

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 9 Jun 51	LOCATION Mikkeli, Finland		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>2005 (Day)</u> GMT <u>09/1805Z</u>	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 checked="" 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 Civ		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Unknown	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE NW to SE	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Disc shaped (2 meters in diam), aluminum color. Speed of 800 mph. Straight and level flt. No noise.		11. COMMENTS Probable aircraft.	

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT Flying Saucer		LT. COL. HEARN	
AREA REPORTED ON FINLAND		FROM (Agency) Office of Air Attache, Helsinki, Finland	
DATE OF REPORT 21 September 1951	DATE OF INFORMATION 20 September 1951	EVALUATION B-3	
PREPARED BY (Officer) Lt Col Howard T. Van De Car, Air Attache		SOURCE Mr. [REDACTED]	

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 117 - Part II)

1. Mr. [REDACTED] Ex-Finnish Minister to [REDACTED], graduate engineer, and business man presently residing in Kuopio, Finland, gave the following information to the undersigned during a business lunch:

2. He stated that he had observed a flying saucer near Mikkeli, Finland, at 2005 hours on 9 June 1951. (At this season daylight lasts until about 2300, at which time only a twilight type darkness occurs.) Mr. [REDACTED] stated that the craft was flying at an estimated altitude of 3,000 meters, or about 10,000 feet, from the northwest toward the southeast, or in the direction of Leningrad. The craft was described as being a perfect disk approximately 25 meters in diameter, of aluminum color, with no visible windows. Source estimated that it was flying at a speed of 800 miles per hour in straight and level flight. He was unable to see any cockpit canopy but assumed that this was because he could see only the underneath side.

3. Mr. [REDACTED] said that this observation was made while he was driving on the road north of Mikkeli with his wife and that she first pointed out the craft. He then stopped the automobile, got out, and watched the craft disappear into the clouds. At that time there were broken clouds and the craft was flying through a large opening in the overcast. Source stated that he could hear absolutely no noise from the aircraft and that in his estimation the engine was neither a conventional reciprocating engine nor a jet engine. He further stated that he had personally determined what type of propulsion was used but declined to say what his conclusions were. According to Mr. Saastamoinen, he had not previously mentioned this sighting to anyone.

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

4. Since this man is a graduate engineer (field unknown) and gave the impression of being anything but a crackpot, it is felt that his report warrants some consideration. The cloudy sky condition, combined with the relentless propulsion, are suggested as possible reasons for the fact that this flight has been unreported to this date.

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