

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 31 Dec 52	2. LOCATION RAMEY AFB, PUERTO RICA	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 31/0115 GMT 31/0845	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
6. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	5. SOURCE AF Pilots	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	9. COURSE
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Spherical shaped, reddish-orange ball of fire was sighted on the horizon by 2 pilots and left scanner of an RB-36 a/c. Object approached a/c to the left passing over the left wing approx 300' away, then disappeared climbing at a high rate of speed.		11. COMMENTS METEOR

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COUNTRY Puerto Rico		REPORT NO. IR-178-53	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT Unidentified Object			
AREA REPORTED ON Puerto Rico		FROM (Agency) Wing Intelligence, 72nd SRW, Ramey AFB, PR	
DATE OF REPORT 3 Jan 53	DATE OF INFORMATION 31 Dec 52	EVALUATION A-1	
PREPARED BY (Officer) BRADFORD P SHUMAN, MAJOR, USAF		SOURCE Air Crew of RB-36 #2007	

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

A certified true copy of the report rendered by each of the three aircraft personnel

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Do not text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

On the morning of 31 Dec 52, at approximately 0445 hrs., an Aircraft Commander, First Pilot, and left scanner of an RB-36 #2007 sighted and closely observed an unidentified object until the time of its disappearance, at approximately 0450 hrs.. During the time of sighting the object, it was noticed by the Aircraft Commander and the First Pilot that they were flying an outbound heading of 073 degrees from the radio beacon at Ramey and were at an altitude of 8,000 feet. As verified by the above mentioned personnel it was a clear, moonlit night and, for the time of night the sighting was made, visibility was excellent.

Both aircraft Officers concur that the object was spherical in shape. The left scanner corroborates the statement of the Aircraft Commander and First Pilot that the object appeared as a reddish-orange ball of flame. The object appeared on the horizon, was seen to approach the aircraft to the left, pass over the left wing at a distance of approximately three hundred (300) feet or greater, travel away from the tail of the aircraft at a high rate of speed, and then commence to climb until out of sight.

Comments of Preparing Officer:

If any information is available regarding the nature or origin of this object it is requested that this office be advised. No programmed missile lanes are scheduled to be in this immediate vicinity. The close proximity of the reported object presents a serious flying hazard. Any knowledge or opinions offering a solution to this sighting will be helpful.

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HEADQUARTERS
60TH STRATEGIC RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON, B
Bundy Air Force Base, Puerto Rico

31 December 1952

CERTIFICATE

The following statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Approximately 0450 hours on the morning of 31 December 1952, while flying routine training mission in RB-36 #2007, I saw the following described object:

I was flying the airplane on instruments from the left pilot seat. Captain Gemmich was riding in the right pilot seat. Captain Gemmich called my attention to a bright orange light out in front and to the left. I looked out just in time to see an orange colored ball of flame about 50 feet in diameter pass in the opposite direction high and to the left.

I was flying on ADE problems and was on an outbound heading of approximately 73 degrees.

JOHN C. MOORE
1st Lt. USAF

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Major, USAF
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HEADQUARTERS
6TH STRATEGIC RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON, B
Randy Air Force Base, Puerto Rico

31 December 1952

CERTIFICATE

The following statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

At 0415 hours on 31 December 1952, Aircraft #2007 was flying on a heading of 073 degrees from the radio beacon, altitude 8000 feet. At that time the Aircraft Commander noticed what appeared to be a star just above the horizon. At approximately 0450 hours the object came closer and passed about 300 feet above the aircraft and just over the left wing.

The object appeared to be a ball of fire approximately 8 to 10 feet in diameter, traveling at very high speed. In color it was a reddish-orange.

Immediately after the object passed the nose of the aircraft, the Aircraft Commander called the left scanner and asked if he had seen the same object. He immediately left the lower scanner's position and reported that he saw the object traveling away from the tail of the aircraft and after a short period started a climb. A further report on his sightings will be rendered by the scanner and the First Pilot.

The weather was clear and the moon was shining very bright and any aircraft would have been very easy to distinguish. It was not a conventional or a jet aircraft.

ROBERT P. GIBBONS
Captain, USAF
Aircraft Commander

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HEADQUARTERS
COMM STRATEGIC RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON, B
Randy Air Force Base, Puerto Rico

21 December 1952

CERTIFICATE

The following statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

At about 0450 hours on 21 December 1952, the Aircraft Commander on Ship # 007 called me (acting as 1st scunner) and asked if I saw the reddish orange object that passed over our 1st wing heading from 12 o'clock to 6 o'clock. At the time I did not see or notice it and to verify what the two pilots saw I left the lower 1st blister and went to the upper 1st air blister and directly behind our aircraft at a distance unknown was a large reddish orange object which veered out to the right and began to climb sharply at a high rate of speed. I watched the object until it was out of sight.

At the time we were flying straight and level and it could not have been mistaken for a low star on the horizon. It was a very clear moonlit night.

ARTHUR J. HARRISON
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