

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 2 Feb 1951	2. LOCATION Cape Wales Alaska		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 03/0500Z	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		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1. 15 min then 1 hr 15 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Multiple	9. COURSE Stationary	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Lights from Ship <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Alternating red and green light. Observed on bearing 242 deg from WX station. Red light below international light and glow below indicating ship although no superstructure visible. In view until 03/0515Z. Disappeared for 1/2 hr and then viewed for 1 1/4 hr when obscured by fog bank.		11. COMMENTS Ship off Nome at 03/2400Z - 04/0400Z. Most probable cause of sighting.	

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INFO TO: CINCAL
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AAOID 0681 officer in charge Powell of Weather Bureau Airways Station Wales Alaska reports sighting of lights on bearing of 242 degrees from Wales at 030500Z Feb. Green light alternating to red observed directly above red light. Faint glow below lights indicated a ship although no superstructure visible. Lights disappeared at 0515Z, returned one half hour later and persisted in same position until 0700Z when obscured by fog. Request position of Burton Island at time of observation and whether flying barrage balloon.

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ALAIRCOM 060159Z quoted for your action "OIC Powell of Wea Bureau Airway Sta Wales Alaska reports sighting of lights on bearing of 242 degs from Wales at 030500Z Feb. Green light alternating to red observed directly above red light. Faint glow below lights indicated a ship although no superstructure visible. Light disappeared at 0515Z, returned 1 half hour later and persisted in same position until 0700Z when obscured by fog. Rqst position of Burton Island at time of observation and whether flying barrage balloon. Make report direct to all adees.

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Summary recent int sightings Alaskan area.

1. Off in charge wea bureau sta Wales Alaska reported sighting of lights on bearing 226 degrees true fr Wales at 030500Z Feb. Green light alternating to red observed directly above a red light. Faint glow below lights indicated a ship although no superstructure visible. Lights disappeared at 0515Z, returned 1/2 hr later and persisted in same position until 0700Z when obscured by fog. Position USN icebreaker 030500Z to 030700Z 70 miles fr Cape Prince of Wales on bearing of 220 degrees true. No barrage balloons in air at time. 24 inch searchlights used intermittently to locate leads in ice. Wea at Wales clear visibility unlimited. Evaluation F-3.

2. Unidentified ship sighted lying approx 8 to 10 miles off coast of Nome in westerly direction between 032400Z and 040400Z. Ves appeared gray in color, estimated 250 ft in length, superstructure at one end, no visible stacks and no lights visible after dark. Ship viewed by large nr of mil and civ pers. Not visible on horizon 4 Feb local time. Burton Island nearest known vessel was 105 miles west of Nome at time of observation. Evaluation B-1.

3. Alaskan Airlines MO450 enroute Shemya to Elmendorf direct reported 3 ships at 56 degrees 00 minutes north 174 degrees 30 minutes west at 070825Z that shined light at acft. No known US ships this area. Evaluation F-2.

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