

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 24 November 1958	2. LOCATION 90 Mi NE of Iceland	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>Satellite</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>24/1726Z</u> GMT <u>24/1726Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input checked="" 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 4 mins	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	9. COURSE SE
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Obj shape & size of medium star. Also the color of a star. Gained in brightness for 15 seconds, then faded for approx 15 seconds. No other unusual features.	11. COMMENTS Probably Delta #1.	



17252
1726 Delta 21

24 Nov

HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN NORTHERN DISPOSITION TASK FORCE
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
APO 124, New York, N. Y.

FNAG

4 December 1958

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unknown Object

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

In accordance with Para 14 b (2) AFR 200-2 dated 5 February, the following letter is transmitted.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

1 Incl

Ltr fm 53rd Wea
Recon Sq, APO 124,
N. Y., 2 Dec 58

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William R. Humphrey'.

WILLIAM R. HUMPHREY
Captain, USAF
Chief, Administrative Services

53D WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON (MATS)
United States Air Force
APO 124, New York, New York

2 December 1958

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unknown Object

TO: Whom It May Concern

1. Statement of Captain [REDACTED] concerning the sighting of what is believed to be an earth satellite, 24 November 1958, in accordance with AFR 200-2.

a. Name: [REDACTED]

b. Grade: [REDACTED]

c. [REDACTED]

d. Age: 33 years

e. Occupation: Senior pilot, 3100 hours in varied aircraft. Has flown extensively over world air routes and over major oceans as aircraft commander in MATS. Presently assigned as aircraft commander in weather reconnaissance flights based at 53d WRS, Burtonwood RAF Station, England. Has observed Sputnik I in early stage of existence over England.

f. Education: Over three years college credits.

g. Description of object:

1 Shape of a star of medium intensity.

2 Size of a medium star, or the head of a pin.

3 Color of a star.

4 One in number.

5 No formation.

6 It was observed to gain in brightness for approximately 15 seconds, then fade for approximately 15 seconds.

7 No tail, trail or exhaust.

8 No sound.

9 No other unusual features.

h. Description and course of object.

1 Co-pilot saw what he thought at first to be a falling meteorite, then realized the object was in view longer than the normal burn out time. He called this to the attention of the aircraft commander, the navigator and the weather observer (who also observed a previous earth satellite).

2 Angle of elevation was observed by the navigator to be 20° at an azimuth of 280° FROM North tracking to 120° when it first appeared.

3 Angle of elevation was 20° at an azimuth of 120° when it disappeared.

4 The object rose from our right quartering rear and made an arc across our flight path with a maximum elevation of 35° .

5 It disappeared to the left of our nose.

6 The aircraft commander checked his watch at 1725Z when he first sighted the object and 1729Z when it completely disappeared.

i. Manner of observation.

1 Air to air sight.

2 No optical aids.

3 Aircraft in which observers were flying was WB-50 AF-490288, 30,000', TH 160° , 270 kts, from Burtonwood RAF Station England.

j. Time and date of sighting.

1 1725Z, 24 November 1958.

2 Night.

3 Location of observers, $67^{\circ} 10'N$ latitude, $12^{\circ} 15'W$ longitude. This is approximately 90 miles northeast of Iceland.

k. Weather and winds aloft condition at time and place of sighting.

1 Scattered deck of strata cumulus at 5,000', clear overhead.

2 Wind direction 270° , velocity 40 knots at 30,000'.

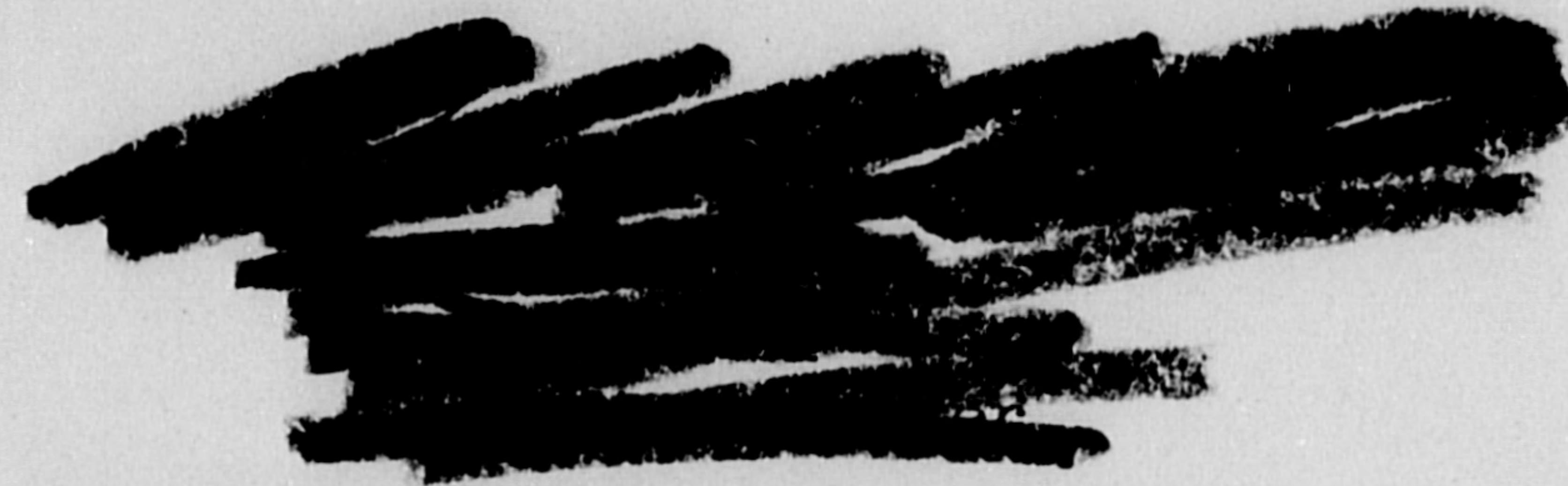
3 Sky clear.

4 Visibility 100 miles.

5 No cloud cover.

6 No thunderstorm activity.

- l. No reported or known unusual activities, meteorological or astronomical which might account for the sighting.
- m. No interception or identification action taken.
- n. No known air traffic in the area at the time of sighting.
- o. No physical evidence.

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