

4602D AISS UFOB LOG

REPORT NUMBER	DATE/TIME OF SIGHTING	RECD AISCP
AISS-UFOB-124-56	14/0058Z May 56	14 May 56
LOCATION OF SIGHTING		LOGGED BY
Morrisville, Vermont		S/Sgt DeRudder
MEANS RECD	ACTION TAKEN	
TT Msg	Investigation authorized	
INVEST UNIT	DATE INVEST ASSIGNED	ASSIGNED BY
Flt 3-E	14 May 56	Capt McEntee S/Sgt DeRudder
DATE IR RECD HQ	DATE IR APPROVED	DATE IR TO ATIC
DATE AISOP FORM 5		
14 May 56		
COMMENTS		
Results of investigation as indicated below:		
CONCLUSIONS		

AISOP FORM 7 (2 APR 55)

AISSOP

Long Distance Telephone Call

Comdr, 4602d AISS

AISSOP

14 May 56
1255 hours
AISS Log #11
S/Sgt DeRudder/4498

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

1. Telephone conversation between S/Sgt DeRudder, this headquarters, and Capt Radford, Flight 3-E.
2. The undersigned called Flight 3-E to authorize an investigation of a UFOB sighted at Morrisville, Vt., at 14/0058Z May 56. It was suggested that Flight 3-E concentrate on the astronomical theory when investigating this sighting.
3. Due to the proximity of Morrisville, Vt., to Flt 3-E, there will be no TDY involved.

Ronald D. DeRudder, S/Sgt, USAF
AIC, UFOB Program

DISPOSITION FORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (If any)

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SUBJECT

Resubmission of AF Form 112

TO

OIC, Flt 3-E

FROM

Comdr, 4602d AISS

DATE

29 May 56

COMMENT NO. 1

Maj Thrasher/4498

1. Inclosed herewith is AF Form 112, number 3E-UFOB-1-56, returned to your Flight for correction and appropriate action on the items marked in red.

2. Inasmuch as the original of this report is sent to Headquarters USAF, it is imperative that it be neat, grammatically correct, and prepared in accordance with the instructions contained in Squadron Guide 200-2 and AFR 200-15.

3. It is directed that this report be entirely and comprehensively rewritten and resubmitted to this headquarters.

1 Incl
a/s

Ray L Jones
RAY L JONES, Maj, USAF
Adjutant

TO: Comdr, 4602d AISS FROM: OIC, Flt 3-E DATE 4 June 56 COMMENT NO. 2
Captain Radford/359

1. Inclosed herewith is AF Form 112, number 3E-UFOB-1-56 corrected and resubmitted as directed in preceding comment.

2. This unit wishes to apologize for the condition of the original UFOB report submitted. The investigative effort expended, in addition to the time-liness of reporting the information obtained, precluded the consideration of thoroughness in the assembly and preparation of the report.

3. Subsequent reports, however, will not overlook this consideration, but encompass all requirements as prescribed in Squadron Guide 200-2.

James E. Radford
JAMES E. RADFORD, Captain, USAF
OIC, Flight 3-E

3193 (June 56)

IMOGL DZV 8388
-BU 043

ATSS #11 140740Z May 56
OPS

EN0001 ENA020 YDC011 TYB013 TTA002 TMA024SNA007SNE 001 I
PP RJEDEN RJEPHQ RJEPNB RJEDWP
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RJEPSN/COMDR 32ND ADIV DEF SYRACUSE N Y
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NTELL CENTER WRIGHT PAT AFB OHIG
INFO RJEPNB/DIRECTOR OF INTELL EADF STEWART AFB N Y
RJEPSN/COMDR 14TH DIIGRU EAAFB WINOOSKI VT
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//UNCLASSIFIED//UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS REPORT DATA RE 200-2

1 DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT

A SHAPE LIKE STAR OR BRIGHT LIGHT
B SIZE LIKE STAR
C COLOR YELLOW

NUMBER (4)

E FORMATION: DIFFER POS FROM POST IF MORE THAN 1 N.W. S. W. W. E.
F DETAILS: A LIGHT ON EACH OBJECT
G TRAIL OR EXHAUST NONE
H SOUND NONE
I FEATURES NONE

2 DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

A ATTENTION OF OBSERV BRIGHTER THAN STAR
B C OF ELEVA 450 LOW APPROX 10,000 IAZIN FIRST
C C UPON DISC N/A
D DESCRIPT OF FLT PATH AND MANUAVERS ALL STATION
E MATTER OF DISSAVSN/A
F LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT N/A

3 MANNER OF OBSERV

A GROUND VISUAL
B OPTICAL AIDS NONE

IC N/A

4 TIMES

A SIGHTED 14 0058Z S/SGT R S HUBER
B LIGHT CONDT SHORTLY AFTER DUSK

5 LOCATION OF OBSERVER MORRISVILLE VT CQ 2436

6 IDENTI INFOR OF SBSERV

A [REDACTED] OCC LAYTH
OPER STOWE WAR RELIA GOOD STOWE VT

7 WX WINDS ALOFT VIS GOOD CLEAR 10-310-30 15-310-35 5-330-15

8 N/A

9 N/A

10 NONE

11 NONE

12 0058 FCR13 0108Z OBSERVER INFORMED THE OBJECT WAS TRAVEL VERY FAST EAST
W. BECAME VERY BRIGHT 0120 ALERTEF BGR FILTER CENT 0145 DETACH 64
CALLED OBSERVER, OBJECT HEAD E SLOWED TO ALMOST STATIONARY
0330 CALLED OBSERV GONE OFF AT 0200 PLACE TAKEN XY [REDACTED]
MORRISVILLE VT [REDACTED] MANAGER [REDACTED] STORE POINTED OUT OBJECT DIDNT
SEE DISCS BUT WERE THERE

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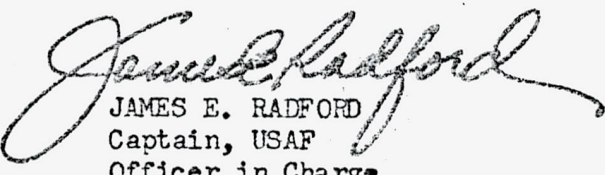
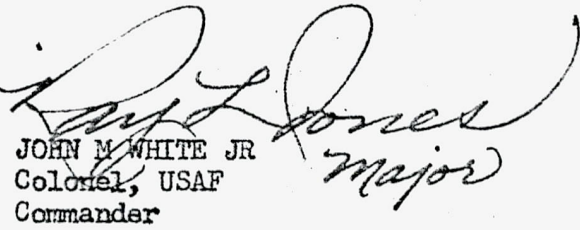
14/00540Z MAY RJEPSN

Investigator
to 3-E
14/1255 hrs

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DATE-TIME GROUP 14/0054Z *1405Z*

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COUNTRY	REPORT NO 3E-UFCB-1-56	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT UFOB		
AREA REPORTED ON MORRISVILLE, VERMONT, USA	FROM (Library) Flight 3-E, 4602d AISS	
DATE OF REPORT 21 May 1956	DATE OF INFORMATION 6 and 13 May 1956	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) JAMES E. RADFORD, Captain, USAF	SOURCE [REDACTED] and others	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) TT Msg 764th AC&W Sq dtd 14 May 1956; Squadron Guide 200-2		
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 112—Part II.)		
<p>I. CONTENTS:</p> <p>PART ONE: Description of sighting by Mr. [REDACTED] Morrisville, Vermont</p> <p>PART TWO: Description of sighting by Mr. [REDACTED] ville, Vermont</p> <p>PART THREE: Description of sighting by Mr. [REDACTED] Cherry Morrisville, Vermont</p> <p>PART FOUR: Description of sighting by Mr. [REDACTED] Elmore Street, Morrisville, Vermont</p> <p>PART FIVE: Supplementary Investigative Efforts</p> <p>PART SIX: Comments of Preparing Officer</p> <p>II. SUMMARY: Two sightings of unidentified flying objects on 6 and 13 May 1956 at approximately 2000 hours EST at Morrisville, Vermont (GEOREF HJCQ 2434). The information contained in this report was obtained from the persons sighting the objects and from an investigation conducted to determine the cause of the sightings.</p> <p>III. INVESTIGATORS: T/SGT WALTER B. SMITH</p>		
		 JAMES E. RADFORD Captain, USAF Officer in Charge
		APPROVED:  JOHN M. WHITE JR Colonel, USAF Commander
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I. SOURCE: Mr. [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Morrisville, Vermont

Age: 46

Occupation: Lathe Operator, Stowe-Barre, Stowe, Vermont

Education: 2 years High School

Qualification: GOC Observer

II. RELIABILITY: Mr. Wiltshire has no previous experience as a trained observer. He is middle aged [REDACTED]. He seemed sincere in presenting his information.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: Mr. Wiltshire was on duty with the Morrisville GOC Post (GEOREF: HJCQ 2434) which is located in the town of Morrisville. Mr. Wiltshire's tour of duty was from 2000 to 2200 hrs EST on the 6th of May 56 and 13th of May 56 respectively. The objects were called to his attention by Mr. Fred Green, Manager of the Morrisville Foundry, who had been called by an unknown SOURCE in Waterville, Vermont (GEOREF HJCQ 1442). Mr. Wiltshire stated that he saw six (6) of the objects in the sighting of 6 May 56 but did not know their bearing from his location. Two (2) of the objects were directly overhead and appeared brighter than the other four (4) located approximately 35° above the horizon and 8° to the left of the other two (2) objects. The weather was clear with few scattered clouds, no winds, cool and dry. There was no moonlight and few stars. The objects were approximately the size of a grapefruit, and the two (2) directly overhead were approximately the size of a dime. Objects were very faint and seemed to remain suspended. Objects were triangular shaped with a small tail suspended beneath. (See Incl 1). One object moved behind a cloud and re-appeared. All objects appeared solid and had distinct edges. The smaller objects appeared as a bright star, but retained a clear outline. Objects were in the same position when Mr. Wiltshire left his post at 2200 hours, EST, 6 May 1956.

Mr. Wiltshire's sighting on 13 May 56 was similar to the sighting of 6 May 56 with the exception that only four (4) objects were observed. Mr. Wiltshire was facing north at the time of the sighting and observed only one (1) object move. He did not remember the direction of flight. The moon was out on the evening of the 13 May 56. The objects were fanned out across the sky from east to west. Western most object was approximately 15° from north and about 20° above the horizon. Two objects were located close together at due north from Mr. Wiltshire's position. These objects were approximately 35° above the horizon. The eastern most object was moving very fast in an approximate easterly direction and when first observed was located about 15° east of north.


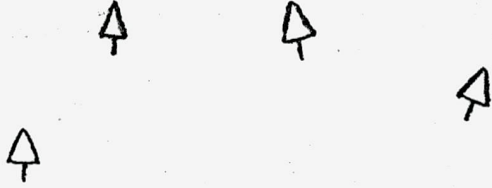
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1. SOURCE'S sketch of sightings

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<p>Sighting observed on 6 May 1956</p>  <p>Pt. A <input type="checkbox"/> Direction Unknown</p>	<p>Sighting observed on 13 May 1956</p>  <p>Pt. A <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p style="text-align: right;">1 ↑ N</p>	
<p>Pt. A represents GOC Post at Morrisville, Vt. (HJCQ2434)</p> <p>Inclosure 1 of Part One SOURCE'S sketch of sightings on 6 May 56 and 13 May 56.</p>		

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<p>I. SOURCE: Mr. Lawrence A. Standcliff Address: Morrisville, Vermont Age: 37 Occupation: Farmer Education: Grade School, Electrical School Qualification: GOC Observer</p> <p>II. RELIABILITY: Mr. Standcliff is the GOC Supervisor for the town of Morrisville and is well known and liked in the community.</p> <p>III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: Mr. Standcliff was notified of the sighting by Mr. Fred Green (same witness as in Part One) at approximately 2000 hours EST, 6 May 56. Mr. Standcliff immediately went to the GOC Post in Morrisville (GEOREF HJQJ 2434). Mr. Standcliff observed only three objects. Objects were positioned from north to east, northernmost object positioned approximately 5° west of north, center object positioned approximately 10° east of north and the easternmost object approximately 90° east of north. All objects were approximately 70° to 75° above the horizon. Objects were in motion, northernmost object was moving from west to east; center object was moving from north to south and appeared to rise; the easternmost object was moving very slowly from east to west. Objects were observed through binoculars (6X) and were estimated as being approximately 4 feet in diameter. Objects appeared to be about as large as a basketball held at arms length. Objects had a box or gondola suspended beneath them. Objects were illuminated like an automobile headlight about a mile away. Objects appeared transparent and had the outline similar to a bright star. Objects made no sound or left no trails. Objects were observed for approximately 2 hours. One object remained in view after Mr. Standcliff returned to his home. SOURCE was unable to sketch objects which he observed.</p>		

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I. SOURCE: Mr. Robert H. Whitmore
Address: Cherry Avenue, Morrisville, Vermont
Age: 36
Occupation: Manager, First National Store, Morrisville
Qualification: GOC Observer

II. RELIABILITY: Undetermined, SOURCE appeared to be unconcerned about sighting.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: Mr. Whitmore went on duty at the Morrisville GOC Post at 2200 hours EST, 13 May 1956 and was shown the object by Mr. Raymond Wiltshire. Mr. Whitmore observed only two objects for a period of approximately 1 hour. Mr. Whitmore stated the object at the end of the sighting appeared to burst and disappear from view. He stated the objects were clearly outlined against the sky and were approximately the size of bright stars. Mr. Whitmore stated the objects were west of his position at the time of sighting. He did not note their direction of flight or approximate altitude. SOURCE was both unwilling and unable to sketch objects which he observed.

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<p>I. SOURCE: Mr. Fred Green</p> <p>Address: Elmore Street, Morrisville, Vermont</p> <p>Age: 38</p> <p>Occupation: Manager, Morrisville Foundry</p> <p>Qualifications: GOC Observer, AF Experience</p> <p>II. RELIABILITY: Mr. Green served as a crew chief on fighter type acft during World War II and also saw service during the Korean campaign.</p> <p>III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: Mr. Green received a telephone call at approximately 2000 hrs EST 6 May 1956 from an unidentified person in Waterville, Vermont (GEOREF: HJCQ 1442). Waterville is located approximately 3200 NW and approximately 20 miles distant from Morrisville. Source informed Mr. Green of four objects sighted between Waterville and Morrisville. Mr. Green went to the GOC Post in Morrisville (HJCQ 2434) and observed the objects through 6X binoculars from that position. He stated that the objects appeared to be balloons and had a gondola suspended beneath them. Objects were noted to move in north-south direction. Altitude was not determined. Objects were silver colored as if made of aluminum or painted silver, with an estimated size of 4 to 6 feet. Mr. Green observed the objects for approximately two (2) hours. During the period of observation, the objects made no erratic movements. Mr. Green with Mr. Wiltshire reported the objects to the Albany Filter Center. SOURCE could not draw a sketch of the objects he sighted.</p>		

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. A telephone call to the Burlington Airport control tower was made to determine if there were any aircraft in the area on the dates and times of sightings. Tower gave a negative report.
2. Phone call was made to the Burlington weather station. No balloons releases were made at the time of sightings or immediately prior to the time of sightings. Personnel at the station informed the investigator that the winds at altitude were from the NW on both dates, and it was possible for balloons to travel from the north central part of the states into the area.
3. A check was made with the 764th AC&W Squadron, St. Albans, Vermont. Intelligence personnel informed the investigator of several projects being conducted involving the use of balloons. Investigator was shown track logs made on the dates of the sightings, but no entries were made which would identify the objects sighted.

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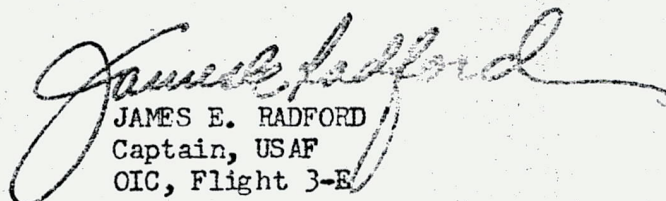
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COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. It is the opinion of the Investigator, from facts obtained, that sightings were caused by a cluster of weather balloons, with telemetering instruments attached. These balloons could possibly be used in conjunction with OPERATION SKYHOOK, as the prevailing winds would cause them to be blown over the area where they were sighted. The weather station at Burlington, Vermont has seen similar sightings within the past eight (8) months and has determined them to be weather balloons.


JAMES E. RADFORD
Captain, USAF
OIC, Flight 3-E

COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Concur with the opinion of the Preparing Officer that the sightings described in this report were caused by clusters of weather balloons. Telemetering instruments attached to the suspension train of each balloon could account for reports of "gondolas" beneath the objects.

