

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 20 August 50 20/1130Z		LOCATION Nicosia Airfield, Cyprus.	
3. SOURCE Military		10. CONCLUSION UNIDENTIFIED	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One			
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 or 20 seconds		11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer saw a small round or elliptical bright object moving from a point directly overhead toward the West, its course or flight path passed through the arc of the sun which at that time was about 15 deg below the Zenith. The brilliancy of the object in flight did not change even while reflected against the sun as it continued in its somewhat erratic westerly path at a terrific rate of speed until it disappeared from sight in the distance at about thirty deg above the horizon	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual			
7. COURSE West			
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			

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1. The Intelligence Officer, 1603rd Air Base Group, Wheelus Field, Tripoli, Libya, reports the following statement concerning the observation of an unidentified aerial object by [redacted] MATS Liaison Officer, at Nicosia Airfield, Cyprus.

"At 1130Z, 20 August 1950, while out on the ramp at Nicosia Airfield I overheard an aircraft flying overhead and in looking up to spot it, I saw a small round or elliptical bright object moving from a point directly overhead towards the West; its course or flight path passed through the arc of the sun which at that time was about fifteen (15) degrees below the Zenith; the brilliancy of the object in flight did not change even while reflected against the sun as it continued in its somewhat erratic westerly path at a terrific rate of speed until it disappeared from sight in the distance at about thirty (30) degrees above the horizon. A later check with the control tower and ground station revealed that there was also a Turkish State Airlines C-47 in the area enroute to Beirut and reporting over Nicosia Airport at 1130 hours, 20 August 1950 at 9,500 feet. This undoubtedly was the aircraft whose engines I heard, though never saw; if there was any sound emanating from the aerial object in question, its relative height in comparison with the C-47 would effectively have been drowned out by the C-47. I obtained a signed statement from [redacted] and Lt Colonel [redacted], who were with me at the time of my observations."

2. [redacted] observation is essentially confirmed by the following statements made by Colonel [redacted] and [redacted] respectively, USAF officers also having observed the unidentified aerial object.

a. "At approximately 1330 local time, 20 August 1950, while walking from the MATS Detachment Office, Nicosia Airfield, to my parked C-47 aircraft, preparatory to taking off for Ankara, Turkey, I looked aloft to try to sight an aircraft whose sound indicated it was somewhere overhead.

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"While looking for the aircraft, a small, round, bright object suddenly came into view, travelling at a terrific speed, appearing to be quite high, and moving toward the West. It disappeared from view when it reached a point approximately 30 to 35 degrees above the horizon. The weather at the time of this observation was clear, with brilliant sunshine, and visibility at least fifty miles. The object remained in my view for about 15 or 20 seconds. There appeared to be no sound emanating from the unidentified bright object. The sound from the conventional aircraft moved away toward the southeast.

"I called the attention of [redacted], USAF, to this phenomenon, and he saw it too.

b. "As [redacted] pointed in the direction of the above described object, I was able to verify its existence and saw it for a matter of two to three seconds before it passed from sight."

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