

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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| 1. DATE<br>14 September 1957   |  | 2. LOCATION<br>Osan AFB, Korea  |  | 12. CONCLUSIONS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon |  |
| 3. DATE-TIME GROUP<br>Local _____<br>GMT 14/1010Z  |  | 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar<br><input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft                            |  |
| 5. PHOTOS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No  |  | 6. SOURCE<br>Military   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical                |  |
| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>40 minutes   |  | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>one   | 9. COURSE<br>SE to NW  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown                        |  |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING<br>White, pea-sized object observed at night near Osan AFB. Had brilliant white light - moved and hovered erratically. |  |   | 11. COMMENTS<br>Wind detector shows winds from SE at that time. Object moved with winds. Numerous Korean & Japanese WX units with balloon schedule SE of Osan.<br>A similar object reported from this base was conclusively identified as a balloon. |  |  |

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| COUNTRY<br>South Korea                              | REPORT NO.<br>IR-1-57                             | (LEAVE BLANK)<br>1138544 |
| <b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>          |   |                          |
| SUBJECT<br>Unidentified Flying Object Report (UFOB) |   |                          |
| AREA REPORTED ON<br>Osan Air Base, South Korea      | FROM (Agency)<br>Intelligence, 314th Air Division |                          |
| DATE OF REPORT<br>24 September 1957                 | DATE OF INFORMATION<br>16 September 1957          | EVALUATION<br>A-2        |
| PREPARED BY (Officer)<br>JOHN K. HRDINA, CAPT, USAF | SOURCE<br>USAF Officers                           |                          |

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)  
AEP 200-2 & FPAF Supplement to AEP 200-2

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 118-Part II.)  
On 14 September 1957, an unidentified flying object was observed by USAF Officers at Osan Air Base.

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None INCL.

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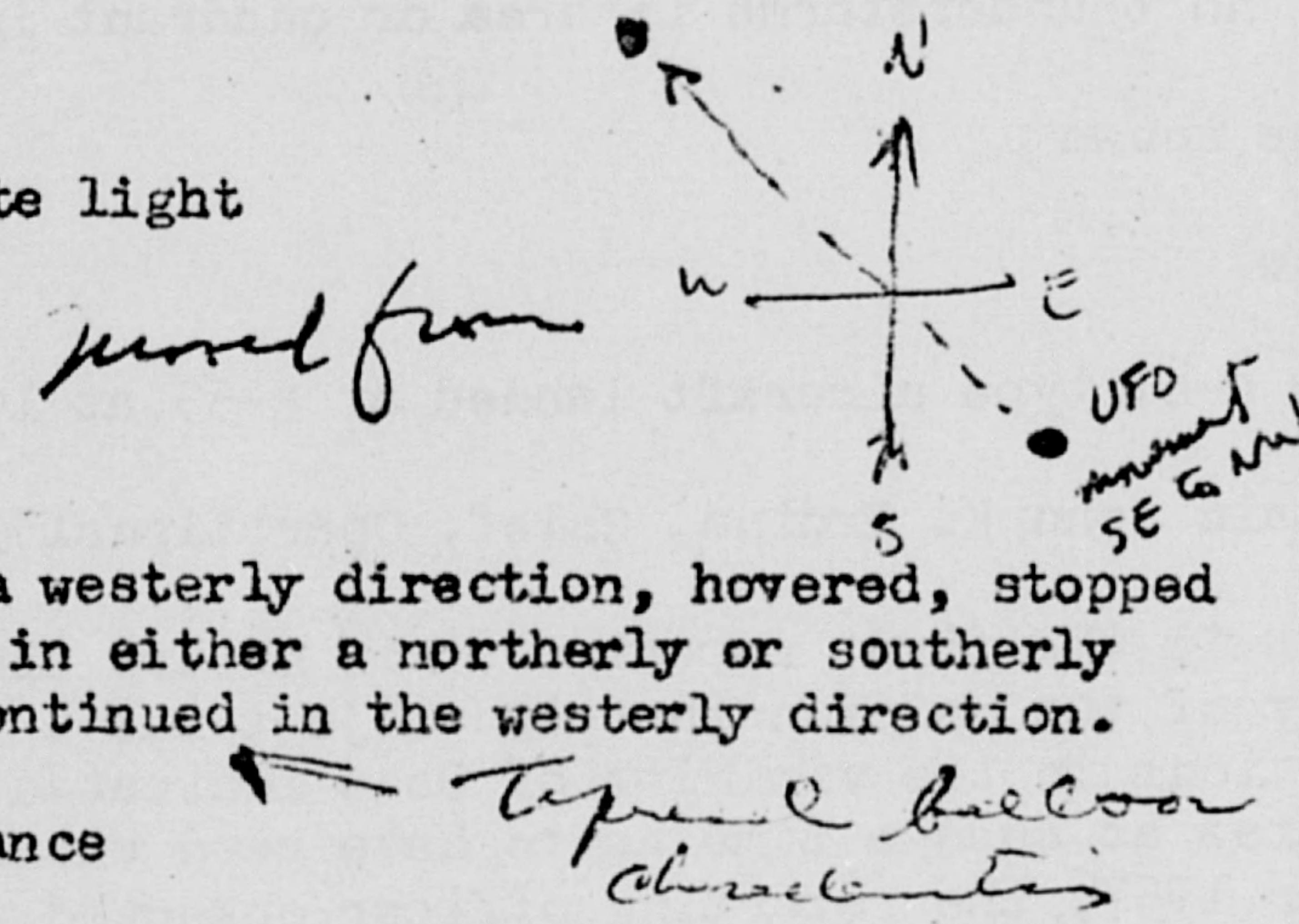
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1. a. star shaped ← *apparently caused by the balloons*
- b. pea
- c. white
- d. one
- e. n/a
- f. n/a
- g. tail observed only when in zenith position
- h. none
- i. extreme bright light

2. a. witness glanced in sky and noticed white light
- b. 15 degrees and 146 degrees azimuth
- c. 15 degrees and 347 degrees azimuth
- d. erratic path - light moved rapidly in a westerly direction, hovered, stopped all movement for a little while, moved in either a northerly or southerly direction, stopped and hovered, then continued in the westerly direction.
- e. lost sight-object faded away with distance
- f. 40 minutes ← *note duration -*



3. a. ground-visual
- b. none
- c. n/a
4. a. 1010Z, 14 September 1957
- b. night
5. K-55, South Korea, OSAN AIR BASE 3706N/12705E
6. a. n/a
- b. [redacted] Colonel USAF, 58th Air Base Group  
[redacted] Jr, Major USAF, 58th Air Base Group  
[redacted], Captain USAF, 58th Air Base Group

7. a. unlimited and calm
- b. 1024Z - on surface: clear, visibility unlimited  
6,000 feet: 110 degrees at 15 knots  
10,000 feet: calm  
16,000 feet: calm

*Note!*  
Winds from S.E. (I.I. Lower half of Japan see section 3, H.O. 206 in Ocean Balloon)

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7. b. Con't

20,000 feet: 290 degrees at 22 knots  
30,000 feet: 270 degrees at 36 knots  
50,000 feet: 260 degrees at 51 knots  
70,000 feet: 270 degrees at 23 knots  
80,000 feet: not available

c. unlimited

d. unlimited

e. none

f. no thunderstorms in area or quadrant in the knowledge of the weather station.

8. none known

9. none

10. one C-47 type aircraft landed at K-55 at 1040Z, 14 September 1957

11. Captain John K. Hrdina, Chief, Operational Intelligence.

This is the first report of this nature since 1954. Some observers were immediately of the opinion that the object was a weather balloon. A check of the weather stations in the vicinity of Osan indicated that no weather balloons were released in the area at such a time as to have been visible at the time of the incident. On 3 October 1957, the reporting officer observed the same phenomenon at 2000I. An investigation of this incident revealed:

a. The light came from a battery-operated lamp attached to a weather balloon.

b. Weather balloons are scheduled for release at 2000I but there is considerable local deviation from the schedule.

Previous reports on similar incidents have been prepared by 8th District OSI. Report numbers and dates are:

a. EEI - 49-55-10B-2-1, 25 June 1954.

b. EEI - 49-55-10B-2-2, 25 June 1954.

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*All indications here  
are that the object  
was a balloon.*