

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 15 June 1954	2. LOCATION Patrick AFB, Florida		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>2133</u> GMT <u>16/0233Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical VENUS <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 Minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Glowing light at approx 200 ft altitude, Glow appeared nearly round in shape & resembled an aircraft landing light, Glow first noticed as a bright white, dimming to red and disappearing without moving from original position sighted. Appeared almost immediately in same position, red in color, changing to bright white, remained visible a short time and disappeared suddenly. Object approx $\frac{1}{4}$ size of moon.		11. COMMENTS Venus on horizon at 300 degrees, setting at this time. Evaluated as Astro-Venus.	

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

15 June 1954, under Air Police Desk Sergeant's log, reflected that A/3C LEMIN R. MANLEY, AF-14479480, 6550th Air Police Squadron, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, saw a bright object flying approximately 100 feet high, to the Northwest of Post #26. The object turned from white to red, to green, and to blue. The control tower was notified. MANLEY was interviewed on 13 June 1954, and advised that approximately 2130 hours, EST, 15 June 1954, he noticed a glowing light in the sky, Northwest of Post #26, at approximately 200 feet altitude, over the edge of the flying field or the Banana River. The glow appeared nearly round in shape and resembled an aircraft landing light. The glow was first noticed as a bright white, dimming to red and disappearing without moving from original position sighted. The glow appeared almost immediately in the same position, red in color, changing to bright white; remained visible a short time and disappeared suddenly. The entire period of visibility was approximately five (5) minutes. MANLEY stated that he saw a small cloud drift behind object while visible. MANLEY stated that the moon was visible south of his post and was practically obscured by clouds. The object sighted was approximately one-fourth the size of the moon, which was nearly full. It is noted that MANLEY has previously completed most of the Air Force pilot's training course.

5. On 15 June 1954, S/3gt EARL H. BENEDICT, AF-12317484, Weather Detachment, Patrick Air Force Base, advised that the following information is contained in the weather report for 15 June 1954:

Observation made - 2129 hours, EST
 Scattered clouds at 4,000 feet
 Overcast clouds at 12,000 feet
 Visibility 15 miles
 Wind SSW - 5 miles per hour
 Altimeter - 29.950 inches
 Surface temperature - 74.1 degrees Fahrenheit
 Weather balloon released at 2200 hours
 Wind at 1,000 ft. altitude - SSW at 10 miles per hour
 Wind at 3,000 ft. altitude - SSW at 11 miles per hour

6. On 15 June, this office was requested to contact Base Operations Officer, Patrick Air Force Base, concerning the sighting of an unidentified object at Vero Beach, Florida, 15 June 1954. Captain WILLIAM E. PERRY, Base Operations Officer, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, advised that the Airdrome Officer's report for 15 June 1954 contained information to the effect that Mr. [REDACTED] Airways Operations Specialist, CAA, Vero Beach, Florida, reported an aerial object observed at 2124 hours, EST, 15 June 1954, located approximately 10 miles WSW of Vero Beach. The light changed from amber to bright white, to a green color. The aerial object was again observed at 2122 hours, EST, by [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] of Eastern Airlines. The

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SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

TO: Commander
Air Force Missile Test Center
Patrick Air Force Base, Florida
AFFAS Provost Marshal

1. The following information is in confirmation of information furnished verbally to your command on 17 June 1954, and, also, to facilitate compliance by your command in accordance with instructions outlined in Paragraph 7, AFM 300-2.

2. On 15 June 1954, at approximately 1050 hours, this office was requested by the Provost Marshal, Air Force Missile Test Center, to contact the Air Force Missile Test Center Intelligence Officer, regarding the sighting of unidentified flying objects near Indialantic, Florida.

3. On 15 June 1954, Major R. C. SMALLBY, Intelligence Branch, AFMTC, advised that on 11 June 1954, Mr. [REDACTED] Civilian, USA Services, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, had reported that at 2130 hours, EST, 5 June 1954, [REDACTED] was looking out over the Atlantic ocean, east of Neptune Hall, Indialantic, Florida. The weather was overcast, with intermittent showers. An intense white beam, brighter than a flashlight beam, but approximately the same size as a large flashlight beam, was noted shining from a point of approximately 100 yards offshore. The light flashes lasted for approximately four (4) seconds and rotated clockwise for approximately 10 cycles. After an approximate three (3) minute interval, the light began to cycle again for approximately 10 cycles. BROCKBANK turned on the spotlight of his automobile and directed the spotlight at the area of the lights. At this time, the light quit cycling and nothing could be seen. The lights did not reoccur after the spotlight was turned off. A check of the local charts and tide tables indicate approximately forty (40) feet of water at the site of the above occurrence at the time it occurred.

4. On 15 June 1954, this office was requested to determine circumstances surrounding an entry in the Air Police Desk Sergeant's log, concerning the sighting of an unidentified aerial object on 15 June 1954, by an Air Policeman on guard duty at Patrick Air Force Base. Entry #140, recorded at 2135 hours,

R. C. Smallby

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Clouds - 2/10 stratus at 2,500 feet
 3/10 cirrus at 35,000 feet
Humidity - 81%
Visibility - 10 miles
Weather balloon released at 2200 hours.

8. All of the above information was furnished verbally to Lt. Colonel
TYLER M. BIRCH, Staff Provost Marshal, Air Force Missile Test Center, Patrick
Air Force Base, Florida, on 16 and 17 June 1954.

cc: Dir OSI (2 cys)
Air Technical Intelligence
Center, APTN: AFIAA-2C,
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio,
TSRU: 5th District Office
OSI (2 cys)

JAMES W. LOWENBURY
Lt. Colonel, USAF
District Commander

object sighted at 2132 hours appeared to be at 1,000 ft. altitude, over the Vero Beach VOR transmitter, with no definite silhouette. The object appeared to descend below the trees and arose again. PERRY stated that the operations records reflect no aircraft known to be operating in the area of Patrick AFB at the time of the sighting. S/Sgt BENEDICT, previously referred to, Weather Detachment, Patrick AFB, advised the following information is contained in the weather observer's report for 15 June 1954:

Observation made at 2129 hours, EST
 Scattered clouds at 4,000 feet
 Overcast at 12,000 feet
 Visibility 15 miles
 Wind - SSW at 6 miles per hour
 Altimeter - 29.950 inches
 Surface temperature - 74.1 degrees Fahrenheit
 Weather balloon released at 2200 hours
 Wind at 1,000 ft. altitude - SSW at 10 miles per hour
 Wind at 2,000 ft. altitude - SSW at 11 miles per hour.

7. On 17 June 1954, this office was advised by Major WENDELL F. MOSELEY, 10690A, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, that at 2323 hours, EST, 16 June 1954, he sighted an unidentified aerial object from the aircraft parking ramp, adjacent to the southwest corner of Hangar 800, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. MOSELEY called two airmen from Base Operations to witness the object. These two (3) airmen were: SYMON D. PILLEY, A/SC, AF-12430040, and JIMMIE E. DUNCAN, A/SC, AF-14406280, both of 5550th Air Base Group, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. The object was first sighted SSW of MOSELEY, at a 20 degree angle of elevation, and as a bright light moving in a northerly direction. The object moved northward to a position directly west of observers, at an angle of elevation of 50-60 degrees. The object traveled a general northerly course during this movement and appeared to veer right and left at sharp angles while moving. The rate of speed was greater than that of an aircraft. The color of the object was a blue fluorescent, changing intermittently to white. No discernible features were visible, no sound was heard, and no trail or exhaust was discernible. The light blinked continually and at regular intervals. The object appeared to climb in a northwest direction after the stop directly west of Patrick AFB. The object appeared to continue to climb and was visible until obscured by cloud coverage at 0015 hours, EST, 17 June 1954. The object appeared to be several times larger than the brightest visible star. A full moon was visible in the sky also. Occasionally, when the light blinked and became brighter, it appeared that the object might be crescent shaped on the lower side. No air traffic was known to be in the area at the time. It was noted that Major MOSELEY is a Senior Pilot and also on duty as Airframe Officer at the time of the sighting. Records of the Patrick Air Force Base Weather Detachment reflect the following information for 16 June 1954:

Observation made at 2330 hours, EST, 16 June 1954
 Surface temperature - 79 degrees Fahrenheit
 Surface wind - SSE at 12 miles per hour
 Clouds - 3/10 cumulus at 1700 feet

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3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>2325</u> GMT <u>17/0425Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Military		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 50 Minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object first sighted SSW, at 20 deg angle elev, and as bright light moving in N direction. The object moved Northward to a position directly west of observers, at an angle of elevation of 50-60 degrees. Object traveled a general northerly course & appeared to veer right & left at sharp angles. Light blinked continually at regular intervals. No sound heard, no trail seen. Object appeared to continue climb. Object appeared to be several times larger than the brightest visible star. Rate of speed was that greater than a/c		11. COMMENTS Evaluated as balloon.	

2375 16 JUNE PATRICK AFB

5D-24-21-147

7 July 1954

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects Sighted at
Indianapolis, Florida, Patrick AFB, Florida,
and Vero Beach, Florida
SPECIAL INQUIRY

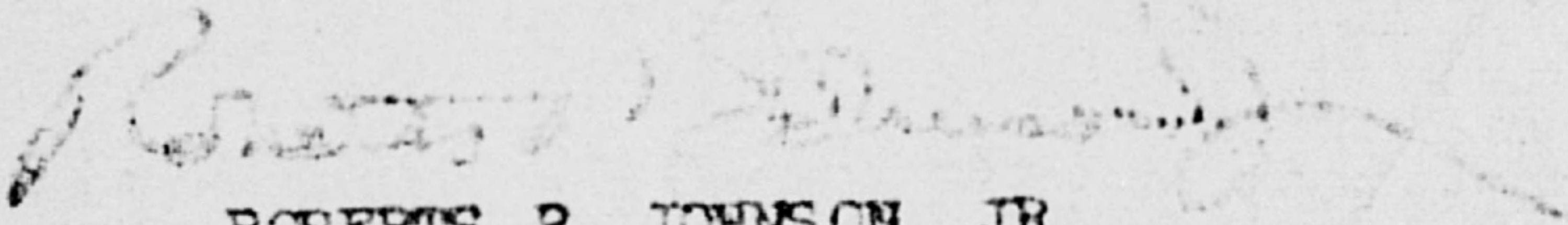
TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-20

1. Transmitted herewith for your information are two (2) copies of a letter, dated 23 June 1954, from the 7th OSI District, MacDill AFB, Tampa, Florida, concerning subject matter.

2. Your attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1, which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

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Cy ltr, dtd 23 Jun 54

cc: Dir OSI w/o incl


ROBERT P. JOHNSON, JR.
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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15 June 1954, under Air Police Desk Sergeant's log, reflected that A/Sgt LEMIE R. MANLEY, AF-14479480, 8350th Air Police Squadron, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, saw a bright object flying approximately 100 feet high, to the Northwest of Post #28. The object turned from white to red, to green, and to blue. The control tower was notified. MANLEY was interviewed on 16 June 1954, and advised that approximately 2130 hours, EST, 15 June 1954, he noticed a glowing light in the sky, Northwest of Post #28, at approximately 300 feet altitude, over the edge of the flying field or the Banana River. The glow appeared nearly round in shape and resembled an aircraft landing light. The glow was first noticed as a bright white, dimming to red and disappearing without moving from original position sighted. The glow appeared almost immediately in the same position, red in color, changing to bright white; remained visible a short time and disappeared suddenly. The entire period of visibility was approximately five (5) minutes. MANLEY stated that he saw a small cloud drift behind object while visible. MANLEY stated that the moon was visible south of his post and was practically obscured by clouds. The object sighted was approximately one-fourth the size of the moon, which was nearly full. It is noted that MANLEY has previously completed most of the Air Force pilot's training course.

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 Scattered clouds at 4,000 feet
 Overcast clouds at 12,000 feet
 Visibility 15 miles
 Wind SSW - 8 miles per hour
 Altimeter - 29.850 inches
 Surface temperature - 74.1 degrees Fahrenheit
 Weather balloon released at 2200 hours
 Wind at 1,000 ft. altitude - SSW at 10 miles per hour
 Wind at 2,000 ft. altitude - SSW at 11 miles per hour

6. On 16 June, this office was requested to contact Base Operations Officer, Patrick Air Force Base, concerning the sighting of an unidentified object at Vero Beach, Florida, 15 June 1954. Captain WILLIAM E. PRATT, Base Operations Officer, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, advised that the Airframe Officer's report for 15 June 1954 contained information to the effect that Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Airways Operations Specialist, OAA, Vero Beach, Florida, reported an aerial object observed at 2124 hours, EST, 15 June 1954, located approximately 10 miles NW of Vero Beach. The light changed from amber to bright white, to a green color. The aerial object was again observed at 2128 hours, EST, by ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ of Eastern Airlines. The

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3. On 15 June 1954, Major A. C. SHALLBT, Intelligence Branch, AFMTC, advised that on 11 June 1954, Mr. [REDACTED], Civilian, RCA Services, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, had reported that at 2130 hours, 8 June 1954, [REDACTED] was looking out over the Atlantic ocean, East of Neptune Hall, Indialantic, Florida. The weather was overcast, with intermittent showers. An intense white beam, brighter than a flashlight beam, but approximately the same size as a large flashlight beam, was noted shining from a point of approximately 100 yards offshore. The light flashes lasted for approximately four (4) seconds and rotated clockwise for approximately 10 cycles. After an approximate three (3) minute interval, the light began to cycle again for approximately 10 cycles. [REDACTED] turned on the spotlight of his automobile and directed the spotlight at the area of the lights. At this time, the light quit cycling and nothing could be seen. The lights did not reoccur after the spotlight was turned off. A check of the local charts and tide tables indicate approximately forty (40) feet of water at the site of the above occurrence at the time it occurred.

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Clouds - 2/10 stratus at 2,500 feet
 3/10 cirrus at 25,000 feet
Humidity - 81%
Visibility - 10 miles
Weather balloon released at 2800 hours.

8. All of the above information was furnished verbally to Lt. Colonel TYLER M. BIRCH, Staff Provost Marshal, Air Force Missile Test Center, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, on 16 and 17 June 1954.

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7. On 17 June 1954, this office was advised by Major WENDELL F. MOSELEY, 10580A, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida, that at 2325 hours, EST, 16 June 1954, he sighted an unidentified aerial object from the aircraft parking ramp, adjacent to the southwest corner of Hangar 300, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. MOSELEY called to airman from Base Operations to witness the object. These two (2) airmen were: STROM D. TILLEY, A/3C, AF-12430040, and JIMMIE E. DUNCAN, A/3C, AF-14406280, both of 5550th Air Base Group, Patrick Air Force Base, Florida. The object was first sighted SSW of MOSELEY, at a 20 degree angle of elevation, and as a bright light moving in a northerly direction. The object moved northward to a position directly west of observers, at an angle of elevation of 50-60 degrees. The object traveled a general northerly course during this movement and appeared to veer right and left at sharp angles while moving. The rate of speed was greater than that of an aircraft. The color of the object was a blue fluorescent, changing intermittently to white. No discernible features were visible, no sound was heard, and no trail or exhaust was discernible. The light blinked continually and at regular intervals. The object appeared to climb in a northwest direction after the stop directly west of Patrick AFB. The object appeared to continue to climb and was visible until obscured by cloud coverage at 0015 hours, EST, 17 June 1954. The object appeared to be several times larger than the brightest visible star. A full moon was visible in the sky also. Occasionally, when the light blinked and became brighter, it appeared that the object might be crescent shaped on the lower side. No air traffic was known to be in the area at the time. It was noted that Major MOSELEY is a Senior Pilot and also on duty as Airdrome Officer at the time of the sighting. Records of the Patrick Air Force Base Weather Detachment reflect the following information for 16 June 1954:

Observation made at 2330 hours, EST, 16 June 1954
 Surface temperature - 73 degrees Fahrenheit
 Surface wind - SSE at 13 miles per hour
 Clouds - 3/10 cumulus at 1700 feet

17 June 1954
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