PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 Apr. 50	2 LOCATION Fargo, North	Dakota	D Was Balloon D Probably Balloon D Possibly Balloon	
SMT 26 0300 CST	4. TYPE OF DBSERVATION M Ground-Visual D Ground-Rodar D Air-Visual D Air-Intercept Rodar 6. SOURCE several civilians		D Was Aircraft D Probably Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS DI Yes No				
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS varied	9. COURSE	D Insufficient Data for Evaluation Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING		11. COMMENTS	*	
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A572d Ground Observer Squadron Fargo Filter Center Fargo, North Dakota UNCLASSIFIED

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SUBJECT: Report of Uncomventional Airborne Objects

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- 2. The following information is not the result of an observation of the undersigned; simply heresay evidence from citizens of Morrhead, Minnesota and Fergo, North Dakota.
- a. On or about 21/5 hours 25 April 1952, a call from the Fergo Police Department was received by this writer. The reason: Airborne objects that glowed were seen "Very High" directly over the City of Moorhead Minnesota between 2100 and 21/5 hours. The glowing objects the charter Palarred to as "Disks" appeared in wide "V" formation consisting of five (5) disks per flight in five (5) flights approximately eight (8) minutes apart. Direction of flight was consistently South to North. No shape, other the "round" was apparent. Size could not be determined since disks were travelling very high. No trails of vapor or exhaust were seen. No obvious means of propulsion were apparent nor was there any noise made by any disk. . Formation was described as wide "V" but irregular, or more specifically, rather sloppy, in that the disk pilots, if such is the case, appeared to have trouble maintaining constant speed and altitude.
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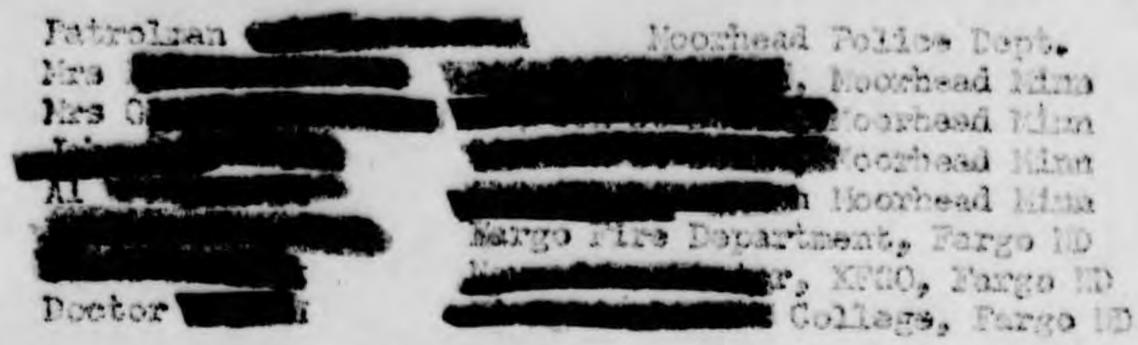
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APPENDIX I

Fargo, North Dakota - 25 April 1952

I. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

Between 2100 and 2145 hours on 25 April 1952, eight observers reported sighting unidentified flying discs which appeared in a wide "V" formation. There were five discs per flight and a total of five flights at eight minute intervals. The direction of flight was consistently south to north.

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II. STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATION

The Commanding Officer of Detachment 2, 462nd Ground Observer Squadron, Fargo Filter Center, Fargo, North Dakota, followed up the report personally. He proceeded to the top (10th floor) of the Black Building in Fargo, North Dakota, at about 2030 hours on 28 April 1952 equipped with binoculars, high-speed camera, telescope, etc., and awaited the mysterious flights. A number of local citizens shared his vigil with him.

III. CONCLUSIONS

The unidentified discs seen traveling very high and fast and of bright red and orange color were identified by the above observers (II) as being migrating mallard and teal ducks.

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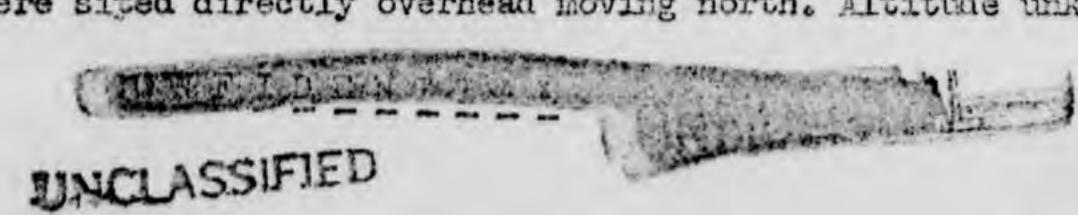
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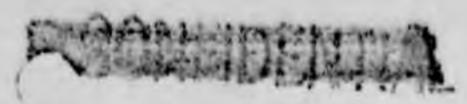
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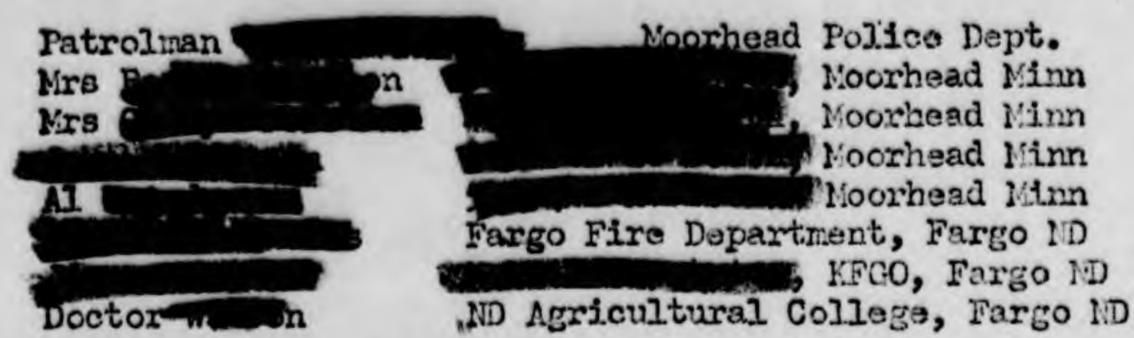
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