

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 28 August 59		2. LOCATION see also: Radar Film 7-3745-336 Charlotte Islands, Canda		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☒ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 0545Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☒ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes RADAR ☒ No FILM		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 25 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE varied then West	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Blip appeared on radar, & beacon light was observed visually. Obj stayed behind a/c crisscrossing its path. See: Radar Film 7-3745-336 (Film in following folder) (FILM IN SPECIMEN FILE)				11. COMMENTS ATIC radar analysts evaluate the radar returns as those of another a/c.	

Film

AUG. 28, 1959

Queen Charlotte Islands, Canada

OBSERVER: MILITARY

FILE # 1003538

IN CUSTODY OF AUDIO-VISUAL DIVISION

1975

CHARLOTTE ISLANDS, CANADA

28 AUG 59

CASE CONTAINING FILM

IN SEPARATE FOLDER

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RR RJEDSQ

DE RJWZGP 82

R 022109Z

FM COMBONWG 92

TO RJWFALE/COMADC

RJWZDM/COMDR 25 AD

RJEDSQ/COMDR ATIC WPAFB

RJEZHQ/ACOFI HQ USAF WASH 25 DC

RJEZHQ/OOIS HQ USAF WASH 25 DC

INFO RJWFALE/COMSAC NORAD COC ENT

RJVBKN/COMAF 15

RUEPBL/COMDR 1006 AISS FORT BELVOIR BA

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UNCLAS DCOI 13081/SUBJECT: UFO REPORT. IN ACCORDANCE

WITH AFR 200-2 AND AFR 200-2A, THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED.

ON SIGHTINGS BY B-52 AIRCRAFT OF THE 92D BOMBARDMENT WING ON
THE NIGHT OF 28 - 29 AUG 1959.

1. OBJECT APPEARED AT HQ 1 RETURN OF NAVIGATORS AND GUNNERS
RADAR. GUNNERS SAW FLASHING BEACON LIGHTS.

2. UNKNOWN

3. UNKNOWN

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2 3-4 X 20

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5. NONE.

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6. NONE

7. NONE

8. NONE

9. NONE

B. 1. OBJECT APPEARED IN ALTITUDE HOLE ON MA-6 APR 64 RADAR.

2. OBJECT APPROX 18 DEGREE TO NOSE OF AIRCRAFT & 3 DEGREE BELOW.

3. OBJECT APPEARED TO BRAK OFF TO RIGHT & LEAVE THE RADAR
SCOPE ABOUT 14 DEGREE FROM NOSE OF AIRCRAFT.

4. OBJECT STAYED BEHIND AIRCRAFT CRISCROSSING THE PATH OF THE
B-52'S.

5. OBJECT MADE A RITHT TURN GOING OFF THE SCOPE TO THE WEST.

6. APPROX 25 MINUTES.

C. 1. AIR-ELECTRONIC PLUS VISUAL OBSERVATION OF FLASHING BECON
BY AG MA-6A RADAR AND DM-9 RADAR.

2. NONE

3. B-52 NUMBERS KELLOGG 56, KELLOGG19, AND KELLOGG33 ALTITUDE
32, ^{152° MAG} HEADING 167 DEGREES SPEED 425 KNOTS HOME STATION FAIRCHILD
AFB, WASH.

D. 1. 23/ 545Z

2. NIGHT

3. APPROX 5 30N 130 39W. APPROX 125 MILES WEST OF PORTLAND ON

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VANCOUVER ISLAND AND 85 MILES SOUTH OF CAPE ST. JAMES IN THE OUTER
CHARLOTTE ISLANDS.

F. 1. N/A

2. GEORGE W. JOHNSON, CAPT., 326TH BOMB SQ A/C RELIABLE

CHARLES T. WOLTER, CAPT., 326TH BOMB SQ NB RELIABLE

JACK R. WALKER, 1/LT, 326TH BOMB SQ NB RELIABLE

HARLAN DAVIS, MSGT, 326TH BOMB SQ AG RELIABLE

WILLIAM F. FLEMING, A/2C, 326TH BOMB SQ AG RELIABLE

G. 1. GOOD.

2. SURFACE 21°-10'

GA 22°-10'

1A 25°-20'

16A 27°-25'

26A 28°-30'

36A 29°-35'

56A 29°-45'

66A 29°-55'

3. 2000 SCATTERED

4. 14MI

5. NONE

S. NONE

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. NONE

K. CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE DIVISION. DUE TO THE VARIED REPORTS FROM PERSONS SIGHTING THE OBJECT IT IS DIFFICULT TO TELL WHAT COULD HAVE CAUSED THEN OTHER THAN IT IS BELIEVED THAT SOME TYPE OF AIRCRAFT WAS CAUSING A RETURN TO BE PAINTED ON THE RADAR SCOPE THE TWO GUNNERS VISUALLY SAW A FLASHING BEACON WHICH THEY BELIEVED TO BE ON AN AIRCRAFT OF SOME TYPE.

L. ONE OF THE RADAR MEN 1/LT JACK K. WALKER TOOK SOME RADAR SCOPE PICTURES ABOUT 33 MINUTES AFTER THE ORIGINAL SIGHTING OCCURED. HE BELIEVES THESE SHOW MIRRORED RETURNS FROM OTHER B-52'S IN THE FORMATION. STATEMENTS OF CREW MEMBERS AND THE O-15 CAMERAFILM ARE ON FILE AT THIS WING.

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FROM: ATIC W-P AFB						SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS	
TO: 92D BOMBARDMENT WING, FAIRCHILD AFB, WASH. /UNCLAS/FROM: AFCIN-4E4g <u>9-1860-E</u> ATTN:							
YOUR MSG DCOI, 13080, DTD 2 SEP 59. REQ THE STATEMENTS OF THE WITNESSES AND THE 0-15 CAMERA FILM BE FORWARDED TO THIS CENTER. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, THE FOLLOWING INFO IS REQUESTED: WHAT WAS THE FORMATION OF ACFT? WHAT WAS THE DISTANCE BETWEEN OBJ AND ACFT? WHAT COLOR WAS THE ROTATING BEACON? WAS IT DETERMINED THAT THE BEACON WAS IN THE EXACT LOCATION AS THE RADAR TARGET? DID THE BEACON APPEAR TO CHANGE IN SIZE OR BRIGHTNESS AT ANY TIME? WAS THE BEACON VIEWED CONTINUOUSLY WITHOUT A BREAK? WERE THE REPORTED ACFT HEADINGS MAGNETIC? DID THE ACFT VARY THEIR COURSE AT ANY TIME? WAS THE CEILING AND VISIBILITY REPORTED FOR THE AREA OF SIGHTING? DID THE RADAR TARGET CLOSE ON THE ACFT AT ANY TIME, OR REMAIN AT THE SAME DISTANCE THROUGHOUT THE SIGHTING?							
COORDINATION:						DATE	
AFCIN-4E4g <u>RM Shorp</u> DATE <u>10 Sept</u>						TIME	
AFCIN-4E4g <u>Robert</u> DATE <u>9/11/59</u>						0825	
						MONTH	
						YEAR	
						SEP	
						1959	
SYMBOL AFCIN-4E4g				SIGNATURE <u>Louis J. Harrell</u>			
TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature if required) Major Robert J. Friend				TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE LOUIS J. HARRELL CAPTAIN, USAF ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER			
PHONE 69216				RELEASER			
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HEADQUARTERS
92D BOMBARDMENT WING
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
FAIRCHILD AIR FORCE BASE, WASHINGTON

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DCOI

22 SEP 1959

SUBJECT: (U) Unidentified Flying Object

TO: ATIC, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. In answer to your unclassified message AFCIN 4E 9-1360E, dated 11 September 1959, the following information is submitted. (U)

a. Aircraft were flying a cell of three aircraft in trail formation. About 1 mile separated each plane. (U)

b. The distance between the object and the aircraft varied from one to five miles. (U)

c. The rotating beacon was red. According to the gunner who witnessed the beacon visually, it was on an aircraft that had neither recognition nor navigation lights and in this gunners opinion the aircraft appeared to be somewhat smaller than a B-52. No other details could be seen. (U)

d. It was determined that the beacon was in the same general location as the radar target. (U)

e. The beacon appeared to stay about the same brightness and size while it was observed. (U)

f. The beacon was viewed continuously (visually) without a break for about 10 or 12 minutes. (U)

g. The heading reported in the original report was not a magnetic heading. The magnetic heading was 152°. There was 10° left drift and the variation was -25°. (U)

h. Aircraft did not vary course any time except at regularly scheduled turning points. (U)

i. The ceiling and visibility reported was for the area of the sighting. (U)

j. The radar targets did close on the aircraft. The distance varied from five miles to about one mile. When the distance was within one mile the targets left the scope. (U)

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2. The aircraft on which the radar operator was Captain Wolter was not in the same formation as the other aircraft. This crew was in another three ship cell but their beacon sighting was in approximately the same area only about an hour later. Captain Wolter was on a heading of 152° (Magnetic Heading) when he spotted the beacon return on his radar scope (see statement). He also spotted returns a short time later on his scope, and his gunner saw what he believed were ordinary aircraft lights in the same location as the radar target. No coordinates are available for these latter sightings. Apparently the other ships in this formation did not observe any unidentified objects. The aircraft in which Captain Wolter was flying was the tail end ship in the formation. (U)

3. The statements of the crew members, the radar film and the photo log are inclosed as requested. (U)

4. When the attachments are withdrawn or not attached this correspondence will be downgraded to unclassified. (U)

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Sherman G. Squires

SHERMAN G. SQUIRES
CWO, W-3, USAF
Chief, Admin Svs Div
Dir of Admin Svs

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1. Statement (MSGT DAVIS) (S)
2. Statement (1LT WALKER) (S)
3. Statement (CAPT WOLTER) (S)
4. Statement (A/2C FLEMMING) (U)
5. Statement (CAPT JOHNSON) (U)
6. Jet Radar Scope Photo Log (C)
7. Radar Film (1 roll) (C)

S T A T E M E N T

"At point "Seirra" I heard a report over UHF interplane of a sighting of aircraft at 0600 Z. I then switched my set to 20,000 yard range and picked up an unidentified return at 12,300 yards. During that time I also had very good returns of the aircraft in our formation, the farthest of which was NO. -3 which was 4,000 yards range.

This unidentified target stayed with us approximately 30 minutes and was 30° below our aircraft.

The coordinates of this sighting are 50:15 - 130:39.

The unidentified object finally broke right and disappeared from my scope at 18,000 yards and 60° azimuth."

Harlan Davis
HARLAN DAVIS - S-50
MSGT - 326 Bcmb Sq.

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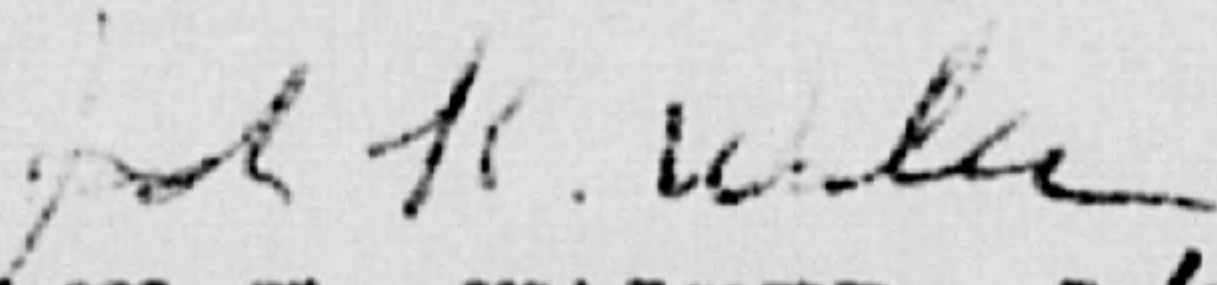
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S T A T E M E N T

"At approximately 0545 Sulu and just prior to PT. # 14A of the Steeltrap route, I was station-keeping on the lead aircraft of the three ship cell. I noticed a small #1 return to the rear at 4:00 azimuth, range about 1 NM. I notified the pilot, who queried the gunner. The gunner stated that the object first ascended, then descended, finally disappearing to our right.

For the next hour or so, I had continued intermittent returns in the altitude hole, always at a mile or two range, and azimuths from 3:00 to 9:00. Later observation of them led me to believe they were some sort of "mirrored" returns; i.e., a reflection of the other aircraft. I took 0-15 film of this phenomena, starting at 0611 Z. Refer to Line # 6 of Camera Log for A/C 6-660, 28 Aug 59, Mission # 431-2. No further visual sightings were made."


JACK K. WALKER, 1/Lt, USAF
Radar Nav. - Crew L-59

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S T A T E M E N T

"On "Steel Trap" mission # 435-ST-6 flown on 28-29 August 1959, I sighted the following phenomena.

These observations were all witnessed by Lt H.L. Bockelman, Capt. C. Elosi, Capt. R. C. Davis, Capt. S. Phillips and SSgt. J. Teny.

Approaching the coast for the 1st AR I, Captain C. T. Wolter radar operator on Crew R-92 picked up a beacon 65 miles in front of our aircraft. The beacon appeared to approach us at a fast speed passing under us in about 40 seconds.

After completing AR and going North from the TP I picked up numerous objects on the radar scope in the altitude hole. At times there were two and then again three moving at a very fast rate of speed. Several times they followed behind the formation and lights were observed. Also, at times a beacon type return was observed."

Charles T. Wolter
CHARLES T. WOLTER
Captain, 38699A

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S T A T E M E N T

"At about 0545 Z the pilot called me to take a look out at 5 oclock to see if I saw an aircraft. I did and saw it and it was not part of our formation. It had a ratating beacon but no Rec. lights nor Nav. lights. After I sighted it, it ascended and then descended to the right of our formation out of sight. I also picked the return up on my radar at about 4 oclock in AZ. and at 3000 to 4000 yards. At 0600 Z Blue Lead tail gunner picked the target up at 12,000 yards in long range, then I switched to long range and pick it up at 8,000 yards. at 6 oclock AZ.

William F. Fleming

WILLIAM F. FLEMING
A/2C
L-59 326 Bomb Sq.

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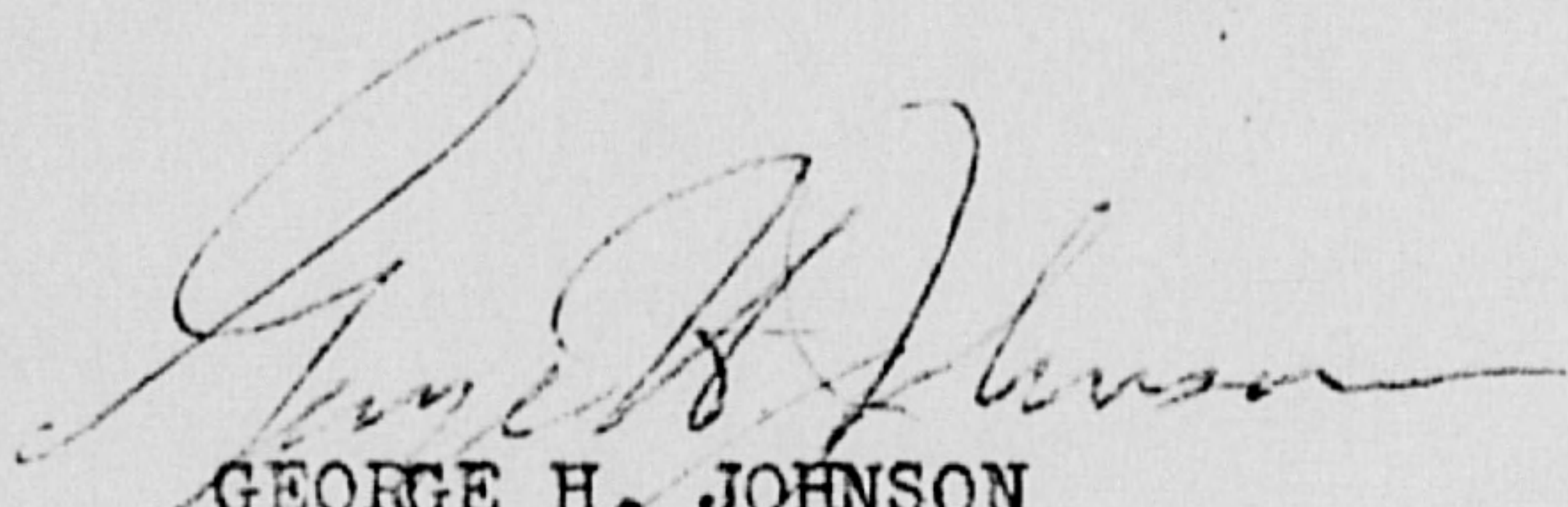
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S T A T E M E N T

"At approximately 0540 Z I was notified by my Radar Operator reported a return 2 miles behind us in the # 3 position of a 3 ship cell. My gunner sighted what appeared to be a rotating beacon at 5 o'clock low and after about 10 minutes it descended and was lost. A check with "Consort" control revealed no reported traffic in the area.

After about 30 minutes we had another return in the same position and for a period of 30 minutes it was intermittent. No visual contact was made but our tail radar had a return at 8,000 yards for a few minutes.

All ground stations reported no traffic or sightings."



GEORGE H. JOHNSON
Captain, USAF
Aircraft Commander
Kellogg 19 -

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B - Strike (IBDA)
C - Post-Strike (BDA)
D - Route
E - Charting
F - Surveillance
G - Weather
H - Nav. Log
I - Station Keeping
J - Other

5. TYPE AC

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RADAR
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FT 2	5. ACFT SERIAL NO. 6660	7. DATE (GMT) 28-29 AUG 59	
F	12. CAMERA F/ SETTING f-8.	13. MAGAZINE SERIAL NO. 53 2002	14. TYPE FILM 7711 Joa.

REMARKS

(Weather, Malfunctions, Unusual Returns, ETA/ Frame Number, etc.)

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RADAR OPERATION (Check One)

FACTOR	EXCEL- LENT	GOOD	POOR
RANGE			
DETAIL			
FOCUS			

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BOMBING DATA FOR IBDA FROM RADAR

LINE NO.	BOMB RELEASE		GZ NO. M	AIMING POINT (Geographic Coordinates)			TARGET CHART REFERENCE NUMBER Q	WIND (N-S/E-W) R	BOMBING ALT SET IN COM- PUTER S	ACFT TRUE HEAD- ING T	OFFSET VALUE (N-S and E-W)		TRUE AIR SPEED (Knots) W	TRAIL (Feet) X
	TIME (GMT- to Second)	RADAR EXPOS- URE NO.		DGZ	OFFSET #1	OFFSET #2					#1	#2		
	K	L		N	O	P					U	V		

BOMBING DATA FOR IBDA FROM RADAR (Continued)

LINE NO.	AIMING (Check 1)			ESTIMATED CIRCULAR ERROR		INITIAL EXPOSURE AH	INTERVALOMETER SETTING AI	REMARKS (Weather, etc) AJ	IBDA DATA FROM AERIAL CAME		
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									yellow	30	
									23. F/SETTING	24. SHUTTER SI	
									f-20	1/2	

REMARKS CONCERNING BOMBING BY THIS AIRCRAFT OR OTHER AIRCRAFT (Include post release altitude loss)

REMARKS CONCERNING CAMERA MALFUNCTIONS OF

CAMERA REQUIREMENT ORDER

CAMERA INSTALLATION (Line out cameras not required for mission)		CAMERA							MAGAZINE			FI
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TRI-MET	LT			mm								
	VT			mm								
	RT			mm								
SPLIT VERTICAL OR MULTI CAMERA	LSV			in								
	LCM			in								
	RSV			in								
FORWARD OBLIQUE				in								
PRIME VERTICAL (V-)				in								

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RA	CAMERA DATA CARD MODIFIED TO INDICATE (Check "No" or "Yes". If "Yes" is checked, indicate "Light No.")			
FOCAL LENGTH	INDICATION	NO	YES	LIGHT NO.
TYPE LM	BOMB RELEASE			
	OFFSET			
E	MEMORY POINT (Wind Determ.)			
SPEED	BOMB BURST			
	TRACKING			

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AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AFCIN-4E4g

SUBJECT: (U) Unidentified Flying Object

29 September 1959

TO: AFCIN-4E1

Request analysis and/or interpretation of radarscope film attached.

Richard R. Shoop
RICHARD R. SHOOP
Colonel, USAF
AFCIN-4E4

2 Atch:

1. Msg 3 Sep 59, DCOI 13080
2. Ltr 22 Sep 59, subj:
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Memo, AFCIN-4E4g, 29 Sep 59, (U) Unidentified Flying Object

1st Ind (AFCIN-4E1a/Mr. Picklesimer/74201/jc)

21 Oct 59

TO: AFCIN-4E4g

1. Analysis of attached radarscope film has been accomplished with the following results:

a. The blips on the film are not different from ordinary radar blips, hence no particular type of "target" or flying object is indicated.

b. A few still photographs of a radar indicator do not give the viewer as good an insight as to what actually occurred as the live radar picture gives to the radar operator at the time of the sighting of the objects.

2. This office agrees with the proposed explanation that some type of aircraft possibly caused the radar returns.

for
GORDON C. HOFFMAN
Colonel, USAF
AFCIN-4E1

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