

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE	LOCATION	12. CONCLUSIONS
10 Dec 52	POPE AFB, S.C.	<input type="checkbox"/> Real Balloon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Real Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Real Astronomical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
2. DATE-TIME GROUP	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION	
Local 10/0800EST	<input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar	
GMT 10/1400S	<input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS	6. SOURCE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Several AF officers	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	9. COURSE
8 hrs	One	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF NIGHTING	11. COMMENTS	
<p>Bright colored, circular object was observed on PPI scope of CPS/5D. Object covered with a slight circular movement. Object did not cancel out when moving target indicator was employed. About 8 transient a/c flew through area during observation.</p> <p>1. Circular object hanging motionless gives impression of a large balloon. Seen for long period of time. Upper air research balloon would seem a possibility here.</p> <p><i>For Polar Analysis (Inversion UX)</i></p>		

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19. ARE PERSONNEL FAMILIAR WITH THE EFFECTS CAUSED BY AN INTERFERING SIGNAL? YES NO
COMMENTS: _____

20. ARE PERSONNEL FAMILIAR WITH THE EFFECTS OF ANOMALOUS PROPAGATION (DUCTING EFFECTS) AS THEY PERTAIN TO THIS TYPE OF RADAR? YES NO

21. HAS ANOMALOUS PROPAGATION (DUCTING EFFECT) BEEN OBSERVED TO EXTEND THE RANGE OF THE GROUND CLUTTER OF THIS RADAR AT THIS SITE? YES NO
COMMENTS: _____

22. WAS ANOMALOUS PROPAGATION (DUCTING EFFECT) EXTENDING THE RANGE OF THE GROUND CLUTTER AT THE TIME THE TARGET WAS OBSERVED? YES NO
COMMENTS: _____

23. HOW DID THE TARGET APPEAR IN SIZE AND SHAPE AS COMPARED TO CONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT TARGETS?
The same size, contour and shape except it was stationary.

24. PERFORMANCE OF TARGET:

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| a. REMAINED CONSISTENT IN SIZE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | CHANGED SIZE RAPIDLY | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. SPEED WAS CONSTANT | <input type="checkbox"/> | SPEED WAS VARIABLE | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. FOLLOWED CONSISTENT TRACK | <input type="checkbox"/> | APPEARED, DISAPPEARED, THEN REAPPEARED IN NEW LOCATION | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. FUZZY COMPARED TO AIRCRAFT TARGET | <input type="checkbox"/> | SHARP COMPARED TO KNOWN AIRCRAFT TARGET | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. SAME AS AIRCRAFT TARGET | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | | |

25. WERE OTHER TARGETS (KNOWN) OBSERVED IN THE SAME GENERAL AREA, AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME AND AT THE SAME ALTITUDE AS THE UNUSUAL TARGET? YES NO

IF SO, DESCRIBE. Aircraft were diverted to the exact area to investigate.

26. WHAT TYPE INDICATORS ("A" SCOPE, "B" SCOPE, ETC.) WERE USED TO FOLLOW THE TARGET?

A scopes, PPI's, J Scopes

DESCRIBE THE SIGNAL: As a circular, well defined blip

27. WHAT WAS THE RADAR SCAN RATE? 4 RPM - Aoc (CPS-5-D) Manual Control (MSQ-1)

28. WHAT WAS THE FREQUENCY OF THE TRANSMITTER?

12 50 Megacycles (An/CPS-5-D) 2730 megacycles (MSQ-1)

29. DID ANY OF THE OBSERVERS HAVE ANY OPINIONS AS TO THE NATURE OF THE TARGET? YES NO

IF YES, GIVE THEIR NAMES AND OPINIONS BELOW. Albert F. PERNA, Cpt - the target was a permanent echo that had become displaced in location for one day due to temperature inversions.

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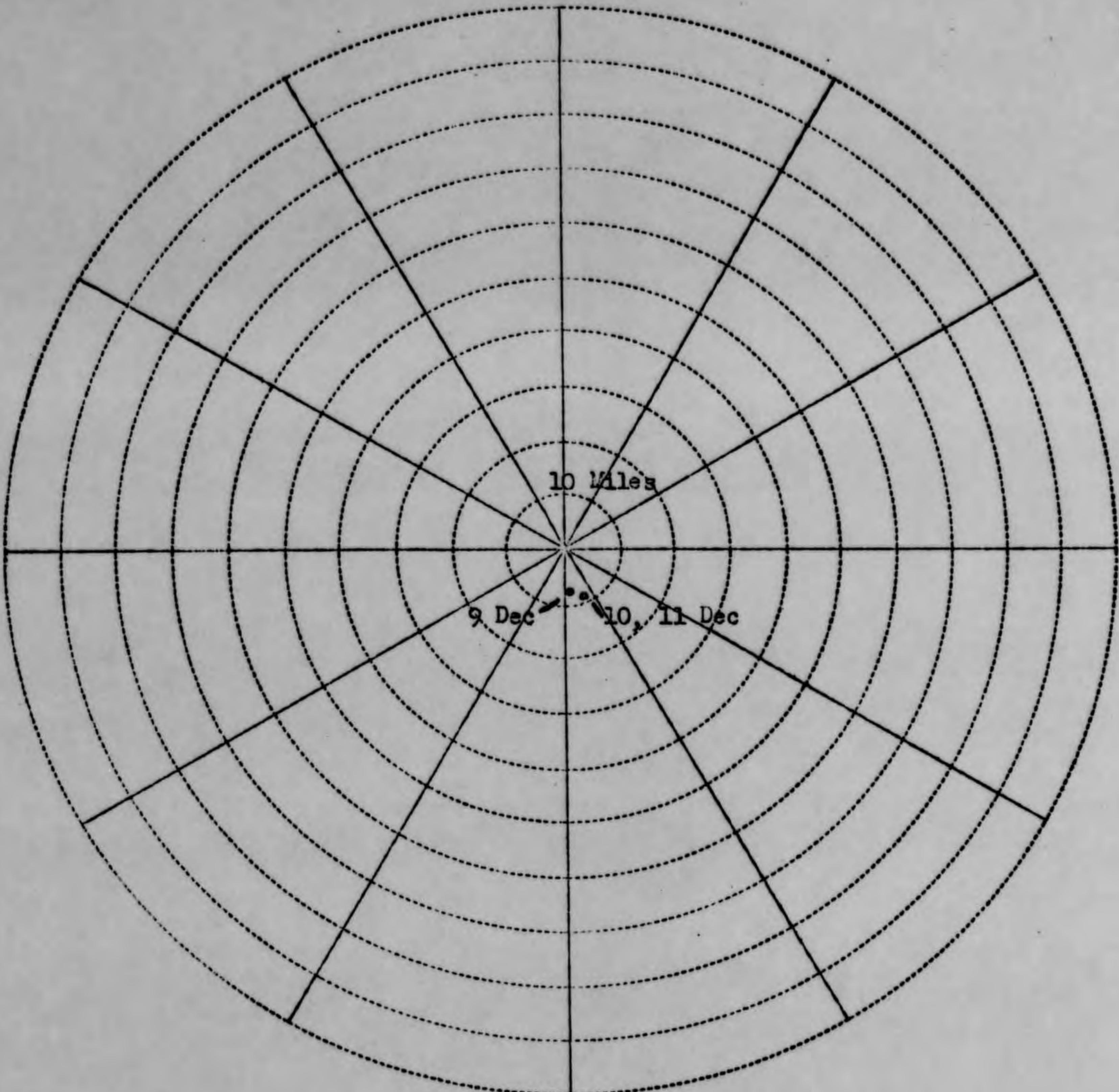
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30. IF SCOPE PHOTOS ARE NOT AVAILABLE, PLOT THE TARGET TRACK AS ACCURATELY AS POSSIBLE. GIVE THE TIME AND ALTITUDE (IF MEASURED) FOR EACH POINT PLOTTED. PUT THE NECESSARY RANGE SCALE ON THE DIAGRAM.



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31. USE THIS SHEET FOR ANY COMMENTS, OPINIONS OR ADDITIONAL DATA NOT COVERED BY THE QUESTIONS.

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Pope Air Force Base, South Carolina

10 December 1952

I. Description of Incident

From 1420 to 2215 3 a ground radar station picked up an unidentified object on its scope. It appeared as a stationary object with a slight circular motion which did not cancel out when the moving target indicator was employed. The sighting showed that its altitude was 8,000 feet at 8 1/2 miles from the station. Weather conditions were fair with alto cumulous clouds, no temperature inversions present in the area. Eight transient aircraft flew through the area during the radar observation and an F-51 was directed to investigate. The pilot saw nothing unusual. The radar operators involved have had several years experience.

II. Discussion of Incident

Photographs were taken of the PPI scope but have not been received by ATIC. There is a possibility that local cloud formations may have caused a spurious radar return. Other than this there appears to be no plausible explanation for the incident.

III. Conclusion

Possibly weather phenomena.

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DR JESDF 114

P QPWQETZ

FM CO 567TH TAC CON GP POPE AFB NC

TO JEPHQ/HQ USAF WASH 25 D. C.

JEDWP/CG ANC WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO

JEDWP/AIR TECH INTEL CEN WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO

JEDEN/CC ADC ENT AFB COLO

JEPLG/CG TAC Langley AFB VA

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INFO ZEN/STK AF POPE AFB NC

S-2 567TH TAC CON GP 52-1893

ATT DIR OF INTEL ATTN ATIAA-2C PD FLYOBRT CMA IAW PAR 7C AFL 200-5

CMA DTD 29 APR 52 PD FOLG INFO FWD CLN 1 PD ONE CIRCULAR OBJ ON PPI

SCOPE OF CPS/SD CLN SIZE ONE EIGHTH INCH ON SCOPE CLN COLOR BRIGHT CLN

SPEED ALMOST STATIONARY CMA SLIGHT CIRCULAR MOVEMENT CLN UNUSUAL

FEATURES OBJECT DID NOT CANCEL OUT WHEN MOVING TARGET INDICATOR WAS

EMPLOYED PD 2 PD 1420Z OBSERVED TO 2215Z PD 3 PD OBSERVED BY CPS/SD

FROM GND PD 4 PD OBSERVED FROM POPE ATD CMA NC PD LAT 35 DEG 51 MIN

NORTH CMA LONG 79 DEG 51 MIN WEST CLN OBJ FIRST SIGHTED EIGHT ONE

HALF MILES AT ONE HUNDRED FIFTY FIVE DEC AT EIGHT THOUSAND FEET PD

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5 PD CHIEF DUTY CONTROLLER CAPT ALBERT F PERNA CLN CONTROLLER CAPT DUANE USTAD AND OTHERS CLN ALL FULLY QUALIFIED THROUGH SCHOOLING AND DAILY EXPERIENCE PD 6 PD FAIR WEATHER ALTO CUMULUS CLOUDS CLN NO PRECIPITATION CLN WINDS WEST SOUTH WEST THIRTEEN DASH TWENTY SIX KNOTS AT FOUR DASH TEN THOUSAND FEET CLN TEMPERATURE INVERSIONS FOURTEEN DEG CENTIGRADE AT TWO THOUSAND FEET CLN TEN DEG AT FOUR THOUSAND CLN SIX DEG AT SIX THOUSAND CLN FOUR DEG AT EIGHT THOUSAND PD 7 PD TEMP INVERSIONS AS CITED CLN OBSERVATION OF CLOUD AND THREE RADIO TOWERS BY IN FLIGHT FIGHTER FIFTY ONE PILOT PD 8 PD PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN OF PPI SCOPE PD FLYOBRPT CONTINUED CLN 9 PD THREE IN FLIGHT AIRCRAFT DIVERTED FOR AERIAL INVESTIGATION PD 10 PD APPROX EIGHT TRANSNT AIRCRAFT FLEW THROUGH AREA DURING OBSERVATION PERIOD PD END HEARTZ 102358Z DEC JESDF

Did we see anything?

Temp inversions?

14 deg - 2,000 ft

10 " - 4,000 ft

6 " - 6,000 ft

4 " - 8,000 ft

A good sighting!

1. Ask if we observed
the object

3. Did another participant
see the object?

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ATIC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, Subj: Unidentified Aerial Object

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HEADQUARTERS, 507TH TACTICAL CONTROL GROUP, Pope Air Force Base, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, 5 February 1953

TO: Commanding General, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

1. In compliance with basic communication attached is Air Intelligence Information Report, same subject, 29 January 1953.

2. The Electronic Data Sheets have been withdrawn for future utilization.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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Added 1 Incl
1. Air Intell Info Rpt

James A. Powers
JAMES A. POWERS
Captain, USAF
Adjutant

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AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
DAYTON, OHIO

In reply refer to
AFOIN-ATIAA-5

23 DEC 1952

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Object

TO: Commanding Officer
Pope Air Force Base
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

1. In regard to your FLYOBRPT reporting a radar sighting of an unidentified aerial object on 10 December 1952, 1420Z hours, the Air Technical Intelligence Center is forwarding eight Electronics Data Sheets, one of which it is requested be filled out by the radar personnel involved in the sighting. The remaining data sheets can be retained by your office in the event of future unknown electronic detections and be sent on with the standard Air Force Form 112.
2. In particular reference to the subject sighting, it is requested that the following questions be answered and included in the Form 112:
 - a. Did the aircraft sent out to intercept the object observe it at any time?
 - b. Did the object gain or lose altitude during the eight hours of observation?
 - c. What was the exact altitude of the temperature inversion mentioned in the initial report?
 - d. Finally, were azimuth and elevation readings taken from the radar?
3. Your cooperation in forwarding the PPI scope photographs and the AF Form 112 as expeditiously as possible would be appreciated by the Air Technical Intelligence Center since an attempted analysis hinges on their receipt.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL

Robert E. Kennedy
ROBERT E. KENNEDY
Major, USAF
Air Adjutant General

1 Incl
Electronics Data Sheets
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COUNTRY United States	REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Unidentified Aerial Object		
AREA REPORTED ON Pope Air Force Base, Ft Bragg, N. C.		FROM (Agency) 728th AC & W Sq, 507th Tac Con Gp Pope Air Force Base, Ft Bragg, N. C.
DATE OF REPORT 29 January 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 9 December 1952	EVALUATION F-O
PREPARED BY (Officer) ALBERT F. PERNA, Capt., USAF		SOURCE M/Sgt R. DeGORDIN AND OTHERS

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

(1) Air Intelligence Information Report, Subj: "Unidentified Object," 12 Dec 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.)

(2) Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson, AFB Ltr, AFOIN-ATIAA-5,
Subj: "Unidentified Aerial Object," 23 Dec 52.

1. Attached is a completed Electronic Data Sheet as requested in paragraph 1 of reference 2 above.

2. The following questions and answers are included in compliance with paragraph 2 of reference 2 above.

a. QUESTION: Did the aircraft sent out to intercept the object observe it at any time?

ANSWER: No

b. QUESTION: Did the object gain or lose altitude during the eight (8) hours of observation?

ANSWER: Yes, 8,700 feet to 6,200 feet, and then to 4,400 feet.

c. QUESTION: What was the exact altitude of the temperature inversion mentioned in the initial report?

ANSWER: 8,000 feet, 6,000 feet, and 1,800 feet.

d. QUESTION: Finally, were azimuth and elevation readings taken from the radar?

ANSWER: Yes, by the MSQ-1 and the AN/MPS-10.

ALBERT F. PERNA
Captain, USAF

APPROVED: JOSEPH R. McNAMARA
Major, USAF

Squadron Commander

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Electronic Data Sheet

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**ELECTRONICS DATA SHEET
(GROUND RADAR)**

The purpose of this questionnaire is to provide technical data for evaluating the report of an unusual radar target or track. It is requested that it be completed as accurately as possible.

When not filled in, the form is Unclassified. The reporting officer will use his own judgement as to what degree of classification is required.

It is preferred that the answers to the questions be typewritten, however, if it will expedite the completion of the form, the answers may be printed in ink. If additional space is needed, use reverse side of form.

1. STATION OBSERVING TARGET:

728th AC&W Sq, 507th Tac Con Gp

Organization

Pope AFB, Ft. Bragg, N. C.

Location

2. DATE OF THIS REPORT:

3 Feb Feb 53

Day

Month

Year

3. DATE TARGET OBSERVED:

9	Dec	52	Local Time <input type="checkbox"/>
Day	Month	Year	Z Time <input type="checkbox"/>

Time-Local 0920 Hrs Time-Z 1320 Z

4. NAME, RANK AND ORGANIZATION OF REPORTING OFFICER:ALBERT F. PERNA, Captain, USAF
728th AC&W Sqdn

507th Tac Con Gp

5. EXACT LOCATION OF STATION (COORDINATES):

3501 N 7901 W

6. OBSERVER DATA (LIST EACH OBSERVER):

Name	Rank	Duty	No. of Years Exp. in Radar
A. ROBERT DeGORDIN	M/Sgt	Radar Operator	7
B. ALBERT F. PERNA	Capt	Aircraft Controller	5
C. DUANE ULRICH	Capt	Aircraft Controller	2
D. RALPH E. COBURN	Capt	Radar Officer	5
E. STEPHEN LESKO	Capt	Radar Officer	7

7. WAS A VISUAL SIGHTING MADE BY ANY PERSONNEL OF THE STATION? YES NO
IF SO, GIVE NAME AND RANK OF ALL PERSONNEL MAKING A VISUAL SIGHTING AND A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF WHAT THEY SAW:

Sighted only on Radar Scope, not visually

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8. HAVE YOU HEARD OF ANYONE NOT AT THE RADAR STATION MAKING A VISUAL SIGHTING AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME THE RADAR CONTACT WAS MADE? YES NO
IF SO, GIVE NAME AND ADDRESS.

None

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9. RADAR SCOPE PHOTOS:

- IS RADAR EQUIPPED WITH A SCOPE CAMERA? ----- YES NO
WAS CAMERA OPERATIONAL? ----- YES NO
WERE SCOPE PHOTOS TAKEN? ----- YES NO
WERE PRINTS OF THE SCOPE PHOTOS FORWARDED TO THE AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER? ----- YES NO

10. TRACK DATA:

- WHAT WAS THE NUMBER OF THE TRACK? Stationary Target YES NO
WAS A PERMANENT PLOT MADE OF THE TRACK AT THE TIME OF THE OBSERVATION?

11. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT THE TARGET?

- IF SO, WERE THE AIRCRAFT BEING OBSERVED ON THE SCOPE AT THE SAME TIME AS THE TARGET? YES NO

12. WERE ANY NEARBY RADAR INSTALLATIONS QUERIED WHETHER THEY HAD OBSERVED THE SAME TARGET OR TRACK?

- IF SO, WHICH STATIONS? 728th AC&W sq MSQ-1, Radar test station, Fort Bragg, N. C. YES NO

13. WAS THE TARGET OBSERVED ON SEARCH RADAR?

- IF SO, WHAT IS THE NOMENCLATURE OF THE EQUIPMENT? AN/CPS-5-D, AN/MPQ-10 YES NO

14. WAS THE TARGET OBSERVED ON HEIGHT FINDING RADAR?

- IF SO, WHAT IS THE NOMENCLATURE OF THE EQUIPMENT? MSQ-1, AN/MPQ-10 YES NO

15. HAVE THERE BEEN ANY RECENT MAINTENANCE DIFFICULTIES?

- IF SO, DESCRIBE.

16. WHAT TYPE MODULATOR (I.E., SPARK GAP, HART TUBE, ETC.) IS USED IN THE RADAR EQUIPMENT?

- Thyatron (CPS-5-D) - MSQ-1 Thyatron YES NO

17. WAS THE AFC (AUTOMATIC FREQUENCY CONTROL) CIRCUIT OPERATING PROPERLY?

- COMMENTS:

18. HAS INTERFERENCE FROM ANOTHER RADAR SET BEEN OBSERVED RECENTLY?

- COMMENTS: