PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
17 Aug 52

2. LOCATION
Webb AFB, Texas

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 1649 CST
GMT

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar
☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
AF Pilot

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
3 - 4 seconds

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
1

9. COURSE

12. CONCLUSIONS
☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon
☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☒ Possibly Aircraft
☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical
☐ Other
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Highly polished metal color. Oblong.
Straight line - normal.

11. COMMENTS

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SUBJECT		
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AREA REPORTED ON: Texas	FROM (Agency): Wing Intelligence Webb AFB, Texas	
DATE OF REPORT: 22 August 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION: 17 August 1952	EVALUATION: C-3
PREPARED BY (Officer): ALEC B. STREETE Maj., USAF Wg Intel Off	SOURCE: Captain James H. Perry, A0718060	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable): AF Letter 200-5, TWX GA444B Hq Webb AFB dtd 19 Aug 52		

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.)

This report contains information on report of unidentified flying object as reported to this section on 18 August 1952 by Captain James H. Perry A0718060. The pilot sighted object while on a routine training flight from Hensley Naval Air Station, Dallas, Texas to Webb Air Force Base, Big Spring, Texas at 1649 hours CST on 17 August 1952.

Captain Perry reported sighting to Abilene Radio at 1652 hours CST giving the approximate heading of the object at time of sighting as 275 degrees. Abilene Radio advised El Paso and Fort Worth at 1738 hours CST. The location at time of sighting, as indicated on inclosed chart, was 3235N 9913W.

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2 INCLS.
1. Narrative Statement of Observer
2. WAC Wichita Mountains (407)

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In compliance with paragraph 7d Air Force Letter 200-5 dated 29 April 1952 the following information is submitted:

(1) Description of the object. The long object was oblong in shape and appeared very bright with no color as if a very bright light were being reflected from highly polished metal. The observer estimated the overall size of the object to be slightly smaller than the AF B-25. There were no wings or rudder visible but the object seemed to move with ease traveling at a constant speed. The propulsion system could not be determined but there were no trails or exhaust and no excessive static was noticed in the radio receiver. There was no sound but since pilot was flying a T-6 the sound could not be observed. The object maintained constant flight, and climbed at an estimated rate of 2000 feet per minute at a speed in excess of 500 miles per hour and gradually disappeared as the distance interval increased.

(2) Time of sighting. The object was sighted at 1649 hours CST 17 Aug 52 and was observed for a period of three or four seconds.

(3) Manner of observation. The object was observed visually from air at airspeed of 150 knots at an altitude of 8000 feet above MSL from a T-6 D. No optical equipment was used.

(4) Location of observer during sighting. The observer's position at time of sighting was 32° 35"N 99° 13"W. The observer was flying at a speed of 150 knots on a true heading of 245° at an altitude of 8000 feet. The object was sighted approximately one and one-half miles 45° off the observer's heading to the right. It was traveling at a speed estimated well over 500 MPH at an altitude of 15000 feet above MSL on an approximate heading of 275°. The pilot first sighted the object at two o'clock.

(5) The observer is thirty five years of age and has an estimated 6000 hours flying time of which only 1290 hours are in military aircraft. He began flying as a civilian pilot in 1935 and was graduated from military pilot training in 1944. The pilot has no combat experience. Captain Perry was placed on inactive reserve status in 1946 and returned to active duty in September 1951. He is a rated pilot on flying status....behind-the-line-pilot presently assigned as Installation Squadron Commander.

(6) Weather. The weather was clear with visibility unlimited at time of sighting. The wind was 160°, 12 knots.

(7) Interception or identification action taken. The observer reported the sighting to Abilene Radio giving approximate heading, speed and other pertinent information. Abilene Radio advised El Paso and Fort Worth.

(8) Location of air traffic in general area. The pilot was flying to the right of the Civil Airway in the twilight zone. Two Navy jet aircraft had passed at about 1440 hours CST. The observer had met a civilian Lockheed Hudson and a B-25 going east over Weatherford, Texas, 32°45"N 97°43"W.

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NARRATIVE STATEMENT OF OBSERVER

22 August 1952

1. On 17 August 1952, while on a routine training flight from Hensley Naval Air Station, Dallas, Texas to Webb Air Force Base, Big Spring, Texas, I saw an unusual object approximately one and one-half miles 45° off my heading to the right. The time of sighting was 1649 hours CST. I was flying an Air Force T-6-D at an altitude of 8000 feet above MSL with an indicated air speed of 150 knots on a true heading of 245°. The weather was clear with visibility unlimited. The wind was 160°, 12 knots. My position at time of sighting was 32° 35' N 99° 13' W.

2. The object was at an altitude of approximately 15000 feet above MSL on a heading of 275° and traveling at a terrific rate of spped....well over 500 MPH. The object was just below cloud base when first sighted and was climbing. It continued to climb through scuddy clouds and disappeared from sight in about three seconds, still climbing at approximately 2000 feet per minute to the west.

3. I was flying to the right of the Civil Airway in the twilight zone. Two Navy jet aircraft had passed at about 1440 hours CST. I had met a Civilian Lockheed Hudson and a B-25 going east over Weatherford, Texas, 32°45'N 97°43'W.

4. When I first noticed the object it attracted my attention about two o'clock. Its movement was in a straight line with no smoke trail or streamer in its wake. No exnessive static was noticed in the radio receiver. It was very attractive and seemed to move with ease traveling at a constant rate of speed. There were no wings or rudder visible.

5. The object appeared oblong in shape and of a size slightly smaller than the Air Force B-25. Exact size and shape of the object would be hard to describe definitely due to only 3 or 4 seconds of observation and the apparent distance covered in this time. The object covered approximately thirty miles in the three seconds observed.

James H. Perry

JAMES H. PERRY
Captain, USAF
A0713060

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WPB153

YDB176

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WWA175

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RR JEPHQ JEDWP JEDEN JEDST JWFGO 555

DE JWFDS 052

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FM CO WEBB AFB TEX

TO JEPHQ/DIR OF INTEL HQ USAF WASH DC

JEDWP/ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

JEDEN/CG ENT AFB COLO

JEDST/CG ATRC SCOTT AFB ILL

INFO JWFGO/CG FTAF WACO TEX

CA444M. FLYOBRPT WHILE ON ROUT TNG FLT FR HENSLEY NAS DALLAS TEX TO WEBB AFB TEX ON 17 AUG 52, CAPT JAMES H PERRY AO718060 RPT SIGHTING AN UNIDENTIFIED FLY OBJ. THE FOLG REPT IS SBM/ICW PAR 7-C AFL 200-5 DTD 29 APR 52. /ONE/ DESCRIPTION OF OBJ CLN SHAPE SMCLN OBLONG CMA SIZE SMCLN EST SLIGHTLY SMALLER THAN AF B-25 CMA COLOR SMCLN AS IN A HIGHLY POLISHED METAL CMA NO SMCLN ONE CMA AERODYNAMIC FEATURES SMCLN NO WG OR RUDDER VISIBLE CMA TRAIL OR EXHAUST SMCLN NONE CMA PROPULSION SYS SMCLN UNDETERMINED CMA SPEED SMCLN WELL OVER 500 MPH CMA SOUND SMCLN NONE OBSR CMA MANUVERS SMCLN CONSTANT FLT WITH APROX 2000FT PER MIN CLIMB CMA MANNER OF DISAPPERANCE SMCLN GRADUAL AT

DIS INTERVAL INCREASED CMA OTHER FEATURES SHOLN BRIGHT LIGHT AS IF BEING REFLECTED FR HIGHLY POLISHED METAL.(TWO) TIME OF SIGHTING CLN 1649 HRS CST OBSR 3 TO 4 SEC. (THREE) MANNER OF OBSR CLN VISUAL FR AIR AT 150 KNOTS ALT 8000 FT IN ACFT TYPE T-6-D. (FOUR) LOC OF OBSR CLN 3235N 9913W FLY 245 HEADING AT 8000 FT. OBJ WAS SIGHTED ABOUT TWO OCLOCK MOVING IN A STRAIGHT LINE ON APROX 275 HEADING AT 15000 FT. (FIVE) THE OBSR IS THIRTY FIVE YEARS OF AGE CMA HAS AN EST 8000 HRS FLY TIME OF WHICH 1290 HRS ARE IN MIL ACFT. OBSR FLY AS A CIV PLT IN 1935 AND WAS GRAD FR PLT TNG 1944. HE HAS NO CMBT EXPERIENCE. (SIX) WEATHER CLN CLEAR CMA VISABLITY UNLTD. WIND 180 DEGREES 12 KNOTS. (SEVEN) EIGHT (NINE) SHCLN NEG (TEN) OBSR WAS FLY TO THE RIGHT OF THE CIVIL AIRWAYS IN THETWILIGHT ZONE.TWO NAVY J ACFT HAD PASSED AT APROX 1444 HRS CST. 19/1941Z AUG JUTDS

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PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	3. TIME
17 Aug 52	Webb AFB, Tex.	Local: 1649 CST Zebra: 2249

4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- ☐ Naked Eye
- ☐ Binoculars
- ☐ Telescope
- ☐ Theodolite

5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- ☐ By One Set
- ☐ By Two Sets
- ☐ By Three Sets

6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- 1 A/C Observed Object
- ☐ Interception Attempted
- ☒ No Intercept Attempted

7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- ___ A/C Scrambled
- ☐ Visual Contact Made
- ☐ A/I Contact Made
- ☐ No Contact Made

8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- ☐ Normal
- ☐ Violent

9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT:
- ☐ Blinking
- ☐ Steady

10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT:
- ☐ 1-15 Seconds
- ☒ 1-5 Minutes
- ☐ Over 10 Minutes

11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address)
Wing Intelligence, Webb AFB, Tex.

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED?
None

13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD?	☐ Yes	☒ No
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL?	☐ Yes	☐ No
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE?	☐ Yes	☐ No

16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac)
- ☐ Night
- ☐ Day
- ☐ Sunrise
- ☐ Sunset

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA?	☒ Yes ☐ One Aircraft ☒ More Than One Aircraft	☐ No
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD?	☐ Yes	☒ No
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE?	☐ Yes	☐ No
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION?	☐ Yes	☐ No

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA? ☑ Yes ☐ No

22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE: ____ Minutes

23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:

	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted? Yes	Lighted? No	Describe Lighting
a.						
b.						
c.						
d.						

(attach overlay)

V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE:

- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Unreliable
- ☐ Extremely Doubtful
- ☐ Hoax

22. DETAILS OF REPORT:

- ☐ Good
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Insufficient to Evaluate

23. FINAL EVALUATION:

- ☐ Was Balloon
- ☐ Probably Balloon
- ☐ Possibly Balloon

- ☐ Was Aircraft
- ☐ Probably Aircraft
- ☑ Possibly Aircraft

- ☐ Was Astronomical
- ☐ Probably Astronomical
- ☐ Possibly Astronomical

- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Insufficient Data For Evaluation
- ☐ Unknown

24. COMMENTS:

PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SHEET

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION	2. TIME OF OBSERVATION	3. STATION OBSERVING

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.

9. COMMENTS:

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