

PROJECT WAVE REPORTS

22 JUL 52

PATRICK AFB

FLA

CONCLUSIONS

2/2000 EST

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1. No Helium  
2. No Hydrogen  
3. No Gas

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4. No Aircraft  
5. No Rocket Motors  
6. No Explosives

2 AF Colonels and Airmen

7. No Astronomical  
8. No Rocket Motors  
9. No Explosives

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West

10. No Helium  
11. No Hydrogen  
12. No Gas

Objects which looked like large stars were observed in straight, level flight by airmen and officers at Patrick AFB.

1. Reported by competent observers at balloon launch time.

2. Heading the same as incoming breeze on Florida coast.

**PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET**

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**I. GENERAL**

<b>1. DATE</b> 2 July 54	<b>2. LOCATION</b> Patrol Area FLN	<b>3. TIME</b> Local: 2200 Zebra: 2200
<b>4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND?</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Naked Eye <input type="checkbox"/> Binoculars <input type="checkbox"/> Telescope <input type="checkbox"/> Theodolite	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> By One Set <input type="checkbox"/> By Two Sets <input type="checkbox"/> By Three Sets	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes ___ A/C Observed Object <input type="checkbox"/> Interception Attempted <input type="checkbox"/> No Intercept Attempted	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes ___ A/C Scrambled <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Contact Made <input type="checkbox"/> A/I Contact Made <input type="checkbox"/> No Contact Made	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> Normal <input type="checkbox"/> Violent	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Blinking <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steady	
<b>10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-15 Seconds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-5 Minutes <input type="checkbox"/> Over 10 Minutes	
<b>11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address)</b> Patrol Area FLN, ...		

**II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA**

<b>12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED?</b> None		
<b>13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac)</b>		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Night	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Day	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunrise	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunset	

**III. AIRCRAFT DATA**

<b>17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> One Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> More Than One Aircraft	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

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**IV. BALLOON DATA**

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA?  Yes  No

22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE: 20 Minutes

23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:

	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting
				Yes	No	
a.	<i>W. of ...</i>	<i>...</i>	<i>...</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>...</i>
b.				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
c.				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
d.				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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**V. EVALUATION**

<p>21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Excellent</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Good</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fair</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Poor</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Unreliable</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Extremely Doubtful</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Hoax</li> </ul>	<p>22. DETAILS OF REPORT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Good</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Fair</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Poor</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient to Evaluate</li> </ul>
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23. FINAL EVALUATION:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon</li>   <li><input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical</li>   <li><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data For Evaluation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown</li> </ul>
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24. COMMENTS:

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION	2. TIME OF OBSERVATION	3. STATION OBSERVING
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4. WINDS ALOFT:					
ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0			25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000			50,000		
6,000			55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000			75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		

5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED?  Yes  No  
 (If yes, at what altitude? \_\_\_\_\_)

6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA?  Yes  No  
 (If yes, at what quadrant? \_\_\_\_\_)

7. CLOUD COVER: _____ tenths at _____ feet.      _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.      _____ tenths at _____ feet.	8. VISIBILITY WAS _____ MILES.
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9. COMMENTS:  
*Powerth info.*

24 July 1952

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REPORT ON FLYING OBJECTS AS OBSERVED AT PATRICK AFB, FLORIDA

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The above four objects all were sighted within a period of five to six minutes. The objects were reported as appearing like a great star of amber color. Weather storm detection radars and Rawinsond radars were directed on objects but no contacts were made. These two types of radars are not considered to be reliable for such tracking.

Five additional personnel reported the same objects and performance which included the Airdrome officer on duty at the time, control tower operator, aircraft dispatcher and two transient pilots from Wright Patterson AFB.

Two observances were made on 19 July; however, no report was made.

On 21 July, the undersigned received a call from an airman at 2200 hours who reported a similar object over the field. Two minutes later a call was received from two Colonels on the base, one a former commercial test pilot, who reported three objects spread widely in their position which approached from the East. The undersigned immediately went outdoors to observe the objects which had disappeared by that time. Approximately 3 or 4 minutes later an object was observed by me directly overhead flying on a course of 280 degrees at high speed. Altitude was undetermined because of the unknown size of the object. It appeared as a bright star, amber in color. Its speed was steady and was flying on an unerring course with no deviation observed during the entire flight until it eventually passed out of sight approximately 15 degrees above the horizon in the West. Altitude was estimated at 20,000 feet. Based on this figure, the speed was approximately 700 mph. The above observances were made in clear

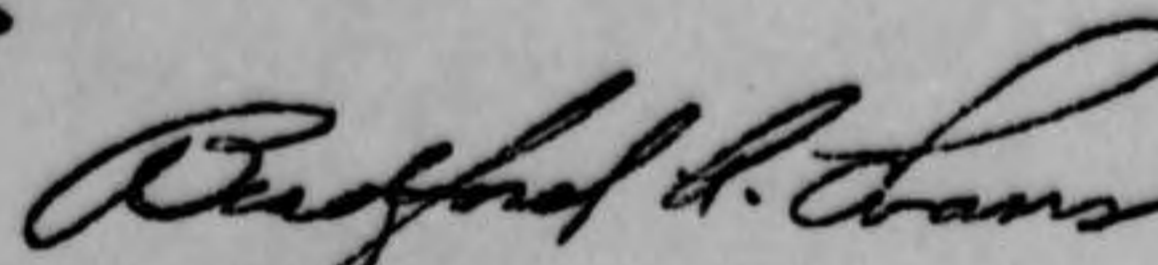
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Patrick Air Force Base, Florida  
21 July, 1952

MEMORANDUM TO LT COL EVANS:

In compliance with your verbal request following is an account of my observation of the incident at Patrick AFB on Friday evening, 18 July 1952.

At approximately 2130, I, together with Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED], both employees of Base Supply, was waiting in a staff car in the parking lot beside the Provost Marshal's office while the driver, [REDACTED], was getting the trip ticket signed by the OD. Mr. [REDACTED] first noticed a peculiar light in the sky to the South of the Base. From that time until we passed through the South Gate approximately 15 minutes later, we watched this light and speculated as to what it might be. It was not a "sharp" light like a bare bulb but more like a light shining through frosted glass. It appeared 3 or 4 times the size of a large star. No shape of any kind was discernable. It had a slightly orange or reddish color. It appeared to blink but with no regularity whatever. It wasn't as though the light was being turned off and on but like it was passing behind something. It appeared to be about 2 miles SSW of the Base at 5 to 6 thousand feet approximately over the Banana River. It was proceeding very slowly and erratically NNE in a level path over the river. It seemed to move for 2 or 3 minutes and then stop for 30 seconds to a minute before proceeding. I would estimate that at no time was it traveling at more than 40 MPH. It was approximately west of the center of the Base when we left the South Gate and it faded from view as we proceeded south down ALA.

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