PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
22 September 1956

2. LOCATION
St. Petersburg, Florida

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 0426 EST (N)
GMT 22/0926Z

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

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☐ No

6. SOURCE
Civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
seven minutes

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
one

9. COURSE
stationary

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

One round object, size unknown. Color white or light color. Object had port holes or windows with light shinging through. Object faded (condensed) at same spot. No a/c in area but there was temperature inversion at 1750 ft and 3200 ft.

11. COMMENTS

No significant astro bodies in SW at rptd time of sighting. Mars was at 20dgr elevation 260dgr azimuth, object reported at 30 dgr elevation 230dgr azimuth. P Possible sighting of Mars through temperature inversion (Reported colors of tend toward reds-Mars) However, cannot conclude on data presented. Insufficient data.

12. CONCLUSIONS

☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon

☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft

☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical

☐ Other _____
X ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

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660TH AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING SQUADRON
MacDill Air Force Base
Tampa, Florida

27 September 1956

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado
ATTN: Int Officer

Inclosed are reports of unidentified flying objects by this squadron, and Director/Intelligence 305th Bomb Wing (M), MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida.

PAUL A. SIGS
2nd Lt. USAF
Adjutant

CLASSIFICATION

COUNTRY OF ACTIVITY REPORTING	REPORT NO.	(Leave blank)
United States	1-56	

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

COUNTRY OR AREA REPORT CONCERNS	DATE OF INFORMATION	
St. Petersburg, Florida		
ACTIVITY SUBMITTING REPORT	DATE OF COLLECTION	SRI STATUS (If applicable)
Dir/Intelligence, 305th Bm Wg (M)	24 Sept 1956	SRI NO. CANCELED/COMPLETE
PREPARING INDIVIDUAL	DATE OF REPORT	SRI NO. CANCELED/INCOMPLETE
B. R. Cowan, Capt., USAF	26 Sept 1956	SRI NO. ACTIVE
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE	EVALUATION	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON (Date)
Mr. [redacted] (Civilian)	F-2	

REFERENCES (AIR Subject, previous reports, etc., as applicable)

First report. DIX report was not cited reference this report due to the late time of sighting till observer was interrogated.

SUBJECT (Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects)

UFOB

SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies)

1. UFOB report forwarded under APR 200-2, dated 12 Aug 1954.

2. The manager of a restaurant in St. Petersburg, Florida called the MacDill AFB Officer of the Day on Saturday morning, 22 September, stating that an employee had observed a "flying saucer" early that morning. An appointment was arranged for a 305th Bm Wg Intelligence Officer to interview this person, identified as Mr. [redacted] of [redacted] South, St. Petersburg. A detailed report of this Unidentified Flying Object sighting is included on AF Form 112a.

TOM D. DERRY
Major, USAF
Dir/Intelligence
305th Bm Wg (M)

(2) INCLS

Sketchs of object observed.

(Number of Publication No. of Unit and Title Indicated and Mail and copies w/o inclosures, if applicable)

CLASSIFICATION (SECURITY INFORMATION when filled in)

SUPPLEMENT TO AF FORM 112

ORIGINATING AGENCY	REPORT NO.	PAGE 1 OF 3 PAGES
Dir/Intelligence; 305th Bm Wg (H)	1-56	

An Unidentified Flying Object sighting in the vicinity of St. Petersburg, Florida was reported to MacDill AFB, Florida on 22 Sept 56. Object was sighted at 0125 EST (0625Z) by a young man [redacted] and his mother, who reside at [redacted] Ave, South, in St. Petersburg. Sighting was observed for approximately seven (7) minutes by both persons from a second floor screened porch. Binoculars of 8 x 56 power were utilized during most of sighting period.

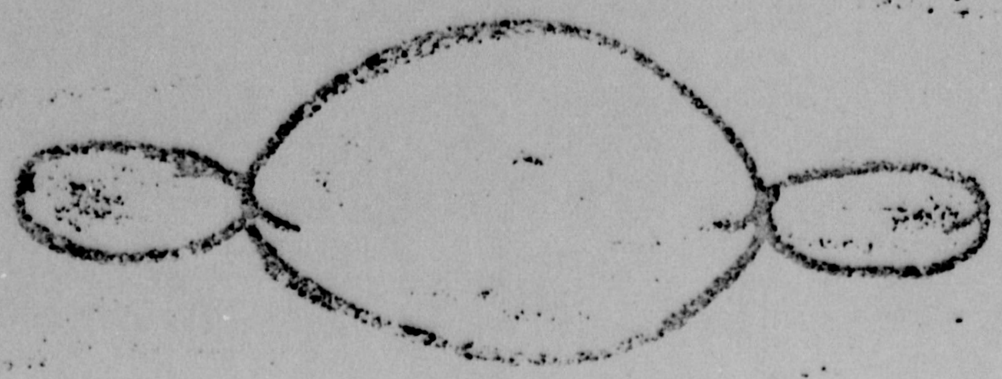
Object was described as first appearing as shown in attached sketch #1 (Incl #1) when first viewed by the naked eye, then as shown in sketch #2, when first looking through binoculars prior to focusing the binoculars. After the glasses were properly brought into focus, the object appeared as shown in sketch #3. Toward end of sighting period, [redacted], thinking that porch screen possibly could be distorting his view, moved to another vantage point on second floor side porch with no screen and object appeared the same. Then as he watched, it appeared to grow smaller and take on form originally viewed with naked eye and gradually became smaller and smaller until it disappeared completely. At no time did object appear to be moving in any direction. Object was estimated to be approximately 1500' in the air and not more than one to two miles at a slant range from point of observation, which would place position of the object about over the beach along Gulf of Mexico to the West of St. Petersburg (estimated position of sighting by coordinates: 27 Lat 82 Lng).

Object appeared to have no distinct outline, but because of the differences in size of the individual windows from which a white light radiated, gave the impression that overall, the object was round in shape. Object appeared to hang motionless in the sky with white light coming from windows or port-hole type openings which were definitely counted to be in a line of four (4) on the horizontal and six (6) on the perpendicular. Moon and stars were visible during time of sighting, but not in a position to interfere with line of sight to object. Light from bottom row of windows seemed to radiate downward through the openings appearing as windows, and light from the top windows glowed upward until diffused by cloud layer several hundred feet above altitude of the object. A hazy glow of diffused light appeared to penetrate the sky surrounding the object at all times during the sighting.

Apparently, the sighting made a deep impression on both observers and during interrogation by Intelligence Officer, [redacted] stated that he was actually frightened and at the same time fascinated by what he saw.

No other sightings were reported to this installation during period concerned. A check with 305th AD & W Sqdn revealed no unusual activity or infractions of coincidental value.

[redacted]
1st Lt, USAF
Major, USAF



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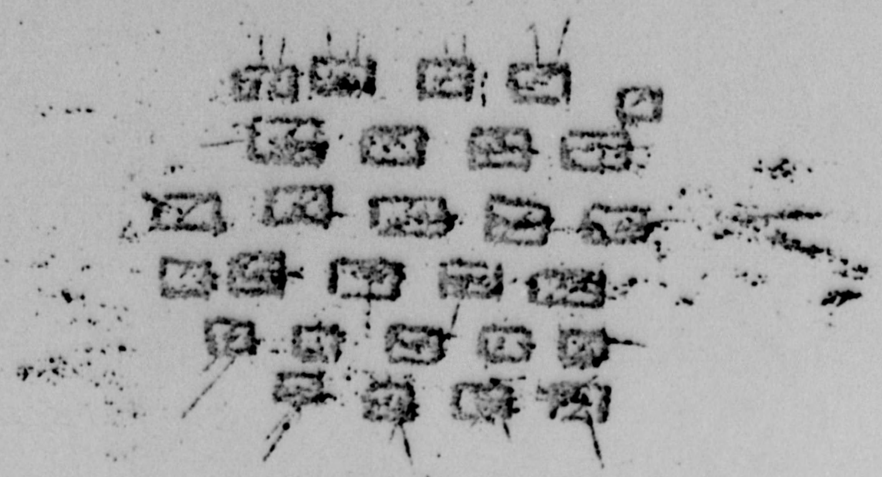

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A.

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3.

Object appeared as shown in sketch 3A part of the time, and as shown in 3B part of the time. Observer believed these two sketches to be good examples of how object looked through focused binoculars. Light diffusion could possibly have caused observer's uncertainty as to positive shape of openings.

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HEADQUARTERS
35TH AIR DIVISION (DEFENSE)
Dobbins Air Force Base
Marietta, Georgia

REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. A brief description of the object (s): It was round, with both round and square portholes.

a. Shape:
Round

B. Size (Compare with known Object):
Negative

c. Color White or light color

d. Number: one

e. Formation (if any more than one):
N/A

f. Any discernable features or details:
Portholes or Windows with light shining thru.

g. Tail, trail, or exhaust, including size of same compared to size of object (s)
Negative

h. Sound (If heard, describe sound):
None

i. Other pertinent or unusual features:
Negative

2. Description of course of object (s):
Stationary

a. What first called the attention of observer (s) to the object (s)
Chance observance

b. Angle of elevation and azimuth of the object (s) when first observed.
30° Angle of Elevation 230° Azimuth from point of observation

c. Angle of elevation and azimuth of object (s) upon disappearance:
30° Angle of Elevation 230° Azimuth from point of observation

d. Description of flight path and maneuvers of object (s):
None

e. Manner of disappearance of object (s):
Faded (Condensed) at same spot

f. Length of time in sight:
7 minutes

3. Means of observation:
Naked eye and power glasses

a. Use one or any combination of the following items: (Ground Visual, Aerial Visual, Ground-electronic, Air-electronic) To identify type of

Ground-Visual

WEATHER INFORMATION

WINDS:

Surface/ESE/4
6,000/110/20
10,000/160/14
16,000/120/15
20,000/110/6
30,000/280/28
50,000/280/42

CEILING: 3,000 feet

VISIBILITY: Ten miles

CLOUD COVER: Broken .6

THUNDERSTORMS: None

TEMPERATURE INVERSION: At 1,750 feet and 3,200 feet.

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b. Statement as to optical aids (telescopes, binoculars, and so forth) used and description thereof:

Binoculars

c. If the sighting is made while airborne, give type aircraft, identification or number, altitude, heading, speed, and home station:

N/A

4. Time and date of sighting:

0426 MST 22 September 1956

a. Zulu time-date group of sighting:

0926 Z

b. Light conditions (use one of the following terms): Night, day, dawn, dusk:

Night

5. Locations of observer (s). Exact latitude and longitude of each observer or Georef postion, or position with reference to a known landmark:

, 2744 N. 8244 W.

6. Identifying information on all observers:
a. Civilian:

NAME	AGE	MAILING ADDRESS	OCCUPATION
[redacted]	29	[redacted] St. Petersburg, Fla.	Restaurant Employee and Home Keeper

b. Military:

NAME	GRADE	ORGANIZATION	DUTY	ESTIMATE OF RELIABILITY

7. Weather and winds-aloft conditions at time and place of sightings: Negative Weather information enclosed [redacted].

a. Observer(s) account of weather conditions:

Moon and Stars Visible

b. Report from nearest RAOB or U.S. Weather Bureau Office or wind direction and velocity in degrees and knots at surface, 6,000', 10,000', 16,000', 20,000', 30,000', 50,000', and 80,000' if available:

Negative

c. Briefing:

Negative

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d. Visibility:

Negative

e. Amount of c loud cover:

Negative

f. Thunderstorms in area and quadrant in which located:

Negative

8. Any other unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting:

Negative

9. Interception or identification actiontaken (such action may be t ken whenever feasible, complying with existing air defense directives:

None

10. Location of any air traffic in the area at time of sighting:

Negative

11. Position title and comments of the preparing officer, including his pr. liminary analysis of the possible cause of the si_hting (s):

Assistant Operations Officer, 660th ACW&CS, MacDill AFB, Tampa, Fla.--
None.

12. Existing of physical evidence, such as material and photographs:

None.

305th Bomb Wing, MacDill AFB, sent in their report, AF Form 112, # 1-56 to Commander, AMC. Their report was not presumably an electrical message because of time delay. Report was made out by Capt. Cowan, who was O.D. on the 22nd of Sep 56. Capt. Cowan drove to St. Petersburg on 24th Sep 1956 to interview the observer. The 660th ACW&CS was not notified until the 26th of Sep 1956.

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