PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE: 24 Jul 58	2. LOCATION: Portland, Oregon	12. CONCLUSIONS
3. DATE-TIME GROUP: Local ____ GMT 25/0529Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION: [X] Ground-Visual [ ] Ground-Radar [ ] Air-Visual [ ] Air-Intercept Radar	[ ] Was Balloon [ ] Probably Balloon [ ] Possibly Balloon [X] Was Aircraft [ ] Probably Aircraft [ ] Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS: [ ] Yes [X] No	6. SOURCE: Civilian	[ ] Was Astronomical [ ] Probably Astronomical [ ] Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: 20-25 seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS: nine	9. COURSE: SW
		[ ] Other ____ [ ] Insufficient Data for Evaluation [ ] Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Nine objs, shape of inverted shallow bowl, approx size of piper cub, light grey, in V formation. Objs had two rims, one on top & one about half way down. Obj broke formation & formed entrail formation, made shapp turn & increased speed & disappeared in 3-4 secs.

11. COMMENTS

This is definitely an a/c formation.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

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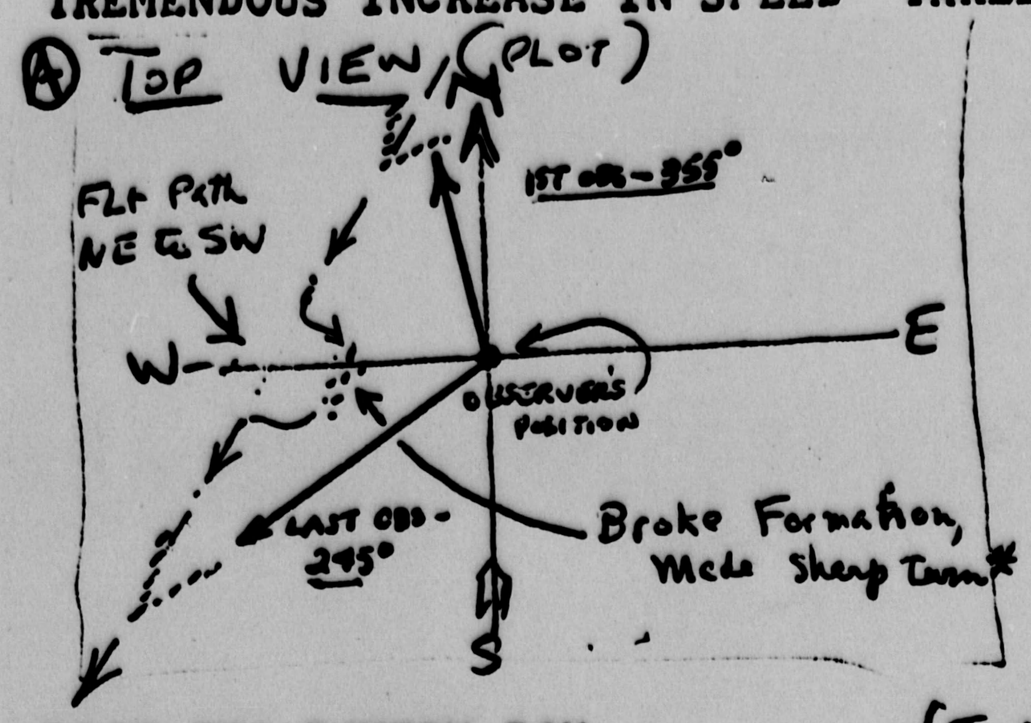

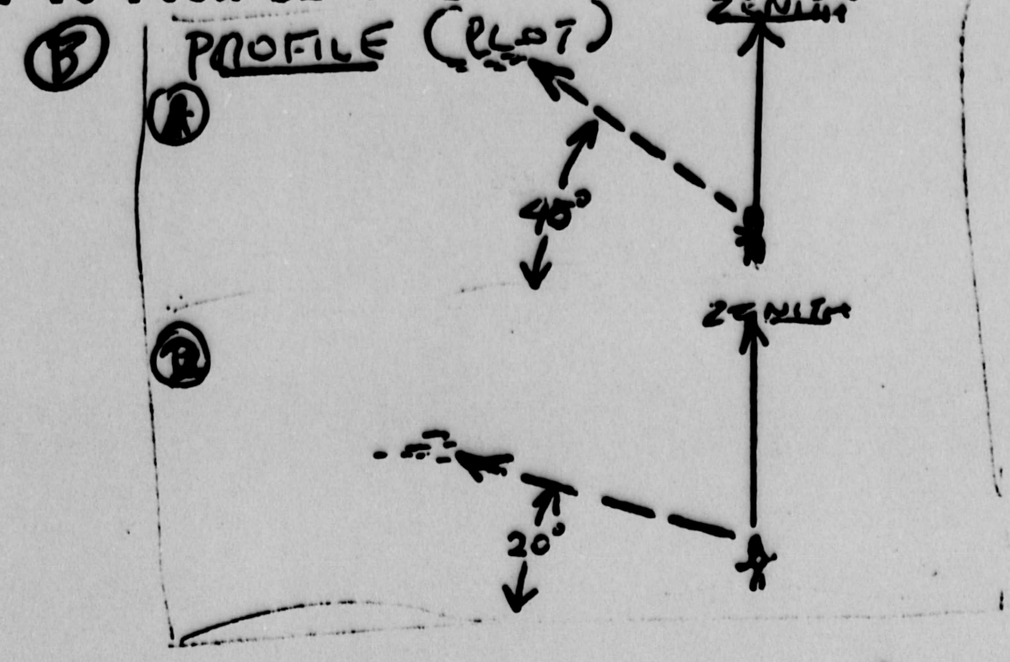

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Check Aero Chart - this is definitely an a/c formation observed at night (see "a/c phenom plots" chart on wall)

0529Z 25 Jul

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/UNCLAS/3370DO 7-3780. UFOB. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION SUBMITTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH PAR 15, AFR 200-2. PAR ALFA (1) INVERTED SHALLOW BOWL, (2) APPROX THE SIZE OF A PIPER CUB, (3) LIGHT GREY, (4) NINE, (5) V FORMATION, (6) OBJECTS HAD TWO RIMS ONE ON TOP AND ONE ABOUT HALF WAY DOWN, (7) NONE, (8) NO SOUND, (9) NONE, PAR BRAVO (1) JUST HAPPENDED TO LOOK UP, (2) FORTY DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON HEADING 355, (3) TWENTY DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON; 245, (4) DESCENDED: THEN BROKE V FORMATION AND FORMED

1+2+3=4E4
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2 Rims (appearance)

20ft(+)

Major Clues

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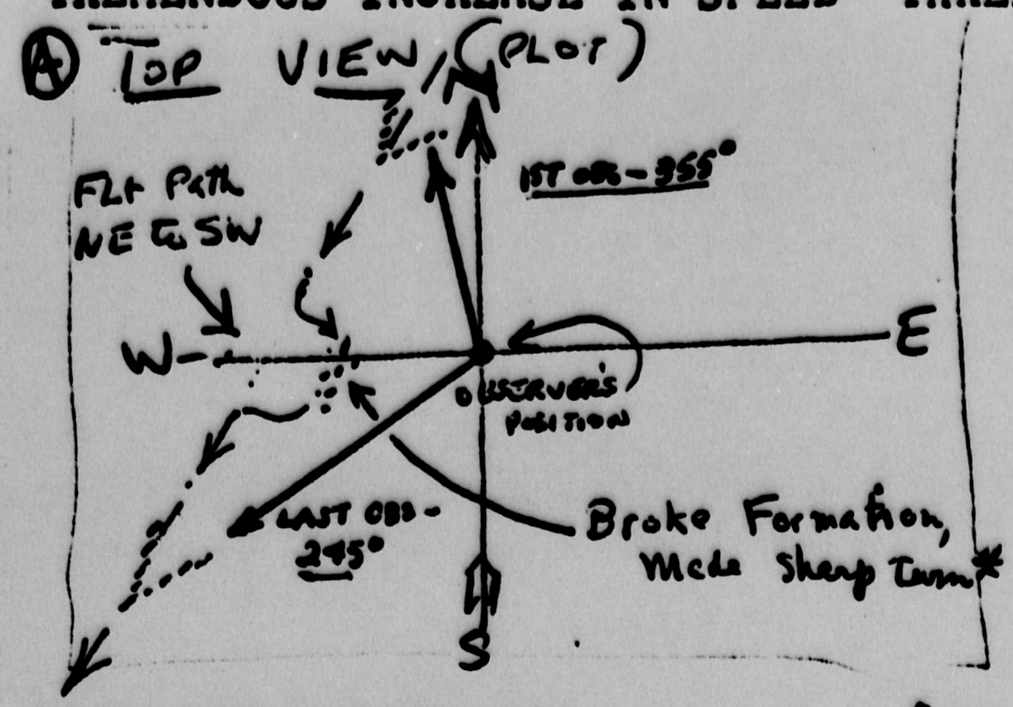

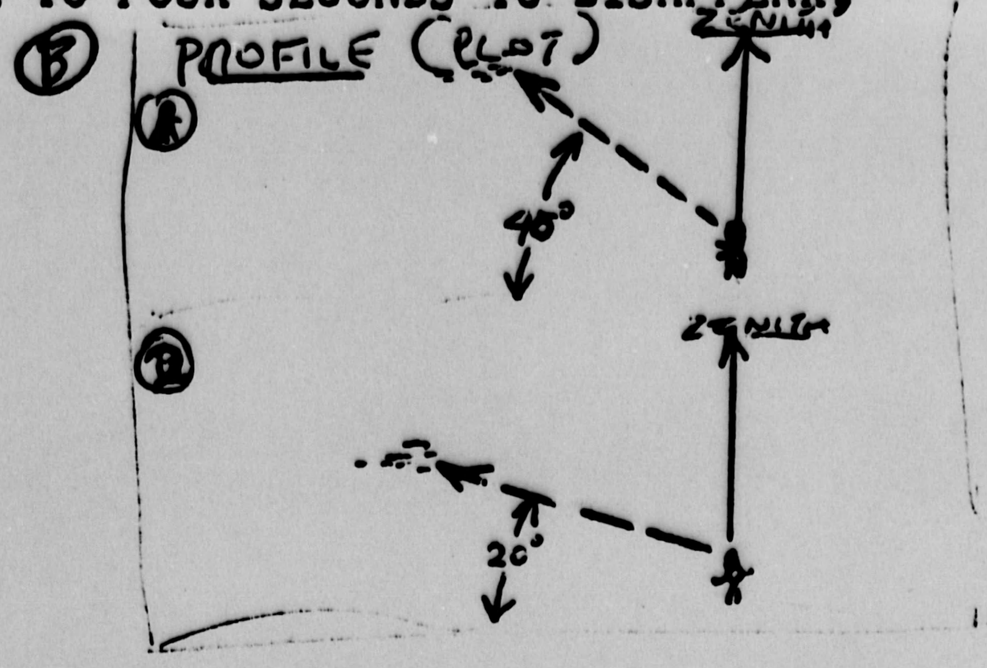

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SUMMARY
SUMMARY AND EXTRACT SHEET

UFOB REPORT # _____

DATE OF INCIDENT: 24 July 1958

LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Portland, Oregon TIME: 0529 Z (9:30 P.M.)

SUMMARY OF INCIDENT: Observer, School supply helper, happened to look up at a 355 degree direction and noticed 9 shallow-bowl shaped objects in "V" formation. Claimed that they appeared the size of a Piper Cub. The objects continued towards the south, descended, broke formation and reformed. When last seen were at an azimuth of approximately 245 degrees. Source states approximately 25 seconds sighting duration. When first observed at approximately 40 degrees elevation, and above 20 degrees horizon when last seen (i.e. descending line).*

INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS: Check with current aero chart (WAC #269 - Columbia River) shows that Air Traffic Airway - Amber 1 (V-2) runs almost precisely with the direction of the formation given by source, i. e., 357 degrees into Portland. Plot from source's position to a southward track shows that any a/c formation followed from 355 degrees to a 245 degree azimuth (as given by him) would be indicated as a descending* straight arc. Call to 4770th GOS, Det. 3, Portland, Oregon (telephone ACCT No. 335-17) talked to C.O., Maj. F. E. McDonnell who said he recalls a flight of ADC planes in formation on maneuvers that night with their flight plan destination as somewhere in California. No reports of any UFOs or anything unusual for that time from anyone in that location.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE: None

FINAL ATIC EVALUATION:

Aircraft, on basis of the following:

1. Has been repeatedly proven that slender fuselage a/c with thin wings will often appear as slender wingless objects against a dark sky.
2. The flight path of the objects was for all practical purposes on the exact track of the Airway into and out of Portland from the north.
3. No other report of any strange phenomena - yet the objects flew over a very large city.
4. Portland GOS confirmed formation of jet a/c on maneuvers in the area at that general time and date.