

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 3 August 1957	2. LOCATION Northern California		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 03/1445Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Military		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 hour 10 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE NW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Pos Anam Prop</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object picked up on radar and became a skinpaint. Object observed continuously until a/c made a right turn. Obj suddenly made a turn to NW at high rate of speed resulting in loss of contact at 58 miles. Object was resighted at 22 miles, closed to a distance of 8 miles and flew parallel with the a/c. Contact lost at a distance of 15 miles. No visual contact made.		11. COMMENTS Possible explanation is anomalous propagation.	

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COUNTRY OF AREA REPORT CONCERNS Northern California Coast (3530N-12430W)	DATE OF INFORMATION 3 Aug 57	SRI STATUS (If applicable) PPPT
ACTIVITY SUBMITTING REPORT Hq. 552nd AEW & C Wing McClellan AFB, California	DATE OF COLLECTION 3 Aug 57	
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON FORM 1		

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REFERENCES (AIR Subject, previous reports, etc., as applicable)

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SUBJECT (Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects)

Unidentified Flying Object

SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies)

On 3 August 1957, at 1445Z while on a routine Airborne Operation Center mission, (1st Lt. Robert J. Springer Jr., Senior Director,) T/Sgt Giles detected an unidentified object on his scope on IFF only. The object appeared to be the same type object as had been detected previously, several times in the past. At 1456Z the object became a skinpaint. The object was observed continuously until 1515Z at which time the AEWAC aircraft started a right turn. At the time of commencing the turn, the object was 10 miles distant. It suddenly turned toward the northwest at a high rate of speed resulting in loss of contact at 58 miles. Object was resighted at 1518Z at 22 miles. At 1520Z it closed to a distance of 8 miles and turned to fly parallel with the AEWAC aircraft. Contact was lost at 1524Z at a distance of 15 miles. No visual contact was made at any time during the encounter.

This report is considered significant since it is the first time such a detection has been made as an actual skinpaint. All previous detections have IFF points. A suggested explanation is given in inclosure #2.

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DUTY DIRECTOR

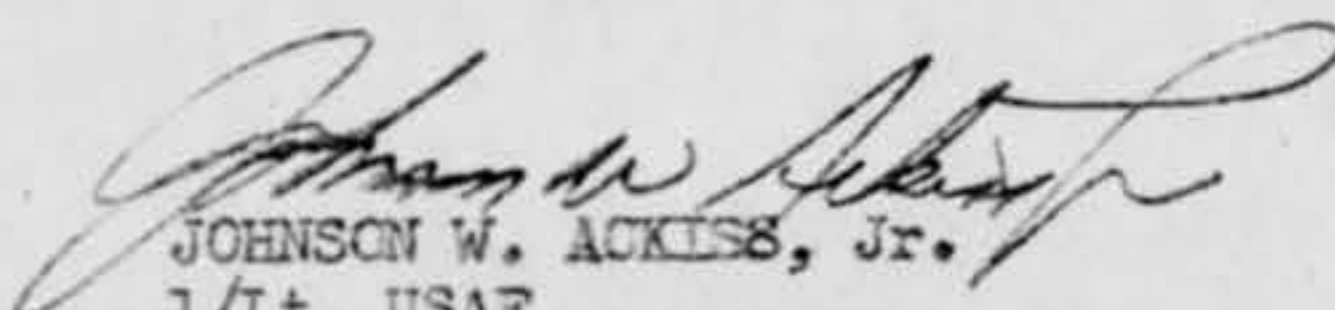
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- 1445 Have a "UFO" on the scopes on IFF only, looks to be the same type object that has been seen many times before.
- 1456 Now have skinpaint on the "UFO".
- 1500 Hourly condition report.
- 1502 Turned the APX-6+APX-7 off at master controls and are still painting the "UFO" very bright the weather at this time is layer of str tops 3,000 ft. all above this clear, vis unlimited the sun is about 15° above the horz, at this time the "UFO" is between us and the sun (unable to obtain height).
- 1515 The "UFO" is at our 2 oclock post, 10 miles - we started a right turn to reverse course which put the target on our nose, at this time he turned N.W. at a very high rate of speed, contact lost at 58 miles.
- 1518 Regain contact at 1 oclock 22 crossing right to left.
- 1520 Target now 11 oclock crossing, he closed to 8 miles then turn right so as to be flying a parallel head on 6 miles horz displacement.
- 1524 Contact lost at 7 oclock 15 miles - During this time the pilot was unable to obtain a visual contact. This was done with skin paints not IFF.

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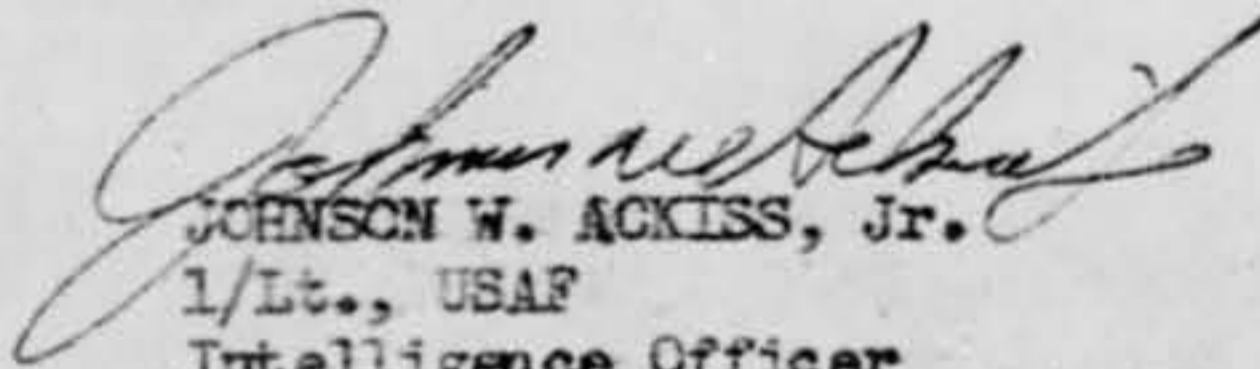
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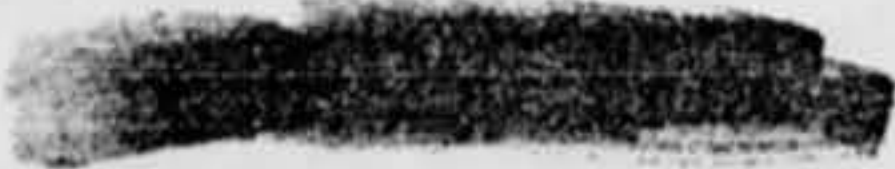
This type of track has been picked up numerous times on Mode II IFF paint but this is the first report of actual skin paint. Before on the IFF paint it has been an Mode II only but not coming in as a Mode II blip. The IFF paint was similar to a skin paint.

A suggested answer to this is that the object in some way generates a frequency the same as the Mode II frequency which would be picked up by the APX VII Receiver and painted on the scope. This theory is borne out by the report that on previous pickups when the object remained more or less stationary the intensity of the paint weakened, as the object began to move the intensity increased.

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B-3	1/Lt**	Higgins, John E.	AO 3022879	965th	A/C
B-3	1/Lt	Sheppard, Jack W.	AO 2211009	"	P
B-3	1/Lt	Walker, Leonard S 111	AO 3057410	"	N
B-3	T/Sgt	Holland, Kelley D.	AF 19309696	"	BT
B-3	1/Lt	Llewellyn, Lonnie K.	AO 3057397	"	N
B-3	1/Lt	Springer, Robert J.	AO 3038621	"	CP(VO)
B-3	T/Sgt	Giles, Herman L.	AF14222434	"	IV
B-3	A/1c	Williams, Sherman L.	AF18203926	"	V
B-3	S/Sgt	Walker, Edwin G.	A F19474701	"	V
B-3	A/2c	Campbell, James L.	AF16484452	"	V
B-3	A/2c	Pullin, Jerry L.	AF18467026	"	V
B-3	A/2c	Hullig, Robert G.	AF19519339	"	V
B-3	A/2c	Darling, Dalbert D.	AF19502013	"	V
B-3	A/2c	Hewitt, Steve G.	AF18490453	"	V
B-3	S/Sgt	Nealy, Bob D.	AF16413100	"	R
B-3	S/Sgt	Emmet W.	AF15090472	"	R
	S/Sgt	Green, Earl R.	AF37602886	552BM	Z
	A/1c	Marlow, Robert O.	AF23566661	"	Z

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(U) Evaluation of UFOB Report (IR-522-5-57)

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FROM AFCIN-4E1

DATE 10 Feb 1958

COMMENT NO. 1

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From the information given and previous reports this does not fit any kind of logical explanation, therefore, this office is unable to give a definite answer. It does appear that this is possibly another case of anomolous propagation.

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UFOB Rpt IR-522-5-57

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