

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 20 September 52	2. LOCATION At sea on (U.S.S. Franklin D. Roosevelt.)
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not reported	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS SEE OASE FILE
7. COURSE Not Stated	
8. PHOTOS <i>NEGATIVES</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

AIR 11
AF DE AIR
RR JEDWP
DE JEPHQ 23C
R 232145Z
F HQ USAF AFOIN

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ACTION

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TO ZEN/CONNAVNORTH OSLO NORWAY
INFO JEDWP/CHIEF ATIC WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO

[REDACTED] / SECURITY INFORMATION FROM: AFOIN-2A2
59350 REFERENCE OBSERVATION UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SHORTLY
AFTER 1600 HOURS 20 SEP 42 BY M4. [REDACTED] METRO GROUP
PHOTOGRAPHER, AND LT R. M. [REDACTED] USN, ABOARD CARRIER USS F.
D. ROSSEVELT. REQUEST ADVICE OF ANY OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION AND
REPORT ON HIS INCIDENT. ADDITIONALLY REQUEST A CHECK TO DETERMINE
IF ANY OTHER SHIP IN THE FORMATION RELEASED A WEATHER BALLON
AROUND THIS TIME. ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH MAY OFFER
POSSIBLE EXPLANATION IS SOLICITED. FINALLY REQUEST ANY INFORMATION
AVAILABLE REGARDING OBSERVATION UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT BY 11
CREW MEMBERS RAFBOMBER OVER YORKSHIRE ON 22 SEPTEMBER. IN RESPONSE
REPLY TO AFOIN-2A2.

23/2145Z OCT JEPHQ
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NR JEDWP
DE JEPHQ 1390
R 251955Z

FM HQ USAF WASHDC
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INFO JEDWP/CHIEF ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

[REDACTED] FROM AFOIN 51025 REFERENCE OBSERVATION
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SHORTLY AFTER 1600 HOURS 25 SEP 52 BY
MR [REDACTED] MA METRO GROUP PHOTOGRAPHER CMA AND LT
[REDACTED] CMA USN CMA ABOARD CARRIER USS F. D. ROOSEVELT. REQUEST
ADVICE OF ANY OFFICIAL INVESTIGATION AND REPORT ON THIS INCIDENT.

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LITWIN DETERMINED FROM WEATHER OFFICER ABOARD ROOSEVELT THAT WEATHER
BALLOON WAS NOT RELEASED AT THAT TIME. REQUEST A CHECK TO DETERMINE
IF ANY OTHER SHIP IN THE FORMATION RELEASED A BALLOON ABOUT TIME
IN QUESTION. ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH MAY OFFER POSSIBLE
EXPLANATION IS SOLICITED. IN RESPONSE REPLY TO AFOIN-2A2

25/2000Z OCT JEPHQ

ACTION

24 Oct 52 0907 [REDACTED] CASE NOT REQUIRED. SEE CRYPTO-CENTER
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ROUTING

JOINT MESSAGEFORM

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SPACE ABOVE FOR COMMUNICATIONS CENTER ONLY

FROM: (Originator)

DATE-TIME GROUP

142000Z NOV 52

PRECEDENCE FOR:

ACTION

INFORMATION

ROUTINE

BOOK MESSAGE

ORIGINAL MESSAGE

MULTIPLE ADDRESS

CRYPTOPRECAUTION

YES

NO

REFERS TO MESSAGE:

IDENTIFICATION

CLASSIFICATION

CG ATIC

TO: D/I HQ USAF WASH D C

INFO:

FROM: AFOIE-ATIA-5

FOR MAJ FOURNET

Cite your IT 243, Item 1, 4th 13 Nov 52. Evaluation is that object probably balloon released shortly before pictures taken.

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DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

LT J. K. ROBERTS/ro

OFFICIAL TITLE

ROBERT E. KENNEDY, MAJOR, USAF
AIR ADJUTANT GENERAL

SYMBOL

TELEPHONE

65365

DD FORM 173 1 OCT 49

REPLACES NME FORM 173, 1 MAY 48 WHICH MAY BE USED.

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C-1 ROUTINE

6 NOV 1952 10

FM COM 2ND FLEET NORFOLK VA 052031Z

TO CS USAF WASHDC AFOIN-2A-2

INFO CG AMC WPAFB OHIO

ATI

YOUR 312140Z CITE AFOIN 51716. NO OFFICIAL REPORT OF FLYING OBJECT SIGHTING RECEIVED PRIOR THOSE REQUESTED MY 011534Z AND NO INVESTIGATION MADE UNTIL THAT TIME. INFO INDICATES INCIDENT OCCURRED ABOUT 190400Z SEPT EXACT TIME NOT KNOWN. (AEROLOGICAL BALLOON WITH RADAR REFLECTOR LAUNCHED FROM ROOSEVELT SHORTLY BEFORE PICTURES WERE TAKEN.) THIS 1500 GRAM BALLOON INFLATES TO DIAM ABOUT 8 FEET AT SEA LEVEL AND EXPANDS WITH ALTITUDE AND IS BELIEVED TO BE THE OBJECT SIGHTED. NO OTHER SHIPS IN FORMATION RELEASED BALLOONS AFTERNOON 19 SEPT

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AMC FORM 8-5 FEB-50

REPLACES AMC FORM 30-224 WHICH MAY BE USED

FROM: **ATP-2** DATE **10/23/52** IDENTIFICATION NUMBER **52-13008**

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FROM: **HQ USAF WASH DC** TO: **OO WIC**

REG. NO. **AIR 4**

DESCRIPTION, DATES, AND SUBJECT: **Inc Mag 10/23/52 & cys recd. 1 p ea. Cite AFM 51025 Action & Info.**

ENCLOSURES: **None** **5**

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3 ONLY 4X5 PHOTOGRAPHIC
NEGATIVES

AND

1 ONLY 8X10 PHOTOGRAPHIC
NEGATIVE OR TRANSPARENCY

SIGHTING AT SEA

BY MILITARY PERSONNEL
ON THE USS FDR

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Franklin D. Roosevelt

October 2, 1952

Major Dewey J. Fournet
AFDIN - 2A2
Headquarters, U.S. Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Major Fournet:

Here are the three Ansco color transparencies, 2 1/4 x 2 1/4, shot by Metro Group photographer [redacted] aboard the U.S.S. Franklin D. Roosevelt while covering the NATO maneuvers for us.

Following is a quote from Litwin's letter of yesterday describing the circumstances surrounding the shooting of these pictures:

20 SEP 52
"On September twentieth, at a few minutes after four p.m., I was standing on the forward flight deck of the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt, biggest carrier in the world. With me, at the time, was Lt. [redacted], helicopter pilot. It was a bright day and there were occasional clouds in a very blue sky. As we were talking, I saw this round object about five hundred or a thousand feet in the air, directly above the after end of the ship. I shouted something to [redacted] and ran aft a bit to shoot it with a bit of the ship's 'island' in the picture to establish where. I had time to take a meter reading and three exposures before the rapidly rising thing was out of sight. The weather man man aboard sent a balloon up at three thirty, and says that it rose up and out of sight in the overcast in about fifty seconds. This was not it. The shots were in color.

"The next day there was an item on the teletype as follows:
PITREAVIE, SCOTLAND, SEPT 22 (INS) RAF OFFICERS IN THE NATO MANEUVERS OPERATIONS MAINBRACE TODAY*INVESTIGATED A REPORT THAT A FLYING SAUCER WAS SIGHTED. TEN OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN IN AN RAF BOMBER PLANE REPORTED YESTERDAY THAT THEY SAW A SILVER CIRCULAR OBJECT FOLLOWING A BRITISH PURSUIT PLANE OVER YORKSHIRE. THEY SAID THE OBJECT, WITH A ROTARY MOTION ABOUT ITS OWN AXIS, SUDDENLY ACCELERATED AT INCREDIBLE SPEED AND VANISHED BEFORE THEY COULD GET CLOSER.

(* Sept.20)

"This took place in the same part of the world and could be part of the same situation. I have [redacted] affidavit, not

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SUBJECT

(Unclassified) Material for Project Blue Book

TO Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center Wright-Patterson AFB Ohio

FROM Dept of the Air Force Hq USAF - AFOIN

DATE

COMMENT NO. 1

Maj Fournet/dbv/71379

1. Inclosed are reproductions of three color transparencies taken by Mr. [REDACTED], an American press photographer, in the vicinity of the Naval formation participating in Operation Mainbrace on 20 Sep 52. The attached copy of a letter from Mr. [REDACTED] of the Metropolitan Sunday Newspapers, Inc. dated 2 Oct 52 (see Incl 2) includes all data on this sighting presently available this office.

2. The original photographs were returned to Mr. [REDACTED] with a letter expressing our sincere thanks for his cooperation in making the photographs available to us. The photographs were enlarged by Hq USAF from the original 2 1/4 x 2 1/4 inch size to the present size; the vertical dimension of the copies correspond to the coverage in the original photographs (enlargement ratio 2.25:5). These are the only copies which were made; none are filed in Headquarters. An enlarged reversal print of the second transparency is attached (Incl 3); it was made to show that the image is still round. Photographs are for official use only; not for release.

3. A cable to CINCWORTH, with information copy to you, was dispatched 3 Oct 52 requesting information on balloon releases by ships in the Naval formation. Message number is AFOIN 59530.

4. A copy of OPNAV Notice 3820 is attached as Incl 4 for your information and retention.

William A. Adams

WILLIAM A. ADAMS
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Topical Division
Deputy Director for Estimates
Directorate of Intelligence, DCS/O

Incls

1. Pkg of 3 photos
2. Cy ltr fr Mr. [REDACTED] dtd 2 Oct 52
3. Photo
4. Cy OPNAV Notice 3820

Mr. [REDACTED] wants print

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Major Dewey J. Fournet

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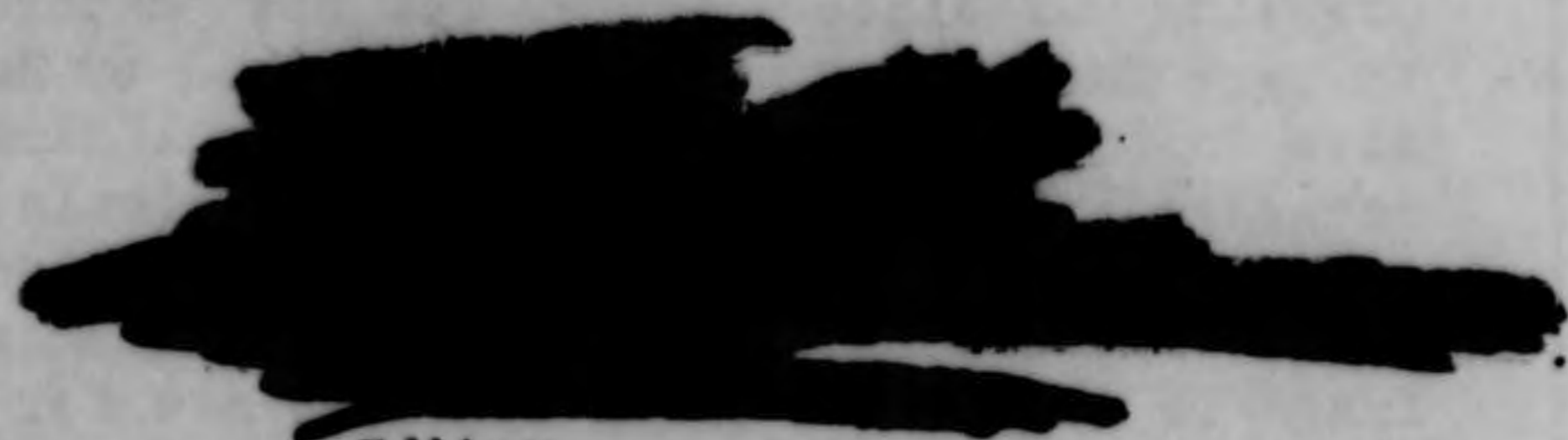
October 2, 1952

stating what it was that we saw, but that he saw it too, at the same time as I was photographing it."

As I said during our telephone conversation today, I would appreciate a quick return of these transparencies and any comment which the Air Force is willing to make about these pictures for publication.

We will look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,



Editor

FRA/mv
Enc.

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15 OCT 52

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FM HQ USAF WASHDC
 TO ZEN/USAIRA OSLO NORWAY
 INFO JEDVP/CHIEFATIC WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO
 FROM: AFOIN 50356 REF YOUR X 36 DTD 13 OCT 52 AND OUR
 AFOIN 59553 TO COMNAVORTH DTD 3 OCT 52. ASSUME YOU HAVE ACCEPTED
 ACTION ON LATTER. MOST PERTINENT REQUIREMENT IS TO DETERMINE IF ANY
 OTHER SHIP IN MAINBRACE NAVAL FORMATION AT CITED TIME RELEASED A
 WEATHER BALLOON AROUND THAT TIME. COLOR PHOTOS OF OBJECT TAKEN BY
 LITWIN AVAILABLE HERE BUT FINALS ANALYSIS MUST AWAIT ANSWER TO ABOVE
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REPLACES AND FORM 90-512 WHICH MAY BE USED

TRANSMITTAL **RESTRICTED** **FORM 9-5 FEB 48**

FROM: **ATINA-2** DATE: **10/15** HOUR: **9** IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: **152-17591**

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FROM: **HQ USAF WASH DC** TO: **CO ATIC**

REG. NO. **AIR 5**

DESCRIPTION, DATES, AND SUBJECT: **Ins Msg 10/14/52 & cys recd. 1 p en. Cite AFOIN 50356 Acton & Info.**

ENCLOSURES: **None** **5**

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CSAF ITEM NBR 1 [REDACTED]

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14 Oct 52

TO ATIAA-5 RUPPELT FR AFOIN-2A2 FOURNET
FOLG MSG RECD FR USAIRA OSLO NORWAY:

"REF YOUR AFOIN 59358. NO OFFICIAL
KNOWLEDGE OF CITED INCIDENTS BY ALUSNA,
OSLO OR RAAF. RAAF INVESTIGATING 2 OFFICIAL
AND NUMEROUS VAGUE REPORTS OF CIGAR SHAPED
OBJECT SIGHTED OVER VARIOUS AREAS SOUTHERN
NORWAY, SAME TIME PERIOD. FORWARDING REPORT
SOONEST."

ACTION

PRESUME AA ACCEPTED ACTION REQUIRED
BY OUR AFOIN 59358 ADDRESSED TO COMNAVNORTH
DTD 3 OCT 52 WHICH YOU SENT INFO CY OF
MSG DISPATCHED TO AA OSLO TODAY, INFO
TO YOU, REQUESTING REPLY TO QUERY RE
BALLOON RELEASES BY OTHER SHIPS IN FORMATION
AT THE LITVIN TOON PHOTOS.

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END OF CSAF ITEM NBR 1 / [REDACTED]

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Name: if any other ship sent a weather balloon NAME		17 Oct 52 SUSP. DATE	664355 NUMBER ATIA
IQ USAF WASH D.C.		11 Oct 52 DATE	TT TYPE
SUMMARY			
ATIA-1, 15 Oct 52, 0920 hours			
DO NOT REMOVE THIS COPY			
TO ATIA	TO A-1	TO Report	TO
DATE 10/15/52	DATE	DATE 10/15/52	DATE
REPLIED OR INDORSED TO No reply	FILED (Place) required	OTHER ACTION	

CSAF ITEM 1 ([REDACTED])

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TT 243
13 Nov 52

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TO ATIAA-5 ROTNSTEIN

FR AFOIN-2A2 FOURNET

HAS INFO SUPPLIED BY COM SECOND FLEET IN MAG

052031Z NOV 52 ENABLED ANY FURTHER EVALUATION

OF COLOR PHOTOS TAKEN BY [REDACTED] OVER MAINBRACEY

PLS ADVISE SOONEST.

END CSAF ITEM 1 [REDACTED]

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