PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 26 Jan 51 3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local	2. LOCATION 36 deg 40 N - 130 deg 50 E 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION D Ground-Visual D Ground-Radar D Air-Visual E Air-Intercept Radar 6. SOURCE Radar Ops		12. CONCLUSIONS Was Balloon Probably Balloon Possibly Balloon Was Aircraft Probably Aircraft Possibly Aircraft Possibly Aircraft Probably Aircraft Possibly Astronomical Possibly Astronomical Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	9. COURSE	Other Weather Insufficient Dote for Evaluation Unknown
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ATOM: Mr. Roders

13. Is there any other information that can be added to this report? 6428/E

"It must be realized that evaluation of very sketchy and often misinterpreted radar target data is very difficult and can best be analyzed by personal interrogation by an analyst of the personnel operating the radar set involved."

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AIR TARGET AT 0905251 POSIT 34-05 129-31. TARGET INITIALLY OBSERVED

BEARING 320 TRUE 15 TO 17 MILES RANGE. A/C HEADING 270 TRUE. TARGET

TRACKED 55 MILES IN APPROX 60 SECS BEFORE DISAPPEARING AT 45 MILE

RANGE AND TRUE BEARING 075. TARGET COURSE APPEARED SLIGHTLY CURVED

AND GENERALLY EASTERLY. CALCULATED SPEED APPROX 3350 MPH. SIGNAL

FLONGATED TO ABOUT 3/8 INCH. NO TARGETS EMANATED FROM SCOPE CENTER.

RADAR FUNCTIONING NORMALLY. PLUS 3 DEGREES TILT. OTHER TARGETS

SMALL CRAFT AND LAND. IDENTICAL 2ND TARGET OBSERVED FOR APPROX 10

SECS AT 0905301 BEARING 085 TRUE AT 25-30 MILE RANGE SAME COURSE

***ATHER OVERCAST AT 3000 FEET. TARGETS VERIFIED BY NAVIGATOR.

PATRON 42 SUBMITTING DETAILED REPORT DIRECT TO COMNAVEE.

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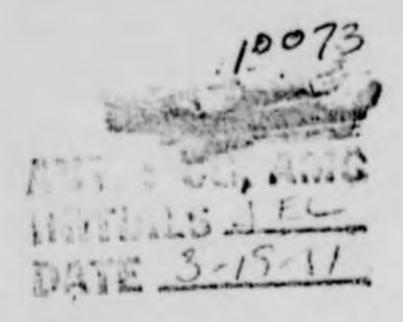
FROM : Op-322V2

SUBJECT: Radar Detection of Airborne Targets Making Passes on Guadalupe (AO-32)

Ref: (a) Naval Messages No. 261110Z and No. 280135Z from COMFAIRWING 6 to COMFAIR JAP

- 1. The following information is requested concerning radar detection of airborne targets making passes on Guadalupe (AO-32), in order that this headquarters can make an analysis of the type target sighted:
 - (a) What type radar detected the targets?
 - (b) Frequency of radar.
 - (c) Pulse width.
 - (d) Type modulator (hard tube, spark gap).
 - (e) Altitude of aircraft when targets were detected.
- (f) Were target blips steady while observed or were they spotty and of unequal amplitude?
- (g) What is meant by radar blips elongating to 3/8 inch and 1/8 inch? Is this elongation in range or azimuth?
- (h) How did the target size compare in range and azimuth with that of conventional aircraft?
- (i) Were any radar sets operational on the Guadalupe and what were their target status during the time the airborne radar detected targets?
 - (j) Is there any other information that can be added to this report?





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CSAF Item 2, TT-091-AM, 15 March 51

me Thru: MCIA

To: MCIAXA-1

Attn: Nr. Rodgers

MCIAXE

20 MAR 1951 Mr. James/leg

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It is suggested that substantially the following reply be made to the subject message:

"Information contained in CSAF Item 2, TI-091-AN, 15 March 51 indicates that the unknown radar targets reported therein possibly were due to abnormal weather conditions.

"Previous reports have indicated that abnormal weather conditions may cause targets to appear to move at a very high rate, when actually the movement is due to several weather targets which are caused by changing weather conditions in the same general area. These weather targets are usually not as sharply defined as aircraft. ship, etc. targets. An indication of this is contained in the subject message as follows: 'fignal elongated to about 3/8 inch'.

"If more details regarding the subject radar observations become available, this office would appreciate receiving a copy thereof for inclusion in pertinent project fillo."

1 Incl CSAF Item 2, TT-091-AM, 15 Mar 51.

J. E. LIBBERT Major, USAF Chief, Electronics Section Technical Analysis Division Intelligence Department



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INFORMATION CONTAINED IN CSAF ITEM 2, TT-091-AM, 15 MAR 51, INDICATES THAT THE UNKNOWN RADAR TARGETS REPORTED THEREIN FOSSIBLY WERE DUE TO ABNORMAL WEATHER CONDITIONS.

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IN THE SUBJECT MESSAGE AS FOLLOWS:
"SIGNAL ELONGATED TO ABOUT 3/8 INCH".

RADAR OBSERVATIONS BECOME AVAILABLE,
THIS OFFICE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING A COPY
THEREOF FOR INCLUSION IN PERTINENT PROJECT
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PROM J RODGERS MCIAXA-1A TO AFOIN-V/TC ATTN COL HARRIS

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REFERENCE RADNOTE ROS1620Z. EVALUATION
OF REFERENCED RADNOTE CANNOT BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. THIS MAY BE PROVIDED
IN THE 'COMPLETE REPORT' WHICH YOUR RADNOTE
MENTIONED WAS FORTHCOMING. PRESENT INFORMATION
INDICATES THAT THE RADAR TARGETS POSSIBLY COULD
HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
(1) INTERFERENCE FROM ANOTHER RADAR SET;
(2) INTERFERENCE FROM THE DETECTING RADAR
SET ITSELF; (3) WEATHER; AND LEAST LIKELY
(4)—AIRBORNE TARGET OR TARGETS OF UNKNOWN—
TYPE.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED FOR EVALUATION INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

1. WHAT TYPE RADAR DETECTED THE TARGETS.
2. FREQUENCY OF RADAR. 3. PULSE WIDTH.
4. TYPE MODULATOR (HARD TUBE, SPARK GAP)
5. ALTITUDE OF AIRCRAFT WHEN TARGETS
WERE DETECTED. 6. WERE TARGET BLIPS STEADY
WHILE OBSERVED OR WERE THEY SPOTTY AND
OF UNEQUAL AMPLITUDE. 7. WHAT IS MEANT BY
HADAR BLIPS ELONGATING TO 3/8 INCH AND 1/8
INCH. IS THID ELONGATION IN RANGE OR AZIMUTH.
8. HOW DID THE TARGET SIZE COMPARE IN
PANGE AND AZIMUTH WITH THAT OF CONVENTIONAL
AIRCRAFT.

9. WERE THE TARGETS SEEN BY MORE THAN ONE AIRBORNE RADAR. 10. WERE ANY RADAR SETS OPERATIONAL ON THE GUADALUPE AND WHAT WERE THEIR TARGET STATUS DURING THE TIME THE AIRBORNE RADAR DETECTED TARGETS. 11. WERE ANY OTHER AIRBORNE TARGETS DETECTED DURING THE TIME OF DETECTION OF UNKNOWN TARGETS. 12. WERE THERE ANY OTHER AIRBORNE AIRCRAFT DURING THE TIME OF DETECTION OF UNKNOWN TARGETS AND DID THEY HAVE RADAR EQUIPMENT IN OPERATION. 13. IS THERE ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT CAN BE ADDED TO THIS REPORT.

IT SHOULD BE REALIZED THAT EVALUATION
OF VERY SKETCHY AND OFTEN MISINTERPRETATED
RADAR TARGET DATA IS VERY DIFFICULT, AND
CAN BEST BE ANALYZED BY PERSONAL INTERROGATION
BY AN ANALYST OF THE PERSONNEL OPERATING
THE RADAR SET INVOLVED.

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V/TC HARRIS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGES ARE QUOTED FROM TWO CALLES RECEIVED BY AFOIN-V/TC FROM COMFAIRWING 6 ON 26 AND 28 JAN 51. REQUEST THAT EVALUATION AND COMMENTS BE FORWARDED TO TCB SCONEST. CALLE DATED UNCLASSIFIED

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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7 FER 1951

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SUBJECT:

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Unusual Radar Targets

TO:

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Commanding General Air Materiel Command

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

Dayton, Ohio

ATTENTION: MCIAKE

Letter your Headquarters, subject "Unusual Radar Targets (Restricted)," dated 12 January 1951, has been forwarded to Directorate of Training, this Headquarters, for action.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

Captain, USN

Chief, E. Quation Division Directorate of Intelligence

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Report of Unconventional Aircraft (Carried

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9 Feb 51

Forwarded herewith is Hq Westover AFB (1600th Air Transport Wing, ATLD-MATS) letter dated 5 Feb 51 for your comments.

1 Incl: Eq 1600th ATW Westover AFB ltr ata 2-4-51

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suaject Analysis of Report Regarding Unknown Radar Targets

TO MCIAXA-1A

FROM MCTAXE

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ATEM: Mr. Rodgers

1. It is suggested that the attached radnote be answered substantially as follows:

"Reference RADMOTE R 051620Z. Evaluation of referenced RADMOTE cannot be accomplished without additional information. This may be provided in the 'complete report! which your RADNOTE mentioned was forthcoming. Present information indicates that the rader targets possibly could have been caused by one of the following: (1) interference from another radar set; (2) interference from the detecting radar set itself; (3) weather; and least likely (4) airborne target or targets of unknown type.

"Additional information required for evaluation includes the following:

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- 11. Were any other airborne targets detected during the time of detection of unknown targets?
- 12. Were there any other airborne aircraft during the time of detection of unknown targets and did they have radar equipment in operation.

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