

**PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD**

1. DATE 20 September 1957	2. LOCATION Kadena, AFB, Okinawa	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical  <input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>UNIDENTIFIED</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>2000</u> GMT <u>20/1105Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar  <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 to 10 seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE N to S
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING  Oval shaped object which glowed like a fluorescent light. The object seemed indented (like a coke bottle without a top). The object was slightly bigger than a grapefruit. Seemed to vibrate. Gave the impression of translucence. It made four passes from N to S remaining visible approx 5 to 10 sec each time. No sound.	11. COMMENTS  Possibility that object was a kite or balloon - based on previous reports - but will carry as unknown pending receipt of further information.	

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AREA REPORT CONCERNS RYUKYUS ISLANDS			
AGENCY OF ORIGIN HQ 313TH ADIV, INTELLIGENCE, APO 239	DATE OF REPORT 30 Sept 1957		
SOURCE OF INFORMATION S/SGT HUGH T. O'CONNOR S/SGT HILLIS D. BRIDGEMAN Suppl. Source S/SGT THOMAS M. GILLIGAN	DATE OF INFORMATION 20 Sept 1957		
PREPARING OFFICER 1/LT JAMES W. WALLACE	EVALUATION C Witnessed		
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFR 200-2, PAR 7 Many			
SUBJECT UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT			
OCT 29 1957			
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 112a.) At 2000 hours, Friday, 20 Sep 57, S/Sgts Hugh T. O'Connor and Hillis D. Bridgeman of the 13th Communications Squadron, were on the veranda between the two wings of barracks #110.  Both men were just looking around when Sgt O'Connor's attention was caught by an "oval-shaped object" which "glowed like a fluorescent light." The object seemed "indented—like a coke bottle without a top." In size, the object was slightly bigger than a grapefruit held at arm's length. The object seemed to "vibrate." It was also likened unto a jellyfish as it gave the impression of "translucence." Sgt Bridgeman also saw the object just before it disappeared after the first pass.  When first sighted, the object was at an elevation angle of $45^{\circ}$ and azimuth of $350^{\circ}$ . The object was lost from sight on an azimuth of $200^{\circ}$ where it entered the cloud cover. u. t. s. d.			

The object made four passes, remaining visible approximately 5 to 10 seconds during each pass. There was a five minute interval between each pass except for the fourth which allowed an interval of only four minutes.

All four passes were made in a generally North-South direction. On the first sighting, the object traveled level in a distinct arc. On the second and third observations the flight path was level but the course was straight rather than in an arc. On the fourth and final pass the object passed directly overhead and seemed to gain altitude before disappearing into the cloud cover. Throughout the sightings the object did not change size or shape and the speed remained constant. No sound was heard throughout the sightings.

INCIS. Supplementary Report: On the evening of 20 Sep 57, at approximately 2010Z, S/Sgt [REDACTED] 13th Communications Sq was on the veranda of barracks 110 in the company of S/Sgts [REDACTED]

His attention was called to an object seen by the two Sgts a few moments before.

A E C - Possible object  
That object  
a tall w. base  
a bell w. top  
a tall cur  
a tall cur  
UNKN  
Recept

A TIC Commis. have had a no. of  
UFO case over last 12 years of  
odd shaped object appearing and disappearing  
like this  
and mainly found to be box or  
experimental kites.

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② Cannot check in U.S.  
what GIs say in OKINAWA  
③ apparently no follow-up  
or investigations by Base C.O.

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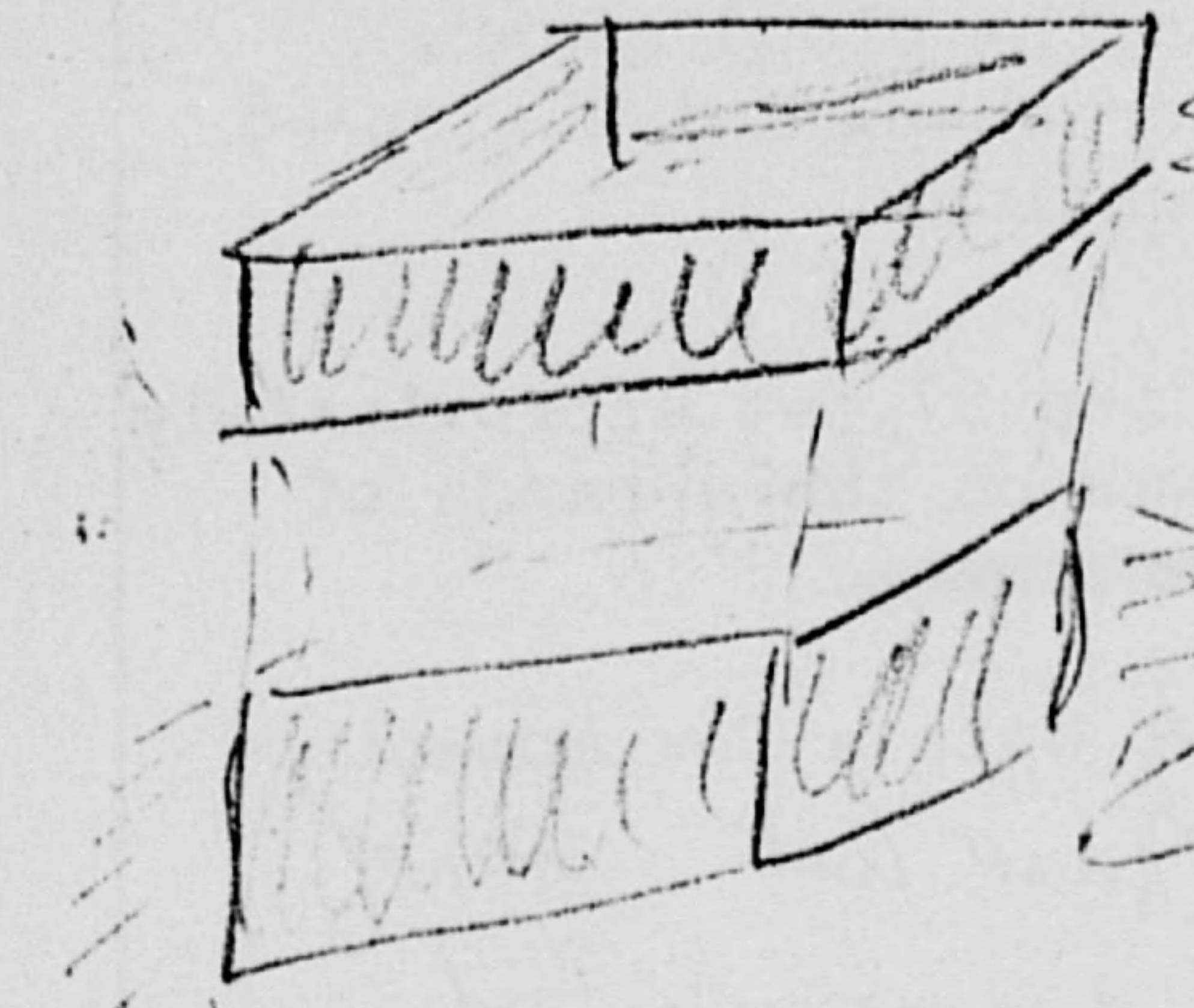
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## SUMMARY (Cont'd)

His impression of the object after a very short sighting--1-2 seconds--was that it was round, very much like a shooting star in color and action; and that it traveled at extreme speed with no sound.

Sgt. [redacted] first sighted the object on an azimuth of  $300^{\circ}$  and an elevation angle of  $45^{\circ}$ . It was lost from sight when it passed beyond the barracks wall at an azimuth of approximately  $200^{\circ}$ .



See UFO Files - on 'box kites' - as seen at distances, under adverse sight and wx conditions, and particularly when

APPROVED: city or other lights dimly reflect off them. Many cases of these

iDo. Okinawa fly odd designs

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Japanese and  
Chinese do?  
Check.

## 1. Description of object:

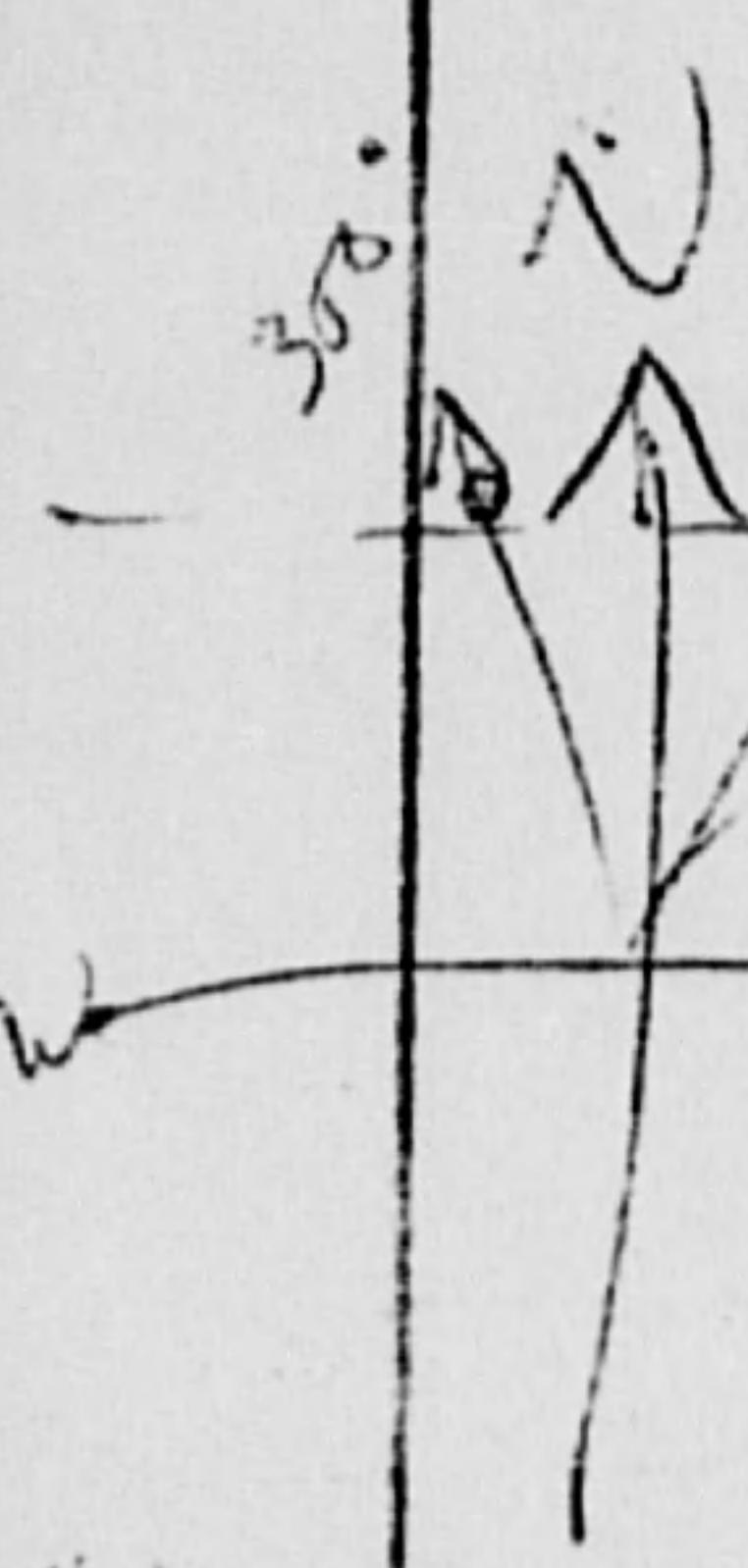
- The object was roughly oval-shaped; with indented sides, giving it a coke bottle, minus the neck, appearance.
- The observers agreed the size of the object was about that of a grapefruit held at arm's length.
- The object was bright white in color; very distinct, like a bright fluorescent lightbulb.
- One.
- N/A.
- The object seemed to vibrate. It also was likened unto a jellyfish, as one observer stated it gave the impression of translucence.
- None.
- None.
- Sightings at regular 5 minute intervals except the last when only four minutes had elapsed.

This is characteristic of a balloon

## 2. Description of course:

- Observers were by chance looking skyward at the time.
- Object was first sighted at an elevation angle of  $45^{\circ}$  and azimuth of  $350^{\circ}$  from Sgt. [redacted]. When first sighted by Sgt. [redacted] the object was on a  $45^{\circ}$  elevation angle and azimuth of  $25^{\circ}$ . Second sighting of object by both observers was at the same elevation angle ( $45^{\circ}$ ) with an azimuth of  $10^{\circ}$ . Third observation no azimuth was definite but again the pass was basically North to South on an elevation angle of  $45^{\circ}$ . The fourth and final sighting found the object at an elevation angle of  $60^{\circ}$  and passing directly overhead. The object at this time was sighted on an azimuth of  $350^{\circ}$  and seemed to be climbing.
- The object was lost from sight on an azimuth of  $200^{\circ}$  on the first and fourth sightings. On the second observation it was lost in the overcast at an azimuth of  $95^{\circ}$ . Elevation angles were constant at  $45^{\circ}$  except for the final overhead pass when the object was at  $60^{\circ}$ .

See Winds: Generally  
from South to North, per?



$90^\circ$ - $60^\circ$  elevation angles, disappearing at the latter angle on a  $200^\circ$  azimuth.

d. On the first sighting the object flew level in a distinct arc. On the second and third observations the flight path was still level but the course was straight rather than in an arc. The object seemed to gain altitude on the fourth and final pass. No speed was determined for any of the sightings.

e. Object disappeared each time into the overcast. *Note: overcast*

f. Sightings ranged between 4-10 seconds. *straight*

Note: overcast and  
night

### 3. Manner of observations:

- a. Ground visual.
- b. Naked eyes.
- c. N/A.

4. Time and date of sighting:

a. 201105Z, 201110Z, 201115Z, and 201119Z, September 1957.  
b. Night. Instant.

b. Night. ~~important~~ important.

5. Location of observers:

a. Observers were standing on a veranda between the two wings of barracks 110, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa. Geographical coordinates of Kadena Air Base  $26^{\circ}21'N/127^{\circ}47'E$ . Observers were located approximately 3600 yards  $165^{\circ}$  azimuth from the Base Operations Tower.

## 6. Identification on observers:

a. ✓ S/Sgt [REDACTED], 13th Communications Sq, Communications Section, Kadena Air Base, APO 239.

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✓ S/Sgt [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] appeared to be quite sincere and positive as to information given. Further information not available. The information submitted by S/Sgt [REDACTED] considered unusable due to limited time of sighting.

## 7. Weather and Winds aloft:

- a. Overcast, with some low clouds.
- b. Kaduna Base Weather Station reported the following:

Surface winds from the S $\frac{1}{2}$ W at 5 knots.  
201200Z at 1000' - 160 $^{\circ}$  @ 12 Kts  
5000' - ~~200~~ 200 $^{\circ}$  @ 11 Kts  
8000' - 210 @ 18 Kts

① Wind, up to 5000 ft  
generally from South

- c. Ceiling 8000 feet.
- d. Visibility 10 miles.
- e. Cloud Cover ~~- scattered~~ at 12000' between 20,000 and

② NOTE! Scattered  
clouds. The effect of attempting  
to identify by at right-through  
broken with high overcast  
feet.

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8. N/A.

8. A rotating local beacon sweeps approximately in the opposite direction of cloud drift at the time of sighting. Both observers were definite in their assertions that the object was not related in any way to this beacon.

9. N/A.

10. Location of air traffic in the area at time of sighting: None

11. Position, title and Comments of Preparing Officer:

a. James W. Wallace, 1/Lt, USAF, A0 2224028, Hq 313th Air Division, APO 239. Intelligence Officer.

b. Comments: Due to the unusual number of sightings (four), and the regularity in the time element, I am unable to determine any known cause or explanation thereof.

12. N/A.

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