR
C. OBSERVER MCGUIRE
D. ONE
E. N/A
F. EVASIVE AND WAVER COULD BE ILLUSION
G. NONE

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H. NONE
I. NONE
2. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE
A. TRACKING PEDRO AND TRACKING INTERCEPT CAMEL FORMATION
B. SIGHTED DIRECTLY AT 40 DEG RIGHT REL BEARING FROM DARTMOUTH OPERATIONS VA
16 MILES AT 28/1822Z LOST 8 DEG DIRECTLY AT 59 DEG TURNED BEARING AT 28/1940Z
FROM SAME LOCATION
C. SIGHT VISIBLE AT 29 DEG
D. MOVING VERY SLOWLY DROPPED TO 29 DEG THEN 24.5 DEG RIGHT REL BEARING
AT 28/1822Z
E. SIGHT DISCONTINUED
F. 3 HR 30 MINS
3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION
A. GROUND VISUAL AND GROUND RADAR/ELECTRONIC / AIR SURVEILLANCE RADAR
B. PHOTOGRAPHS
C. N/A
4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING
A. 28182ØZ
B. DAY
5. LOCATION OF OBSERVER
LAT 3820N 7700Z AT DARTMOUTH BASIC OBNS VA

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EYE WITNESS IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF AIR OBSERVERS

A. N/A

B. [redacted] AGE NAVAL PROVING GRD DARLGREN VA USA OBSERVER

[redacted] AGE SAME ORGAN AND SAME DUTY

RELIABILITY: UNK

C. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITION AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING

A. 25% SCATTERED CLDS 20000 SCATTERED CLDS VIS 15 MILES WINDS SSW 25 KTS

B. 6000 FT 300 DEG 24 KT
10000 FT 020 DEG 17 KT
16000 FT 040 DEG 11 KT
20000 FT 080 DEG CALM KT
30000 FT 10 DEG 15 KT
50000 FT 250 DEG 06 KT
80000 FT 260 DEG 15 KT

C. SAME AS ABOVE

DBM 15 MILES

E. 2/1

F. N/A

G. NONE

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9. AD TYPE A/C BUT OUT OF RANGE 35-40000 FT

10. NONE

11. OPERATION ORDER FOR SVC GEN OLMSTED AFB PA POSSIBLY WEA BALLOON SINCE WINDS ARE NEGLIGIBLE

12. NONE

13.

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CHESTER B HANSON
Captain, USAF

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1. SOURCE: [redacted]

Address: [redacted], US Naval Proving Ground, Dahlgren, Virginia

Age: 27

Occupation: Petty Officer 1st Class, USN

Education: High school graduate

Qualifications: Aerographer

2. The following information was obtained by SOURCE who was contacted by phone.

3. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE was performing duties in the Operations Building, Naval Proving Ground, Dahlgren, Virginia (YE 1820) Zulu (Z-28/1820Z April he was ordered outside by Officer A. Carlton (Refer to Part One, this report) who had spotted an object through the eyepiece of the theodolite he was then using in tracking a weather balloon which had just been released for that station.

SOURCE went outside to have a look at the object which could not be seen with the naked eye. He stated that the object as observed through the theodolite was the size of the head of a pin.

The color of the object appeared to be a metallic silver and the edges were sharply defined.

It moved at a relatively slow speed and did not change its course. SOURCE believed that it moved South-West to West from his point of observation.

The object was round, but it seemed to take on an elongated shape at times, and also waver.

SOURCE has no explanation for the object and returned inside the Operations Building to notify his superiors and reminded at the telephone, handling all phone traffic an reference to the object. He left for brief periods to have another look.

From 28/1820Z to 28/1840Z SOURCE observed the object intermittently for an estimated total period of five minutes.

SOURCE stated that the object might have been a balloon of some type but was because his experience was limited in this regard. The Aerographer based his opinion upon recording certain instruments.

SOURCE has never observed anything like this object before.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATION REPORTS:

1. A check with Andrews AFB (GJPJ 0918) Operations and Weather was made for balloon releases at the time of the sighting. Negative negative.

2. Operations and Weather of the Marine Air Station at Quantico (GJNJ 4230) was checked with for balloon releases at the time of sighting. Negative results.

3. The US Weather Service, Washington, D.C. (GJNJ 5856) was contacted for information of balloon releases in the Chesapeake Area at the time of sighting. Negative results.

4. Operations and Weather of Langley AFB (GJEE 3010) were contacted for information of balloon releases. Negative results.

5. Fleet Weather Central, Norfolk Naval Base, Norfolk, Virginia (GJBC 4356) was contacted and furnished the following information by phone and TT message:

Fleet Weather Central released a Rasonde balloon at 28/1405Z April, which was 82 inches long, inflated and tested in AN/AMT-4A Rasonde was attached.

The balloon was lost at 28/1436Z, last azimuth observed 277 degrees, last elevation angle 66.5 degrees, location at termination approximately 5 miles west of Norfolk Naval Station, Altitude at termination 45,774 feet.

Weather data during observed flight of balloon:

Altitude	Degrees	Knots
5 000	008	24
10 000	033	15
16 000	062	08
20 000	146	12
25 000	142	09
30 000	153	14
35 000	182	06
40 000	138	15
45 000	190	08

Information received by phone conversation with the Fleet Weather Central revealed that there was a good possibility that the object sighted at the Naval Proving Ground, Dahlgren, Virginia was the Rasonde balloon released at Norfolk Naval Base.

6. For weather data at the Naval Proving Ground, Dahlgren, Virginia at the time of sighting refer to paragraph 7.A.B.(6,39,K) of Enclosure Part One, this report.

1 Enclosure:
1. MSG FM FLEETWEACEN NORVA

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ATTACHED X MAST AZIMUTH OBTAINED 277 DEG X MAST ELEVATION ANGLE 60.3
DEG X LOCATION AT TERMINATION APPROX 5 MI WEST NAS NORFOLK X MX DURING
FIFL 3000 FT BRKN CLDS VIS 8 MI X ALTR OF BALLOON AT TERMINATION
45774 FWC X BALLOON LOST AT 2814362 X WINDS DURING FIFL SFC 3000 DEG
14 5KTS X 5000 FT 008 24 X 10000 FT 033 15 X 16000 FT 062 08 X 20000
FT 143 12 X 25000 FT 142 09 X 30000 FT 152 X 35000 FT 182 06 X
40000 FT 158 15 X 45000 FT 190 08
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COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

a. In the opinion of the Preparing Officer, this sighting was probably caused by the Rasonde balloon releases by Fleet Weather Central, Norfolk Naval Base, Norfolk, Virginia for the following reasons:

a. The object's general behavior and appearance was that of a balloon and the color of the object as described by SOURCE A/1 [redacted] coincided with the color of the Rasonde balloon.

b. Both SOURCES agreed that the object could have been a balloon but were not sure because of inexperience with large gas balloons, size of object, altitude of object, radar returns from object and direction of course.

(1) The size of the object as given by SOURCE [redacted] (20 to 30 feet in diameter) was computed from two estimates, elevation 35,000 feet and image size in eyepiece of theodolite (head of a pin). SOURCE stated that this may be inaccurate.

(2) An AN/AMT-4A Rasonde was tracked to the balloon and according to information furnished by Fleet Weather Central, this equipment would give a radar return.

(3) One of the main factors causing SOURCES to doubt that the object was a balloon was its course. However, Fleet Weather Central at Norfolk estimated that the course of the balloon would be approximately in a north-west direction.

CHRISTIAN E. HANSON
Captain, USAF
Officer-in-Charge

COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Concur in the opinion of the Preparing Officer that sighting was caused by the described Rasonde balloon released at Norfolk Naval Base.

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