

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 19 July 1951		LOCATION Lima Peru Peru		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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>HOAX</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>1650</u> GMT <u>19/2150Z</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			
5. PHOTOS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes Not in file. <input type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 - 2 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE S to N		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Color was orange. Alt 2500 - 3000'. Photos examined and determined. Newspaper copy of photo.			11. COMMENTS Photos examined and determined to be hoax by Peruvian Air Force Note: Above indicates that it was a hoax by P.A.F., but what it is attempting to say is that P.A.F. examined photos and determined that UFO was a hoax.		

Platillos voladores sobre la Selva Peruana

Junto con la foto que publicamos arriba, hemos recibido copia del siguiente despacho radiotelegrafico transmitido desde la hacienda Iberia a Lima por el servicio interno de la Corporación Peruana del Amazonas:

"El día 19 de julio, a las 4 y 50 de la tarde, cruzó el cielo de Iberia (departamento de Madre de Dios) un disco luminoso con núcleo o cabeza de color azul eléctrico intenso y estela luminosa con su comienzo amarillo, terminando en un color anaranjado intenso. La dirección fué de Sur a Norte, visible de uno a dos minutos, dejando una estela vaporosa, espesa, que quedó flotante por más de quince minutos. La altura a que iba era más o menos de 2.500 a 3.000 pies; a plena luz solar. Durante su recorrido, la instalación

de servicio de radio de la Corporación Peruana del Amazonas se paralizó, no funcionó ni para transmitir ni para recibir señal alguna".

Nuestro informante añade que dicho disco fué observado en Maldonado, capital de Madre de Dios, a las 4.55 de la tarde del mismo día. La distancia entre Iberia y Maldonado es de ochenta millas, lo que quiere decir que el recorrido lo hizo este disco en cinco minutos. Un avión de tipo corriente hace igual recorrido en 50 minutos.

En nuestra edición matinal del veinte de julio último, publicamos un despacho enviado por el corresponsal de "El Comercio" en Puerto Maldonado en el que se daba cuenta del paso del platillo volante, con idénticos pormenores, agregándose que más de trescientas personas

pudieron observarlo. Ahora nos llega, confirmando gráficamente la noticia y por primera vez en informaciones de esta índole, una foto del extraño artefacto, cuyas características no es fácil apreciar, pero si sus dimensiones y la extensión de la estela que se a su paso, como si se desplazara en el espacio por el sistema de propulsión a chorro.

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Platillo volador tomada a su paso por la hacienda Iberia, en el Departamento de Madre de Dios.

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COUNTRY PERU		REPORT NO. IR-46-51	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT Report of Unusual Atmospheric Phenomenon			
AREA REPORTED ON PERU		FROM (Agency) Air Attache, Lima, Peru AT. COL. HENRY	
DATE OF REPORT 24 August 1951	DATE OF INFORMATION 15 August 1951	EVALUATION F-0	
PREPARED BY (Officer) McHenry Hamilton, Jr, Col, USAF, AirAttache		SOURCE El Comercio, 15 August 1951	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) IR-40-51, 20 Jul			

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 112-Part II.)
 The following is an exact translation of an article appearing in a Lima daily newspaper of 15 August 1951:

"Together with the photograph printed above, we have received a copy of the following telegram transmitted from the Hacienda Iberia to Lima by the Peruvian Corporation of the Amazon:

'On July 19th at 4:50 PM a luminous disc was seen over Iberia (Department of Madre de Dios). The color of the head or nucleus of this disc was an intense orange. The direction was south to north; was visible from 1 to 2 minutes, leaving a thick vaporous trail which floated for more than 15 minutes. The altitude was more or less 2500 to 3000 feet. It was seen in broad daylight. During its passage, the Peruvian Corporation of the Amazon radio went dead and wasn't able to transmit or receive any signals.'

"Our informer adds that this disc was seen in Maldonado, capitol of Madre de Dios, at 4:55 the same afternoon. The distance between Iberia and Maldonado is 80 miles, which means that it made the trip in 5 minutes. It takes an ordinary plane 50 minutes to make this same trip.

"In our morning edition of July 20th, we published an item, sent by our reporter at Puerto Maldonado, concerning the flying disc, giving identical details, but adding that 300 people had seen it. Confirming this news and for the first time in this kind of information, we have received a photograph of the strange object, the characteristics of which are difficult to determine, but not so the dimensions and the trail that it leaves, as if it were traveling by jet propulsion."

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. The Peruvian Minister of Education in discussions with Embassy officers subsequent to the publication of the above article, explained that the picture was taken by a teacher in Punto Maldonado near the Bolivian border. According to the Minister, the teacher was having a picnic with a group of friends and, as he was about to take a picture of the group, he noticed something strange flying through the air and lifted his camera in time to snap it.
2. Examination of three (3) different photographs supposedly taken by three (3) separate individuals reveals a fairly clever attempt at trick photography.
3. It is the opinion of the A-2, Peruvian Air Force, that such falsification was for commercial reasons. El Comercio bought the picture and story, and numbers of prints have been sold to the public.

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