

PROJECT 10075 RECORD CARD

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Two civilian women observed black cigar-shaped object with "gondola" underneath. Observed from moving auto.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S)
Reporting of information on Unconventional Aircraft,
Thomaston, Connecticut, 0300 hours, 25 July 1952
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

SYNOPSIS:

Two (2) employees of Technicraft Laboratories, Incorporated, Thomaston, Connecticut, reported that they observed a bright, silver, cigar-shaped object which appeared to have a black gondola attached on the underside. No activity or condition exists that accounts for the sighting.

DETAILS:

1. On 29 July 1952, Captain JOSEPH RIGHER, Wing Intelligence Officer, 1600th Air Transport Wing, Westover Air Force Base, Massachusetts, telephonically advised Headquarters, 1st District OSI that a Miss [REDACTED], Union City, Connecticut, and Miss [REDACTED], Waterbury, Connecticut, employees at Technicraft Laboratories, Incorporated, Thomaston, Connecticut, had sighted an unidentified airborne object on 25 July 1952.

2. On 30 July 1952, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were interviewed by Special Agent CLIFFORD S. EGLEND and furnished the following information:

a. The object appeared similar to a cigar in shape and appeared to be exceptionally high. Witnesses were unable to give any estimate as to its altitude. Both believed it to be a rather large object, bright silver in color, but with no glow or sheen to it. [REDACTED] advised that

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the lower edge toward the front appeared very black. [redacted] stated it appeared to her to have a gondola, similar to a blimp in that respect, and this was very black. Only one such object was sighted and both advised that it tapered off to a cigar shape effect and that it did not have any propeller or tail. No trail or exhaust was observed, and object was motionless when first sighted. When object started to move, it tilted downward at a shallow angle. Witnesses' view was obscured for four or five seconds by trees. Upon being in the clear again, they stopped their vehicle, got out and scanned the skies, but were unable to see it. [redacted] advised that when object first started to move it appeared to her to be going at the approximate speed of a regular passenger plane. Both witnesses advised that although they listened, they were unable to hear any sound.

b. [redacted] advised that she saw the object through the right windshield of the automobile at about 0830 hours EDT. She advised that for approximately a minute she studied it, trying to determine what it could be. [redacted] then asked [redacted] if she saw an object and [redacted] replied affirmatively. [redacted] stated she saw the object for approximately five minutes while [redacted] had observed it for about four minutes.

c. Manner of observation was visual while traveling in an automobile at a speed of approximately 20 to 25 MPH. Miss [redacted] wears eyeglasses, which she advised, corrected her vision to 20/20. [redacted] does not wear eyeglasses and advised that she has excellent eyesight.

d. Witnesses stated that they were near the Solvent Recovery Service, Incorporated, on the Thomaston-Waterbury Road when object was first sighted. [redacted] advised that she saw the object about two or three inches from the top of the right windshield. Both stated the angle of sight was less than 45°, and were unable to state the altitude, other than that it appeared exceptionally high.

e. [redacted], [redacted] and [redacted], [redacted], Technicraft Laboratories, Incorporated, Thomaston, Connecticut, advised that both witnesses are reliable and believed competent observers, and have never reported sighting objects prior to this incident. [redacted] advised he has known [redacted] for about nine years and that he is her immediate supervisor. [redacted] is a laboratory technician having direct supervision over five other employees. [redacted] advised further that she is very reliable, not gifted with imagination, not prone to jump to conclusions, and believes that because of the type of work she does and her experience she would be above average in observation.

f. [redacted] and [redacted] advised that at the time of sighting the weather was extremely clear, with no clouds or wind. Both stated the visibility was perfect.

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g. Records, United States Weather Bureau, Brainard Field, Hartford, Connecticut, were checked with the assistance of ~~_____~~, Meteorologist. Records reflect that at the time of sighting, weather was as follows: Clear skies, visibility, 15 plus miles, temperature 67°, dewpoint 55°, wind, surface NNE 7 miles per hour. SMITH advised that this weather extended throughout the major part of the State of Connecticut.

h. There were no activities or conditions, meteorological or otherwise, which might account for the sighting.

i. There exists no physical evidence and no interception or identification action was taken.

ACTION:

Two (2) copies of this report will be forwarded to the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, attention: MCIS, and one (1) information copy forwarded to the Commander, Atlantic Division, MATS, Westover Air Force Base, Mass. No further action taken by this District Office.


Robert A. Jones
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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