PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 9/0345Z 8 Feb 53	2. LOCATION Dobbins AFB, Georgia
3. SOURCE MILITARY	10. CONCLUSION ASTRONOMICAL: STAR/PLANET Star/Planet observation. Most likely Jupiter.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION FIFTEEN MINTS	Object observed from both NW of Dobbins and from Knowille. Disappeared simultaneously below horizon. No triangulation was made but description suggests astro sightings at Presque Isle or Mithcell in Oct and Dec.
GROUND VISUAL	
7. COURSE 270 DEG	
8. PHOTOS	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE	

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TO JEPHQ/DIR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASHINGTON 25 DC

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/FLY OBRPT COC 960 ATTN: ATIAA-2C AN OBJECT EMITTING A BRIGHT WHITE LIGHT CHANGING TO RED AND YELLOW AT TIMES WAS OBSERVED NORTHWEST OF DOBBINS AFB 8 FEB 53 AT 2145 EST. IN COMPARISON TO RED OBSTRUCTION LIGHTS ON CONTROL TOWER AND HANGARS OBJECT APPEARED LARGER AND BRIGHTER. OBSERVED BY AC&W PERSONNEL ON DUTY IN AIR DEFENSE CONTROL CENTER FOR APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES. IT MOVED IN EAST TO WEST DIRECTION DISAPPEARING FOM VIEW BELOW HORIZON. FIRST REPORT RECEIVED FROM AC&W UNIT IN KNOXVILLE TENN AREA WHO HAD RECEIVED REPORTS AND OBSERVED THEMSELVES A BRIGHT LIGHT IN THE SKY TO THE WEST OF KNOXVILLE. DISAPPEARANCE IN DOBBINS AREA CINCIDED WITH DISAPPEARANCE IN KNOXVILLE AREA. ALL SIGHTINGS WERE VISUAL NO ELECTE SIGHTINGS. NO REPORTED AIR TRAFFIC IN AREA AT TIME. WEATHER FOR DOBBINS KNOXVILLE AND CHATTANOOGA WAS CLEAR SKIES WITH 15 TO 30 MILES VISIBILITY AND NO DISCERNABLE SURFACE WINDS WINDS ALOFT AT DOBBINS 12,000 FT FROM NW AT 29 KNOTS 20,000 FT FROMWNW AT 58 KNTS 30,000 FT FROM WNW AT 84 KNOTS 49, 300 FT FROM W AT

87 KNOTS

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Dobbins Air Force Base, Georgia

8 February 1953

I. Description of Incident

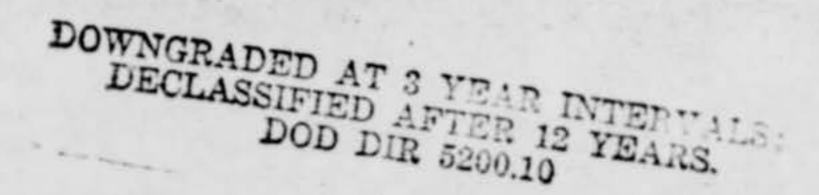
Military personnel observed a red-yellow-white stationary object from this base as well as Knoxville, Tennessee, at 2145 EST which was observed for 15 minutes before slowly disappearing below the horizon. It appeared in the west and was brighter than red obstruction lights on the control tower at Dobbins.

II. Discussion of Incident

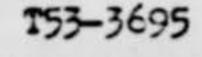
No triangulation from the two observing points was made which would have been extremely helpful and should be attempted in sightings such as this. The description and manner of disappearance strongly suggests astronomical sightings at Presque Isle AFB and Mitchel AFB in October and December of 1952.

III. Conclusion

Probably astronomical (bright evening star).



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Extract from the "Asheville Citizen" Feb 12,1953.

JET CHASES RED OBJECT OVER STATE . MARINE PLANE NO MATCH FOR STRANGE BODY.

Cherry Point N.C.

The Marine Corps reported today that one of it's jet planes had chased and then lost -- a red lighted object that flashed through the sky at astonishing speed. An F9F Panther jet fighter pilot chased the object over coastal North Carolina Mondat night an official Marine Corps said, but the speedy jet turned out to be no match for the object, whatever it was.

The Marine Corps statement was issued at headquarters of the Second Marine Air Wing here. It included the report of First Lt. Ed Balocco, 24, of Antioch, Calif, the pilot who chased the object. The statement gave these details: Planes at the Marine Auxiliary Air Station at Edenton, N.C. had been alerted by a Navy signal tower at Norfolk, Va, to watch for a silver object which had been reported sighted from the ground over an area near the Virginia - N.C. border.

Balocco went to the area, but sighted nothing after cruising around for half an hour. He then took a southerly course to return to his base at Edenton. Over Washington, N.C. I saw what looked like an aeroplane with red lights which appeared below at about 20000 feet. What caused me, Balocco said, to look back at the object was the fact that it moved from below me 10000 ft vertically in a matter of seconds. Balocco said that he turned about and chased the object at a speed of better than 500 mph but was unable to gain on it.

from him during the three to four minutes chase. At that distance, he said, the object was about a quarter of an inch wide and three inches long. The object was the colour of white heat and it threw out a red glow hehind it. It had two red lights on the left hand side, bouncing and flashing off the end, encircling an arc.

Balocco said he seemed to gain on the object for a time but the plane suddenly dropped from his altitude and disappeared towards the coast. Balocco called in other planes to help in the search. Captain Thomas W. Riggs was one of several pilots who responded. Riggs said he sighted an object flying low near the Carolina coast but couldn't identify it. The Marine Corps said it later received a call from Gerald Midget, a farmer living near Oriental, on the coast. Midget reported seeing a flash in a desolate swampy area, and then a ground fire. Marine helicopters searched the swampland and found a small forest fire but no signs of a crash.

The Marine Corps statement said the object was first sighted by a helicopter, which reported the incident to the Navy tower at Norfolk. A Marine Ground Control Interceptor Squadron failed to make any contact. Meanwhile, Balocco had answered the Navy alert.

EXPERIENCED PILOT WITH 1000 HOURS OF AIR TIME, 500 OF THEM IN JET PLANES.

Marines Say Jet Pilot Chased Glowing Object

By the United Press.

-The Marine Corps air station spokesman said. Then again it here reported today that a Marine jet pilot chased a mysterious, speeded up. glowing object through the skies Lt. Balocco reported that he Monday night at more than 500 dived toward the object and saw miles an hour.

A spokesman said the Norfolk peared. Naval Air Station tower alerted Marine Lt. Ed Balocco to watch for a silvery object sighted from flash was seen by a Navy pilot the ground. Lt. Balocco was fly- over Norfolk and a civilian, at ing at 20,000 feet near Edenton, nearby Oriental, N. C. N. C. He flew toward Cherry Lt. Balocco reported that the Says Object Waited.

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Albemarle, N.C. May 9, 1963

Air Force Headquarters the Pentagon Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

We the directors of U.F.O. Research Associates, would like any information that you could give us in the two cases involveing UFO's mentioned below.

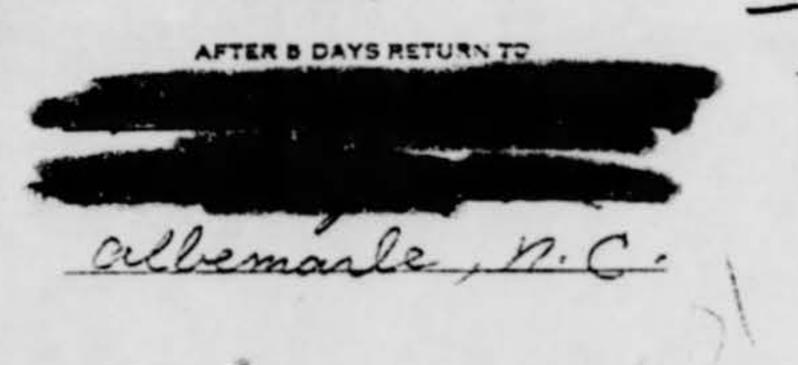
Case No. 1, involves the reported destruction of a Piper Cub belonging to one Fred Reagan. The incident which was to have taken place on a day in July, 1951 when Regan's plane was said to have been cut open by a UFO traveling at high speed.

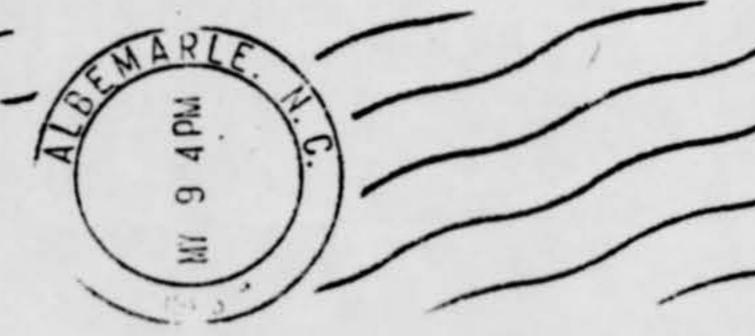
Case No. 2, Cherry Point, N.C.— Feb. 11, 1953—The Marine Corps reported that jet planes had chased a red lighted object which had flashed through the sky at better than 500 miles per hour.

Any information you could give us would help in our of the UFO PHENOMENA.

Sincerely, Richard L. Hinson Palmer W. Cook Scott L. Bennett Jr.







The Pentagon Washington, D. C.