

<b>1. DATE - TIME GROUP</b> 2 September 53 2/2114Z	<b>2. LOCATION</b> Sidi Slimane AB, French Morocco
<b>3. SOURCE</b> Military	<b>10. CONCLUSION</b> UNIDENTIFIED
<b>4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b> One	Control Tower reported no a/c in area except 2 Naval a/c in vicinity of Port Lyautey (approx 25 miles away) and the observers previously observed these a/c. The local AC&F Sq reported that...
<b>5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b> 3 minutes	<b>11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS</b> Unusually bright white light which appeared larger than ordinary a/c navigation light was first observed approx 4,000 ft. C-47 a/c was at an altitude of 5,000 ft. Object was on somewhat of a collision course. Maneuvers consisted of a 180 deg turn descending to approx 700 ft and leveled off.
<b>6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b> Air-Visual	
<b>7. COURSE</b> Not Reported	
<b>8. PHOTOS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>9. PHYSIC</b>   2 Sep   <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	34 16 4 5 06 W

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CITE DIOC 1061.  
FOR INTEL PP FLY OBJ RPT. UNIDENTIFIED FLY OBJ SIGHTED SIDI SLIMANE  
AB (34 DEGREE 16 MIN N 5 DEGREE 66 MIN W (2 SEPT CURR AT 2114  
HRS BY CREW OF USAF C-47 ON ROUT TNG FLT. CREW OBSR UNUSUALLY BRIGHT  
WHITE LIGHT WHICH APPEARED LARGER THAN ORDINARY AIRCRAFT NAV LIGHT.  
SHAPE OF OBJ COULD NOT BE DETERMINED AND NO SOUND WAS AUDIBLE.  
PARA OBJ FIRST SIGHTED BY CP AT 2114 HRS WHICH WAS CALLED TO ATTN  
OF PLT. LIGHT FIRST OBSR AT EST ALT OF ABOUT 4000 FEET ABOVE C-47.  
OBJ RATE OF CLOSURE VMRYFAST AND FOL NEAR COLLISION COURSE IN RELATION  
TO C-47. APPROACHING OBJ WHEN LEVEL WITH C-47 EXECUTED 180 DEGREE  
DESCENDING TURN AT UNEST HIGH SPEED. DURING SECOND 180 DEGREE TURN.  
OBJ DESCENDED TO 700 FEET OR BELOW. WHILE DESCENDING. OBJ DEFINITELY  
DECREASED IN SPEED. THEN MADE 90 DEGREE TURN TOWARD MAIN HWY THAT  
PARALLELS SIDI SLIMANE AB AT WHICH PT IT APPEARED STATIONARY. LIGHT  
THEN DISAPPEARED. PARA OBSRS FLEW C-47 IN 360 DEGREE CIRCLE IN  
ORDER TO CONT OBSERVATION OF OBJ. LIGHT COULD BE SIGHTED AT ALL TIMES  
BY OBSRS AND WAS SEEN FOR APRX 3 MINS. C-47 AIRCRAFT SPEED 140 MPH  
ATYDN ALT OF 6000 FEET. NEAREST PT THAT OBJ WAS OBSR WAS BETWEEN  
ONE QUARTER AND ONE HALF MILE DIS. WHILE MAX DIS OF OBSERVATION WAS  
APRX 3 MILES. VISIBILITY DURING SIGHTING 20 MILES PLUS. SKY WAS CLEAR  
WITH NO MOON. WINDS CALM. PARA CON TWR CONTACTED WHEN OBJ FIRST  
SIGHTED AND REPT NO ACFT VICINITY OF SIDI SLIMANE. AIR TRAF CON  
CONTACTED AND REPT NO ACFT IN AREA EXCEPT 2 NAVAL ACFT IN VICINITY  
OF PORT LYAUTEY. APRX 25 MILES AWAY. WHICH HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN OBSR  
BY REPT CREW. PARA NO ELECT SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJ. THE FOL  
WERE CREW MEMBERS ABOARD C-47: LT COL WILSON MOORE. 4227A. 3000  
HOURS FLYING TIME; FIRST LT JAMIE H MACINNIS. AO 1910170. 900 HRS  
FLYING TIME. PARA (SIMILAR OBJ OBSR AT NOUSASSEUR AB. 25 MARCH CURR.  
REPT BY TWX. HQ 5 AIR DIV. DIOC 01698. ) PARA UNCFM REPT FR NAVAL  
STA. PORT LYAUTEY. THAW UNIDENTIFIED OBJ SIGHTED BY NAVY PLT AT 2010  
HRS. PLT INDICATED THAT OBJ WAS CLOSING RAPIDLY AND APPEARED TO BE  
NEAR GROUND HEADING 60 DEGREE ON LINE BETWEEN PORT AND SIDI SLIMANE.  
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Reurnag DIOC 1061 reporting an unidentified aerial object observed by a C-47 air-crew 2114Z 2 Sep 53 in the vicinity of Sidi, Slimane Air Base. Suggest you notify this Center of the findings of an investigation that is presently being conducted. Maneuvers of the object indicate the possibility of an aircraft in a practice dogfight.

In reply cite Project Blue Book.

COORDINATION:

ATIAE-5 *Max Futch* DATE *14 Sep 53*  
 A/IC Futch  
 ATIAE *W. H. [Signature]* DATE *15 Sep 53*  
 ATIA *COL [Signature]* DATE *15 Sep 53*  
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A/IC Max Futch/Joe

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*Barbara P Hanawalt*

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OFFICIAL TITLE BARBARA P HANAWALT, 1st Lt, USA  
Adjutant

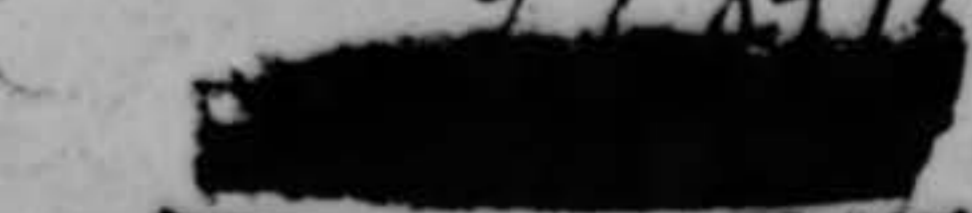
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FM COMDR AIR DIV 5 RABAT FR MOROCCO  
TO COMDR ATIC WPAFB OHIO

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SUBJECT

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AREA REPORT

Sidi Slimane Air Base, French Morocco

Directorate of Intelligence  
Headquarters 5th Air Division

DATE OF REPORT

10 September 1953

2 September 1953

PREPARED BY

Glean D. Adams, 1st Lt, USAF

Air Crew of USAF C-47

REFERENCE

TWK, DIOC 1061, 3 September 1953

SUMMARY

An unidentified flying object was reported sighted at Sidi Slimane Air Base (34°16'N 05°56'W), 2 September 1953, at 2100 hours, by the crew of a USAF C-47 on a routine training flight.

APPROVED:

EDWIN M. KIRTSON  
Colonel, USAF  
Director of Intelligence

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## AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency)

REPORT NO.

Directorate of Intelligence  
Headquarters 5th Air Division

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2. The object was first sighted by the co-pilot at 2114 hours which was called to the attention of the pilot. The light was first observed at an estimated altitude of about 4,000 feet above the C-47. The object's rate of closure was very fast and followed a near collision course in relation to the C-47. The approaching object, when level with the C-47, executed a 180° descending turn at an unestimated high speed. During the second 180° turn, the object descended to 700 feet or below. While descending, the object definitely decreased in speed, then made a 90° turn toward the main highway that parallels Sidi Slimane Air Base at which point it appeared stationary. The light then disappeared.

3. The observers flew the C-47 in a 360° circle in order to continue observation of the object. The light could be sighted at all times by the observers and was seen for approximately three minutes. The C-47's speed was 140 mph at an altitude of 6,000 feet. The nearest point at which the object was observed was between one-quarter and one-half mile distance, while maximum distance of observation was approximately eight miles. Visibility during sighting was 20 miles plus. The sky was clear with no moon. Winds were calm.

4. Sidi Slimane Control Tower was contacted when the object was first sighted and reported no aircraft in the vicinity.

COMMENTS:

1. Air Traffic Control at Casablanca, French Morocco, was contacted and reported no aircraft in the area except two naval aircraft in the vicinity of Port Lyautey, approximately 25 miles from Sidi Slimane Air Base. The air crew of the C-47 previously observed the naval aircraft on their flight to Sidi Slimane Air Base.

2. The 549th AGWS Group was inoperative during reported sighting of unidentified object. The previously unconfirmed report from the Naval Station at Port Lyautey, French Morocco, cited in TMI, DIOG 1061, is now definitely established as an erroneous report. The Naval Station at Port Lyautey further reported radar inoperative during reported sighting of unidentified object.

3. The following were crew members of the USAF C-47:

Lt Colonel Wilson Moore, 4227A, 3,000 hours flying time.

1st Lt Jamie E. MacInnis, AO 1910170, 900 hours flying time.

*Gleason D. Adams*  
GLEASON D. ADAMS

1st Lt, USAF

Preparing Officer

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ROAD

SLOWER AIR SPEED

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DECREASING SPEED

FAST DESCENDING SPEED

(C47) 1ST. CONTACT 6000 FT.

DEFINATE SLOW AIR SPEED

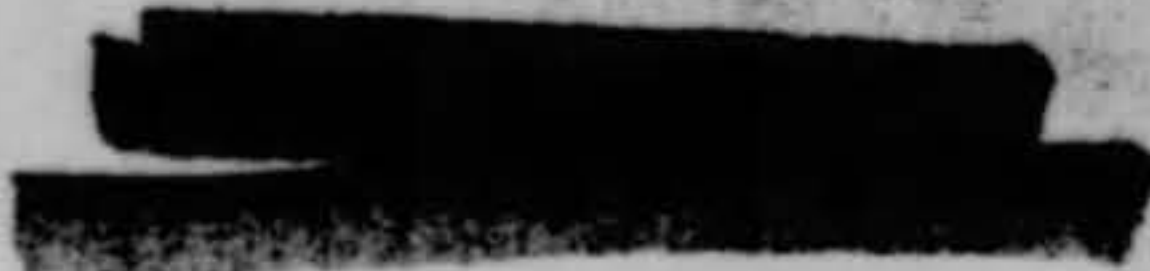
POS OBJECT FIRST SEEN APPROX. 8000 FT.

RUNWAY

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