

PROJECT 10873 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 29 Mar 54	2. LOCATION Philadelphia, Pennsylvania		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0215 GMT 29/0715Z	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE civilian		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 - 2 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 25	9. COURSE North	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Birds</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Objects bright, flying in formation - no exhaust, trail or sound. Round, silver in color, appeared to have flame coming from rear ends of objects. No exhaust no smoke.			11. COMMENTS No pickup on radar, no other sighting Possibly reflections from migratory birds.

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OSI INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Report of Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft

**TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.**

1. **SUMMARY:** At 0215 hours, 29 March 1954, about twenty-five (25) unidentified, flying objects were observed heading in a south to north direction, approximately over the Delaware River between Camden, New Jersey, and Philadelphia, Pa. The objects were described as being the size of a baseball, silver in color, with a luminous circle around each, and flying in formation. Altitude was an estimated 3000 to 5000 feet, and the speed was believed to be slightly faster than that of a jet aircraft. No exhaust trail or smoke was noticed. Observation was visual. Description of weather is set forth. Anti-aircraft radar failed to detect this formation.

2. **DETAILS:** On 29 March 1954, [redacted] and his wife, Naomi, [redacted], Philadelphia, Pa., were interviewed at the 3rd OSI Detachment, Philadelphia, Pa., by Special Agent Russell A. Williams. The [redacted] stated that they wished to report that at approximately 0215 hours, 29 March 1954, they had observed approximately twenty-five (25) unidentified, flying objects in the sky. The [redacted] described these objects as being round, and silver in color, with a luminous circle around each. The [redacted] estimated that the objects were between 3000 and 5000 feet in the air, and all but one appeared to be a little larger than the size of a baseball. They stated that one of the objects flying towards the rear was about twice the size of the others. The [redacted] advised that the objects appeared to be flying in formation. They described this formation as two (2) objects flying side by side with one (1) following, and then two (2) more flying side by side and one (1) following. This formation was repeated. The [redacted] informed Special Agent Williams that there was a slight variation in the formation and that the objects seemed to move with a slight up and down effect. They said that this motion was not very noticeable. When they first sighted



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the objects, they appeared to be flying in a straight line. The [REDACTED] said that there appeared to be a flame coming out of the rear of each object. This flame was approximately one-fourth of the length of the object. The [REDACTED] stated that they could not hear any sound from the objects and that they were moving slightly faster than the speed of a jet airplane. During the time that they observed these objects, one (1) veered away from the formation, with what the Spurrriers said was a tremendous speed, and then it came back and rejoined the formation. The [REDACTED] stated that they saw no exhaust trail or smoke and that they did not notice any unusual odors in the air.

The [REDACTED] stated that they are employed at the [REDACTED], Oaklyn, New Jersey, as musicians. They stated that they had been working that night and had left work at approximately 0130 hours. Mr. [REDACTED] was the first to notice the objects and called his wife to show them to her. They stated that the objects were within their vision for approximately one to two minutes, and the reason that they did not see them for a longer time was that other houses in the vicinity of their home interfered with their view. These objects were sighted from the street outside of their home at [REDACTED] St., Philadelphia, Pa., were flying from south to north, and appeared to be following the Delaware River. Mr. [REDACTED] said that the objects were approximately two (2) miles away. Mr. [REDACTED] said that it was very dark and there were some clouds in the sky; however, he said he could see stars. The [REDACTED] both said that the objects appeared to be giving off some light and that they lit up the sky where they were traveling.

The [REDACTED] further stated that they saw everything with the naked eye and did not use any telescope or binoculars. They said that they had notified the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Philadelphia Police Department and Philadelphia Inquirer, asking the newspaper not to mention their names in any article that might be printed, as they did not want anyone to believe that this was a publicity stunt on their part. The [REDACTED] also said that during the evening while they had been working, they had very little to drink and that they had their last drink approximately 2 1/2 hours before they sighted the objects. Mr. [REDACTED] said that he had served in the Army from 1942, serving with the 30th Special Services Company attached to the 20th Corps, and had spent most of his time in Europe.

On 29 March 1954, Henry P. Adams, Meteorologist, U. S. Weather Bureau, Custom House, 2nd and Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, Pa., was interviewed. Adams advised that at 0130 hours at the International Airport, Philadelphia, Pa., there were scattered clouds at 800 feet, five (5) miles visibility, smoke and haze, winds SW 13. Adams further advised that at 0230 hours there was an overcast at 9000 feet, visibility five (5) miles, smoke and haze, winds WSW 5. He also stated that at 0130 hours, at 6000 feet, the wind velocity was 230 degrees and 42 miles per hour, and at 9000 feet they were 250 degrees and 31 miles per hour.

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On 29 March 1954, Captain Emil Monteich, S-3, 24th Anti-Aircraft Group, Swarthmore, Pa., was interviewed. Monteich stated that their radar equipment had not picked up any unusual formations that morning.

3. ACTION: No further investigation has been undertaken by this District Office, and this report is being forwarded as a matter of interest to your office. Copies of this report have been furnished the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, Attention: ATIAA-SC; Commander, Air Defense Command, East Air Force Base, Colorado; and Commander, Newcastle County Airport, Wilmington, Delaware.

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APRIL 1954 SIGHTINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVERS</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
1	Anadarka, Oklahoma	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
3	Atlanta, Georgia	[REDACTED]	Other (SEARCHLIGHT)
3	Wichita, Kansas	[REDACTED]	Other (BIRDS)
4	Scotland (NICAP)(INFO)..Whitworth	[REDACTED]	
4	Norris, Tennessee	[REDACTED]	A/C
4	40.38N 44.10W (Atlantic)	[REDACTED]	Balloon
4	Stewart AFB, New York	Military	Balloon
6	Rangoon, Burma (CASE MISSING)	Unknown Civilian	A/C
6-13-19	Savannah, Georgia (CASE MISSING)	Unknown - Civ & Mil	Balloon
7	Norfolk, Virginia	Military	A/C
8	Tokyo, Japan (Tokyo, Panasia, English, Apr 9, 1954, 1418 GMT--W)(INFO)	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
8	Chicago, Illinois	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
10	Columbia, Missouri	Multi Civilian	Insufficient Data
11	Kansas City, Missouri	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
13	Annapolis, Maryland	Multi Civilian	Other (ARC WELDER FLASHES)
13	Colorado Springs, Colorado	Military	Astro (METEOR)
14	Boswell, New Mexico	Unknown	Insufficient Data
15	Bolder City, Nevada	[REDACTED]	A/C
15-19	South Korea (CASE MISSING)	Military	Astro (METEOR)
16	Oahu, Honolulu	[REDACTED]	A/C
18	Sampson AFB, New York	Military	A/C
22	San Nicholas Island, California	Military	Insufficient Data
22	Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
23	Pittsfield, Maine	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
23	Mrytle Beach, South Carolina	Multi Civilian	Insufficient Data
24	Hartland, Maine	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
24	Greenbrier, West Virginia	Unknown	Astro (METEOR)
24	Charleston, South Carolina	Military	Astro (METEOR)
24	Shaw AFB, South Carolina	Unknown Civilian	Astro (METEOR)
25	Coral Gables, Florida	Military	Insufficient Data
25	Kadena AFB, Okinawa	Military	Insufficient Data
26	Mildenhall, England	Military (<u>PHYSICAL S</u>)	Other (RADAR TRACKING DEVICE)
26	Athens, Georgia	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
28	Fort Worth, Texas	[REDACTED]	Astro (JUPITER)
30	Salisbury Beach, Massachusetts	[REDACTED]	A/C