

1. DATE, TIME GROUP 8 Jan 53 8/1515Z	2. LOCATION Larson AFB, Moses Lake, Washington
3. SOURCE Varied	10. CONCLUSION UNIDENTIFIED
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Unidentified
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 Min.	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Green disk, size of weather balloon decreased in size until disappearing. Altitude of object was approx 8000'. Sixty military personnel of 82nd Fighter-Interceptor Sq. observed object for 15 minutes. Object described like a balloon but winds at Larson at 1515Z are directly opposite SW track of object. 1. Broken overcast at 12,000'. 2. "Green" in color.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Southwest	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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Larsen Air Force Base, Washington

5 JAN 20
8 January 1953

I. Description of Incident

At 1515 Z over sixty varied military and civilian sources observed one green, disc-shaped object. The observations continued for fifteen minutes during which time the object moved in a southwesterly direction while bobbing vertically and going sideways. There was no sound. An F-94 aircraft was scrambled but a thirty minute search of the area produced negative intercept results.

II. Discussion of Incident

A check of adjacent radar sites revealed no unusual returns or activity in the area. The winds were generally from 240° below an overcast at 12,000'. Thus the object would appear to move against the wind since it must have been below the clouds. There was no air traffic reported in the area.

III. Conclusion

Unknown

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P 082330Z ZNJ,

FM CG 62D TRP CARR WG H LARSON AFB WASH

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TCWOIN 1-116 PD (WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB ATTN: ATIAA-2C) PLYOBRPT PD

ONE PD ONE GREEN DISK CMA SIZE OF LARGE WEA BALLOON WHILE UNDER OBSR

DECREASED IN SIZE UNTIL DISAPPEARING PD NO SOUND PD SPEED UNOBSERVED

PD TWO PD TIME OF SIGHTING IS 081515Z AND OBSR 15 MINUTES PD THREE

PD VIS OBSR FR SURF PD FOUR PD DIR OVER LARSON AFB TO W APRX ONE HALF

MILE BELOW CLOUDS WHICH WERE SCATTERED AT 10,000 FT PD AT LEAST 60

PERSONS MADE THIS OBSR AND ALL CFM DISCRIPTION PD FIVE PD ALL WITNESSES

ARE RELIABLE IN GR FR AMN TO LT COL INC CO OF 82D FTR INTCP SQ PD SIX PD

HIGH CLOUD LAYER APRX 10,000 CAVU BELOW CLOUD LAYER PD SEVEN PD NONE

EIGHT PD NONE PD NINE PD INTCP ABN 1543Z SEARCHED 30 MINUTES CMA NO

SIGHTINGS PD TEN PD NO LOCAL AIR TRAF PD

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Balloon

No further action

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FROM: (Originator)

CG ATIC

TO: CG 62D TROOP CARRIER WING LARSON AFB WASH

INFO:

DATE-TIME GROUP

141330Z JAN 53

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CRYPTOPRECAUTION

☐ YES☐ NO

REFERS TO MESSAGE:

IDENTIFICATION

TCWOLN 1-116

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FROM: AFOTN-ATIA-1-5-E

Regarding your FLICRPT TCWOLN 1-116 of an unidentified object sighted by 60 personnel at your base, ATIC requests that you forward an AF Form 112 and include the following items:

- (1) Did local radar report any unidentified tracks? If so, the times and heading.
- (2) Possible balloon launches from your base.
- (3) Winds aloft at 1515Z.
- (4) Did the object enter the cloud layer at 10,000 ft.?

The above information will help materially in the analysis of the subject sighting.

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DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)

LT R.M. GLSSON/vs

SYMBOL

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TELEPHONE

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RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

OFFICIAL TITLE

ROBERT L. GUNDEL, MAJOR, USAF
AIR ADJUTANT GENERAL

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COUNTRY UNITED STATES		REPORT NO. 53-1	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT			
AREA REPORTED ON LARSON AFB, WASH		FROM (Agency) INTEL OFF 62D TROOP CARRIER WING (H)	
DATE OF REPORT 19 JAN 53	DATE OF INFORMATION 8 JAN 53	EVALUATION P-2	
PREPARED BY (Officer) Maj CHARLES W FINNEGAN		SOURCE INTEL OFFICER 82d FTR-INTCPTR WING SQ	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) 62d TC WG TWX TCWOIN 1-116			

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 112—Part II.)

This report contains information concerning the sighting by approximately sixty (60) persons of the unidentified flying object over LARSON AFB, WASH at 0715, 8 JAN 53.

Charles W Finnegan
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Wing Intelligence Officer

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On 8 January 1953 the sighting of an unidentified flying object was reported by members of the 82d Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, a unit of the Air Defense Command stationed at Larson AFB. The following information was secured by Lt [REDACTED] and myself during the time following the sightings.

Descriptions of the object were varied, i.e., cigar shaped, round like a disc, similar to the tailpipe of a F-94 but the consensus of opinion was that it was circular somewhat resembling a large weather balloon and all agreed that it was green in color. There was no report of sound connected with the sighting and the maneuvers were described as bobbing, going sideways but always in the same general Southwesterly direction from the base.

The first sighting was at 0715 and it could not be observed after 0730.

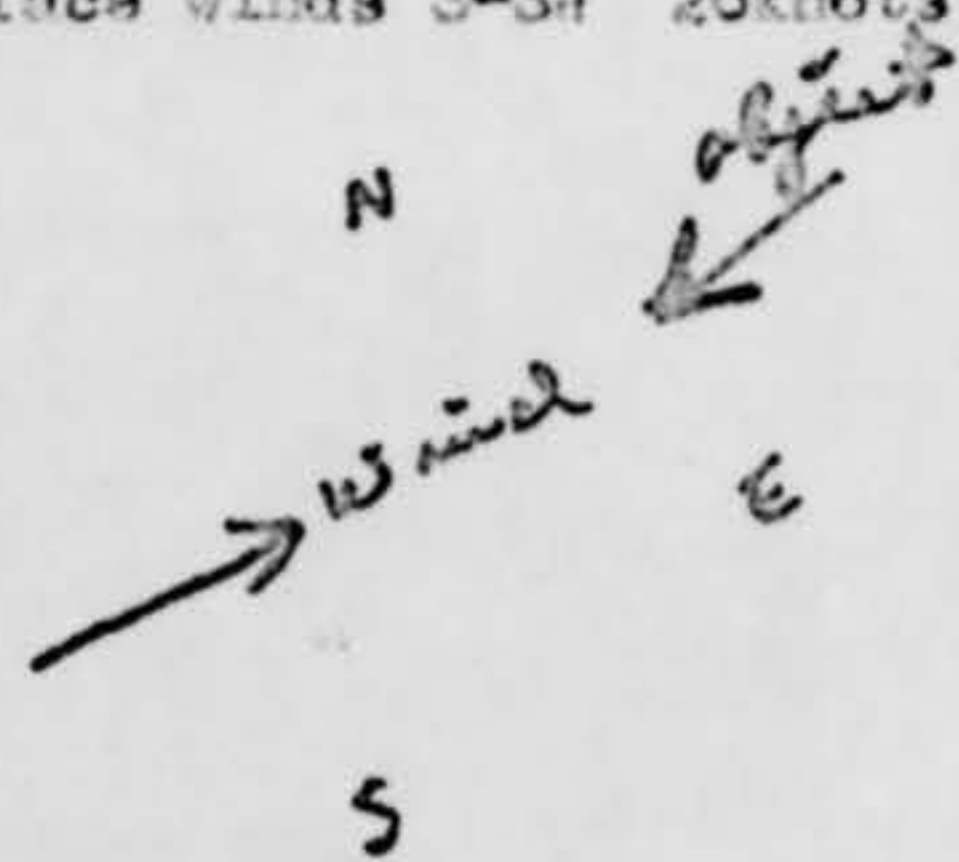
The majority of the observers were in the squadron area on the base but several reported seeing the object while driving toward the base from EPHRATA, WASH, a small town 14 miles NNE of Larson AFB. All observations were from the ground and were visual. A check with radar sites in this vicinity show that no unusual objects or activity was noted at this time. There were no weather balloon launches from this base during the reporting period.

The following weather conditions existed over the base and in the vicinity; LARSON AFB 0727 9,000' Broken, 12,000' overcast, Surface winds S-SW 26knots with gusts up to 36knots visibility 16 miles.

GEIGER AFB Winds aloft	2,000'	42 knots	210°
	4,000'	57 knots	220°
	6,000'	51 knots	231°
	8,000'	43 knots	240°
	10,000'	36 knots	250°
	12,000'	33 knots	260°

YAKIMA, WASH 6,000' 21 knots 240°

TACOMA, WASH 8,000' 38 knots 260°



All Personell reported the object just below cloud layer and heading in a South West direction from LARSON which is against the above Winds aloft reports from stations surrounding this base. No one reported the object disappearing into the clouds. Most observers reported on in to their respective jobs as this unit commences work at 0730.

The Sq Commander having observed the object requested permission to send up a flight of F-94 acft and this was granted. They became airborne at 0743 and remained airborne thirty minutes mattress searching with no results.

There was no reported air traffic in the vicinity and there were no known photographs taken.

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