PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE

16 September 1957

2. LOCATION

Southern Italy

3. DATE-TIME GROUP

Local _____

GMT 16/1800Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar

☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS

☐ Yes

☒ No

6. SOURCE

Civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

5 minutes

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

one

9. COURSE

East

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Round object about the size of planet Mars and same color as Mars at its brightest. No exhaust or sound.

11. COMMENTS

Rather limited data, but a light moving across the sky is very probably an a/c.

12. CONCLUSIONS

- ☐ Was Balloon
- ☐ Probably Balloon
- ☐ Possibly Balloon
- ☐ Was Aircraft
- ☒ Probably Aircraft
- ☐ Possibly Aircraft
- ☐ Was Astronomical
- ☐ Probably Astronomical
- ☐ Possibly Astronomical
- ☐ Other _____
- ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
- ☐ Unknown

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Italy		
AGENCY OF ORIGIN	DATE OF REPORT	
OAirA, Rome, Italy	14 Oct 57	
SOURCE OF INFORMATION	DATE OF INFORMATION	
See report, paragraph 6 OCT 29	16 Sep 57	
PREPARING OFFICER	EVALUATION	
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REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

BAIR 460; AFR 200-2

SUBJECT

Report of UFOB - 16 Sep 57 - Italy, 40°45'N, 16°12'E

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 112a.)

Report forwards information on an unidentified flying object observed by a U.S. citizen while on vacation in Southern Italy. Details of the sighting are listed in accordance with the format set forth in AFR 200-2 and BAIR subject 460T.

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Prod. a/c

APPROVED:

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Air Attache

no ____ INCLS.

ATIC Conclusions: Probably a high altitude ~~jet~~ a/c. This is similar to many reports for ZI of ~~a~~ tiny lights moving slowly in a straight line for a number of minutes — which have found to be aircraft at high altitudes — and generally confirmed by checks with radar and flt. ops units in the area.

Default to follow-up on multiple foreign sightings unless the local base C.O., authorities, or other do so. Data rather limited.

Comment: What prompted the source report. Item appears nothing unusual or menacing. Unless there is a flying saucer flying along about a light moving slightly faster than the star

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1. On 16 September 1957, source stated he and his wife observed an unidentified flying object (UFOB) while traveling in Southern Italy. The following information concerning the observation is forwarded in accordance with AFR 200-2 and BAIR 4607 for evaluation:

Tiny!

a. Shape - circular.
b. Size - about the size of the planet Mars.
c. Color - same as Mars, at its brightest.
d. Number of objects - one.
e. Formation - N/A.
f. Features or details - the UFOB reminded source of a V-1 in flight.
g. Tail, trail or exhaust - none (just a light) ← clue
h. Sound - none.

2. Description of course of object:

a. Source and wife were driving in Southern Italy, from Potenza to Altamura, on Route No. 96 in a convertible. Source's wife first noticed the UFOB and called it to the attention of her husband. They stopped the car to observe the UFOB.

b. At the time of the sighting the automobile was pointed in a northeast direction and the UFOB crossed at an angle to them, in a west to east direction.

c. Same.

d. UFOB did not maneuver but maintained a straight course at apparently the same altitude.

Note: long time duration

e. Manner of disappearance - after approximately five minutes, source resumed driving and UFOB was lost from view behind mountains in the area.

f. Length of time in sight - five minutes. ← Important Clue

3. Manner of observation:

(1) [Not balloon, or meteor!]

a. Ground visual.
b. No optical aids.
c. N/A.

(2) [Movement from W to E in five minutes — Not astro: star or planet]

4. Date and time of sighting:

a. Date-time group: 161800Z September 1957.
b. Light conditions - night.

5. Location of observers: Approximately 40°45'N, 16°12'E, on highway No. 96.

6. Information on observers:

a. Mr. [redacted] (US Citizen)
Rome, Italy
Age - 36
Occupation - Political Attache, American Embassy.

b. Mrs. [redacted]
(same address as above)

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7. Weather and winds aloft:

a. Observer stated weather was clear and slightly windy, with good visibility.

b. Report from Detachment 6, 29th Weather Squadron, Rome/Ciampino Airport, on weather conditions in the Brindisi area:

	Direction	Velocity
(1) Surface	310°	20 knots
(2) 6,000'	300°	30 knots
(3) 10,000'	290°	30 knots
(4) 16,000'	290°	45 knots
(5) 20,000'	300°	55 knots
(6) 30,000'	300°	60 knots
(7) 40,000'	290°	75 knots
(8) 50,000'	290°	90 knots
(9) 80,000'	unknown	

c. Ceiling - none.

d. Visibility - 12 kilometers.

e. Cloud cover - none

f. Thunderstorms in area - none.

8. None.

9. None.

10. Unknown.

11. See comments.

12. No photographs.

13. COMMENTS OF THE REPORTING OFFICER:

a. Mr. [redacted] who is an ex-infantry Captain, did not notice the UFOB until his wife called it to his attention. [redacted] readily admits that his eyesight is not too good, but states his wife has very good eyes (possibly 20-15).

b. This report will be of interest to ~~AFCIN~~-4.

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