

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 28 May 1952	LOCATION Saigon, Indo-China		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1030	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
GMT 0230	<input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		
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 2 Min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Color: White-Silver Shape: Disk		11. COMMENTS	

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COUNTRY INDO-CHINA	REPORT NO. IR-172-52	(LEAVE BLANK) AF 469117
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SUBJECT Reporting of Information on Unidentified Flying Objects		
AREA REPORTED ON INDO-CHINA	FROM (Agency) OFFICE AIR ATTACHE, SAIGON, INDO-CHINA	
DATE OF REPORT 14 June 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 28 May 1952	EVALUATION F-3
PREPARED BY (Officer) WILLIAM H. HUNTLEY JR., Lt Col., USAF Newspaper, "Le Journal D'Extremes Orient"		
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) Reference letter above subject, file AFOIN-C/CC-2, 19 Dec 1951		
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.)		
<p>1. Report forwards a newspaper account of an unidentified object seen flying over Saigon on 28 May 1952. This article appeared in the 12 June edition of Le Journal D'Extremes Orient with no reason being given for the two weeks delay in reporting.</p> <p>2. Personal contact with the individuals mentioned in the article produced no additional details.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>William H. Huntley Jr.</i> WILLIAM H. HUNTLEY JR. Lt Colonel, USAF Acting Air Attache</p>		
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A flying saucer was observed between ten and eleven A.M. on May twenty-eight in the Saigon sky by a large number of people who were in the vicinity of the intersection of Rue Lefebvre and Rue George Gynesser. Among those who witnessed it were Mr. Rainbauld, managing Director of the Societe des Corps Gras et Oleagineux and Mr. Desjardins, Director of the Societe Commerciale des Potasses d'Alsace. It was confirmed by the Meteorological Service that there was no sounding balloon on that morning between ten and eleven A.M.

IN THE VIETNAM SKY

A FLYING SAUCER WAS SEEN OVER SAIGON

Was it a flying saucer? According to rumors it was a round object, brilliant, very fast and with an exceptional mobility which was seen in the sky over Saigon on 28 May between 10:00 and 11:00 hours local time. This "thing" did not look like any aircraft seen before in Saigon.

It was 10:30 hours while a ceremony was being held at the Saigon Port that several streets were blocked off to let high ranking personalities pass through the city. Mr. Rainbauld was driving his car on Rue Gynesser. The time was exactly 10:30 hours - the sky was blue with several clouds and no wind. Mr. Rainbauld's was attracted by several groups of Chinese and Vietnamese who were looking at something in the sky. "It must be a helicopter", thought Mr. Rainbauld as he stepped out of his car and looked up, but he did not hear or see anything.

He entered his car and continued slowly on Rue Lefebvre to a point 20 meters from the Compagnie Franco-Americaine, where again several persons were watching the sky. "This time I stepped out of my car and asked a Vietnamese what was going on? "What is going on, he answered, just look up!" He pointed to a white disk which came out of a cloud. It was something absolutely round, white-silver in color, and brilliant as metal shining in sun light. The object was moving towards another cloud. It could be seen clearly in the very blue sky but it did not make any noise. What was the diameter of the flying saucer? I who have seen a B-29 estimate that the circumference was as big as that of a B-29 fuselage and its altitude was 3,500 meters. I first thought it was a weather balloon which was being moved by the wind, but I could not explain how the clouds remained in the same place. The object was moving in a straight line at a very great speed. Before seeing this I believed in flying saucers in the proportion of 5%... but now I recognize that the proportion is reversed 95%.

A SECOND WITNESS

Come and see! I said to my friend Desjardins, quick it is a flying saucer! But a moment later it disappeared behind a cloud. The object we saw was round and smooth. For several seconds it could be distinctly observed and during this time it did not leave a trail and did not seem to be surrounded by a halo. It was moving at about the speed of a jet aircraft or a meteor, such as those seen at night. It moved in a perfectly straight line and was about the size of a small metal chip 2 Or 3 centimeters in diameter.

NO WEATHER BALLOON ON THE 28TH BETWEEN 10:00 and 11:00 A.M.

According to information from the Service Meteorologique a weather balloon was released at 8:00 A.M. on the 28th and 50 minutes later it reached the altitude of 15,636 meters and burst. The sky that day was perfectly blue with only a few clouds, no wind, reported the Weather Station.

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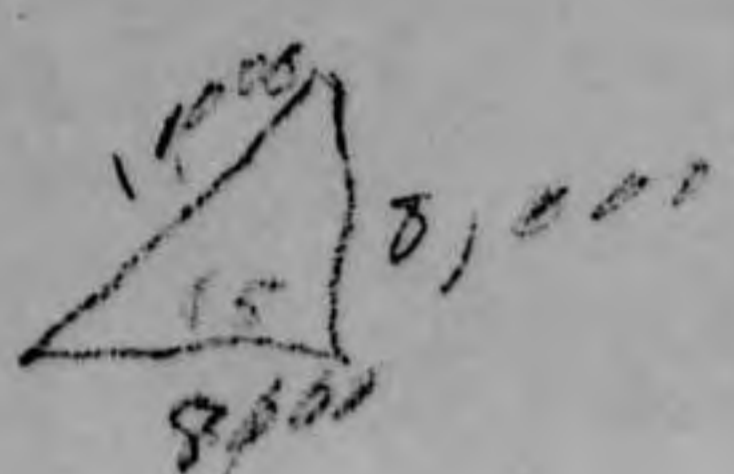
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COMMENTS BY REPORTING OFFICER:

The above is the first reported sighting of flying saucers in Indo-China known to this office. From all indications the newspaper account seems factual in all reported details although this office has been unable to locate additional observers, especially military or air force personnel to verify the story. The RO passed the area at approximately 10:15 hours but did not observe the object either then or later while waiting outside of the Saigon Port approximately 1/8 mile away.

Additional details are as follows:

- (1) Only one object reported seen.
- (2) Time sighted was 0230 hours zebra and length of time observed was approximately two minutes.
- (3) Observations were visual from the ground without optical equipment.
- (4) Location of observer was at the intersection of Rue Leclerc and Rue George Guyonnet (10°48'11"N - 106°21'58"E) in Saigon. From this point the object was observed south at an estimated altitude of 7000 - 8000 feet and at a 45° angle with the vertical.
- (5) Reliability and experience of the quoted observer are unknown.
- (6) Weather and wind conditions were as indicated.
- (7) No unusual meteorological activity at time of sighting.
- (8) No physical evidence or photographs available.
- (9) No interception or anti-aircraft firing attempted.



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$$8000 - 8000 = \frac{16000}{(time) 120} = 133\frac{1}{3} \text{ sec}$$

$$\frac{15}{22} \times 733 = 90 \text{ mph}$$

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