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UFOs TRACKED BY RADAR

UFO reports can be divided into three broad categories. These categories are: 1) UFOs detected by unaided human senses, 2) UFOs detected by instruments, but not by human senses and 3) UFOs detected by human senses, substantiated by instruments. The most significant UFO reports are found in the third category. Unaided human senses can be misleading, instruments can malfunction, but it would be rare for both to occur simultaneously.

Radar/visual reports have been received and analyzed since at least 1948 and continue to be received in 1976. The following chart summarizes some of the early radar/visual reports.

RADAR — VISUAL CASES

Code Reference

G = Ground Radar V = Visual Sighting
A = Airborn Radar P = Photograph

Code	Date & Location	Description	Speed	Altitude
A, V	October 15, 1948 Japan	Air Force F-61 night interceptor tracked and saw visually UFO shaped "like a rifle bullet." On one pass, F-61 got close enough to see silhouette 20-30 ft. long.	Abt. 200 mph. Accel. to est. 1200 mph.	5000 - 6000 ft.
G, V	November 23, 1948 Fursten-Faldbbruck, Germany	UFO tracked, reddish star-like object observed visually. Climbed 23,000 feet in few minutes.	900 mph.	
G, V	February 22, 1950 Key West, Fla.	Two glowing objects sped over Naval Air Station		
G, V	March 8, 1950 Dayton, Ohio	Two F-51 pilots saw "huge and metallic" UFO which ground radar detected. Object gave solid "blip" climbed vertically.		15,000 ft.
A, V	July 11, 1950 nr. Osceola, Arkansas	Disc-shaped UFO sighting visually by Navy pilots, tracked by air-borne radar	200 mph.	Est. 8000 ft.
G, V, P	July 14, 1951 White Sands, New Mexico	UFO sped near B-29, tracked on radar; 200 ft. of 35 mm film reportedly shows bright round spot.		
G, V	July 23, 1951 March Field, California	UFO tracked on radar, pilots saw silvery object circling above them.		50,000 ft.

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G, A	Fall 1951 Korean area	Over 14 Navy radar sets tracked UFO circling above fleet. (signed report at NICAP)	Slow to over 1000 mph.	5000 ft.
G, A	January 22, 1952 Alaska	Three F-94s scrambled to intercept radar target; UFO maneuvered, ground radar saw object streak away to west.	1500 mph.	23,000 ft.
G, V	June 19, 1952 Goose Bay, Labrador	Red-lighted object approached base, radar blip enlarged as object seemed to wobble.		
G, V	July 1, 1952 Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey	Two shiny objects tracked; moved slowly, hovered, burst of speed to southwest. Coincided with other visual observations.	Slow - "terrific burst of speed."	50,000 ft.
G, V	July 10, 1952 Near Korea	Canadian destroyer tracked two shiny discs; calculated altitude of 2 miles, 7 miles from ship.		2 miles
G, V	July 19/20, 1952 Washington, D.C.	UFO's tracked by CAA and Air Force radar; some visual sightings coinciding.	"On the order of 7500 mph." (Air Force "fact sheet")	
G,A,V	July 23, 1952 Braintree, Mass.	F-94 pilot obtained radar lock-on while chasing blue-green light which circled at high speed.		
G, V	July 26/27, 1952 Washington, D.C.	Series of radar-visual sightings involving CAA airline and Air Force pilots.	Some "slow- moving," some "fast."	
G,A,V	July 26, 1952 California	F-94 interceptor obtained radar lock-on, UFO kept pulling away. Visually appeared as large yellow-orange light.	Slow to "terrific speed"	
G,V	July 28, 1952 Wisconsin- Minnesota	USAF jets chased UFO tracked by ground radar, UFO's sped up and evaded interceptors.	60 to over 600 mph.	
G,A,V	July 29, 1952 Michigan	F-94's attempted to intercept radar target, observed visually as flashing red and green light, then solid white. (From USAF Intelligence Report)	635 mph	20,000 ft.
G,V	Summer 1952 MacDill AFB,	UFO target tracked at base. Air Force bomber in area investigated saw maneuverable egg-shaped UFO.	400 knots (460 mph)	40,000 ft.
G.V.P	August 1, 1952 Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio	UFO tracked, seen visually and photographed by F-86 pilot.	480 mph	Above 40,000 ft.
G,V	August 3, 1952 Hamilton AFB, Calif.	Two silver discs "dogfighting" joined by six others, took diamond formation and sped away as jets scrambled.		
G,A,V	August 5, 1952 Haneda AFB, Japan	Circular UFO tracked; approached field and hovered visible from control tower. Sped away dividing into 3 parts.	300 knots	

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A,V	December 6, 1952 Gulf of Mexico	B-29 crew tracked several small, one large, object; saw speeding lights coinciding with radar tracks.	5240-9000 mph.	18,000 ft.
A,V	December 10, 1952 Nr Hanford, Wash.	F-94 obtained radar lock-on, UFO seen as round, white, with "windows"		
A,V	December 16, 1952 Goose Bay, Labrador	F-94 obtained radar lock-on; UFO observed visually as red light changing to white during maneuvers.		
G,V	December 29, 1952 Japan	UFO spotted by B-29 crew, tracked on radar. Jet pilot investigated, saw rotating lights on UFO, and three fixed beams of light from it.		35,000 ft.
A,V	January 9, 1953 Japan	Second "rotating lights" case, similar to above.		
G,V	January 26, 1953 New Mexico	Bright red-white UFO, official "unknown." Travelled steadily into the wind.	12-15 knots (abt. 17 mph)	10,000 - 15,000 ft.
G,V	January 28, 1953 Nr Albany, Ga.	Ground radar tracked UFO, interceptor pilot saw circular object. UFO travelled slowly; radar indicated it sped up as inteceptor neared.		Below 30,000 ft.
G,V	February 7, 1953 Korean area	F-94 scrambled after radar target, pilot saw UFO as bright orange light which changed altitude, sped away.		
A,V	February 13, 1953 Fort Worth, Texas	Radar-visual sighting by B-36 crew		
G,V	Summer 1953 Yaak, Montana	Six UFO's observed visually and tracked by USAF radar site; objects changed formation repeatedly.	1400-1600 mph	
G,V	May 13, 1954 Washington, D.C.	Several large glowing objects seen by National Airport police; tracked on airport radar.	Hover-abt. 200 mph.	Abt. 80,000 ft.
G,V	June 30, 1954 Brookley AFB, Alabama	Silvery UFO tracked, observed visually from base tower. Confirmed by base PIO, Maj. James Zicherelli.		
G,V	July 3, 1954 Albuquerque, New Mexico	Nine green spheres hovered, sped away, tracked by radar.	About 2600 mph.	24,000 ft.
G,V	August 28, 1954 Tinker AFB, Oklahoma	Fifteen UFO's in triangle formation tracked on radar, chased by jets; changed to semi-circle formation and sped away.		
G,A,V	August or September, 1954 White Plains, N.Y.	Circular UFO tracked across N.Y. by GOC, Air Force radar.		Above 45,000 ft.

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G,V	November 12, 1954 Kentucky, (Indiana, Ohio)	Air Force interceptors chased spherical object seen over tri-state area; also followed by theodolite.		
G,V	December 15, 1954 Nr Nowra, Australia	Royal Australian Navy pilot returning to base, joined by two "strange aircraft resembling flying saucers." Ground radar showed his Seafury, when pilot identified self by moving according to pattern, and also two other objects.		
G,V	August 23, 1955 Cincinnati, Ohio	SAC radar detected UFO's Jets engaged in dogfight with three circular objects.		
G,V	December 11, 1955 Nr Jacksonville, Fla.	Navy Jets in dogfight with UFO, confirmed on radar.		
G,V	February 17, 1956 Paris, France	Orly Airport radar tracked UFO, larger than commercial airliner. Observed by Air France pilot as blinking red light. UFO maneuvered erratically, alternately hovering and moving with jet-like bursts of speed.		
A,V	December 1956 Far East	USAF jet tracking UFO, radar jammed by interference; changed frequency and picked up UFO again, saw circular object climb away.	3600 mph.	Below 10,000 ft.
G,V	March 23, 1957 Long Beach, Calif.	Four UFOs tracked by CAA radar. (Confidential report certified by 6 NICAP Board Members) Coincided with visual reports by GOC, police and Oxnard AFB.		
A,V	March 29, 1957	Pan American Airways flight 206A, saw pulsating UFO, radar target coincided.		
G,V	October 21 or 29, 1957 Nr London, England	UFO sighted visually by pilot near atomic base, tracked by ground radar; dimmed lights and sped away.		
G,V	November 5, 1957 Gulf of Mexico	Coast Guard Cutter Sebago tracked UFO, brief visual sighting from deck.	1020 mph	
G,V	December 12, 1957 Tokyo, Japan	GCI radar tracked UFO seen by ground observers as vari-colored object; jets scrambled.		
G,V	Summer 1958 Air Force Base, SW United States.	Two maneuverable UFOs tracked, evaded jet interceptors.		

Radar visual reports continue to be received by NICAP. A few of the more recent cases include; The Oct., 1973 sighting which involved two commercial pilots and the controller at San Antonio International Airport (UFO Investigator, Sept. 1974); The May, 1975 sighting which involved a private pilot and controllers at Mexico City Airport (UFO Investigator, Sept. 1975); and others still under investigation.

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