

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE

1 Aug 52

2. LOCATION

YOKOTA AIR BASE, JAPAN

12. CONCLUSIONS

3. DATE-TIME GROUP

Local

01/0710 Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

Ground-Visual

Ground-Radar

Air-Visual

Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS

Yes

8. SOURCE

AF Pilots

Was Balloon  
 Probably Balloon  
 Possibly Balloon

Was Aircraft  
 Probably Aircraft  
 Possibly Aircraft

Was Astronomical  
 Probably Astronomical (METER)

6. DURATION OF OBSERVATION

2 sec

7. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

1

11. COMMENTS

Two pilots in C-47 a/c saw round, blue-white object with a trail traveling at terrific rate of speed.

1. Observer of the opinion, object "possibly a comet."

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SWORN STATEMENT

I, Lawrence R. Beach, Capt. USAF AO 9296PH  
6410 B. H. 090328 fully understand my rights under the 31st Article,  
 U.S.A., make the following statement:

I was pilot of a C 47 type aircraft on 1 August 1952 at 0710 Zebra when suddenly I saw a round blue-white object off the left wing of the aircraft. The weather was clear and stable and all conditions normal until suddenly the cockpit lit up which alerted myself and the co-pilot, Capt Holly, of an abnormal situation. The object remained in sight approximately two seconds and suddenly disappeared. The size or distance of the object could not be determined but altitude of object was approximately 7,000 feet traveling in horizontal flight. There was no unusual sound noted at time of sighting. I am firm in the opinion that the object was not another aircraft but possibly a comet. The co-pilot was seated on the opposite side of the aircraft so his vision was obstructed to a certain extent. We were flying aircraft 5559 about 15 miles East of Yokota Air Base on a heading of 015° at time of sighting.

Lawrence R. Beach

Sworn and subscribed before me this: 6<sup>th</sup> day of August 1952

Earl L. Crockett

Major USAF

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- (1) Description is a round blue-white object with trail traveling at a terrific rate of speed. No size could be determined. No sound was noted. The object remained in vision for approximately two seconds and suddenly disappeared.
- (2) Time of sighting was 1 August 1952 at 0710 Zebra for approximately two seconds.
- (3) The sighting was visual from a C 47 aircraft at 5,500 feet traveling at approximately 150 miles per hour.
- (4) Location of aircraft 38° 30N 139° 57E or approximately 15 miles East of Yokota Air Base. The object was sighted off the left wing of aircraft at approximately 7,000 feet altitude. The distance from the aircraft could not be determined.
- (5) The pilot has approximately 800 flying hours and has not observed any unidentified flying objects in the past.
- (6) The weather was clear and stable.
- (7) No activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise, which might account for the sighting.
- (8) There is no existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs and the like, of the sighting.
- (9) No air traffic in the general area at the time of the sighting.

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D/I FRAF COMMENT:

A check of local Japanese observatories showed no indications of any meteorological activity, nor any other sighting in the Yokota area during this period.

*4/c Gray S. Banfill*  
 CHARLES Y. BANFILL  
 Brigadier General, USAF  
 Deputy for Intelligence

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SUMMARY: (State concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112 - Part II.)

Captain Lawrence Leach, 6161AB Gp, was piloting a C 47 aircraft and observed an unidentified flying object. The co-pilot Capt Holly, 548th Recon Tech Sq, also sighted the object but because the object was sighted off the left wing of the aircraft his vision was obstructed. No other person or persons on this base reported sighting the object.

The pilot and co-pilot were firm in the opinion that this unidentified flying object was not another aircraft but possibly a comet.

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