

**PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD**

1. DATE 7 Dec 1951	2. LOCATION Kansas City, Mo.	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>INSUFFICIENT DATA</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>14 12 1</u> <u>07/2012Z</u> GMT	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual	5. SOURCE Civilian
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 minute	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE ---
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Police officer observed B-36 in SW flight at 10,000 ft. Observed object moving NW at alt higher than a/c. Object in sight one minute, transparent, gave off metallic sheen. Winds from SW to NE, 70 knots. Report in newspaper article.	11. COMMENTS Insufficient data.	

## Description of a Flying Saucer Is Supplied by a Policeman

HERE is a late description of a flying saucer, as supplied by Cpl. Frank Gibson, jr., 1533 Elmwood avenue, a member of the police department seventeen years.

Perfectly round, with an inner core resembling the fuselage of a small airplane equipped with tapered and extremely stubby wings.

Corporal Gibson said he saw the thing at precisely 2:12 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He was just opening the garage door preparatory to driving away on an errand when he looked skyward and saw a B-36 plane traveling southwest at an altitude of about 10,000 feet.

Traveling northwest, perhaps at an altitude slightly higher than the plane, was the thing. Corporal Gibson watched it for perhaps a minute before it disappeared. It was rather transparent. Still, it gave off a sort of a metallic sheen.

Corporal Gibson called the weather bureau to inquire about the possibility of a weather observation balloon. The weather bureau said there were no bal-

loons around at the moment and, besides, they could not possibly be traveling from southeast to northwest.

A little later, an independent inquiry was made of J. R. Lloyd, the meteorologist in charge of the weather bureau. Mr. Lloyd was unaware that Corporal Gibson had called the bureau. Mr. Lloyd was mighty interested in learning about it, however.

"If that fellow (Gibson) was even half way right about the altitude, it couldn't have been a balloon," Mr. Lloyd said. "At 2:12 o'clock the winds at 10,000 to 12,000 feet were blowing from southwest to northeast. Incidentally, if it makes any difference, a balloon at that altitude—and at that time—would be hoisted along at about seventy miles an hour."

Corporal Gibson says he is just a layman when it comes to figuring out things he sees in the sky. He only knows that he saw the thing. It made no noise, he added. At least, he didn't hear a noise.

Kansas City Times (morning)

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## JOINT MESSAGEFORM

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER NO. *33*

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SPACE ABOVE FOR COMMUNICATIONS CENTER ONLY  
FROM: (Originator)

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TO: Commanding General  
Central Air Defense Force  
Kansas City, Missouri  
RADNOTEINFO: D/I, Hq USAF, Washington 25, D. C.  
RADNOTE

For Director of Intelligence

DATE-TIME GROUP <b>123545Z Dec 51</b>		SECURITY CLASSIFICATION <b>CONFIDENTIAL</b>
PRECEDENCE FOR:	ACTION <b>ROUTINE</b>	INFORMATION
<input type="checkbox"/> BOOK MESSAGE <input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE ADDRESS		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL MESSAGE <input type="checkbox"/> CRYPTOPRECAUTION <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
REFERS TO MESSAGE:		
IDENTIFICATION		CLASSIFICATION

This Center has been advised of the sighting of an unidentified object by Mr.

[REDACTED] Kansas City, on 7 December 1951. Please  
accomplish AF Form 112. Refer to ADC letter 200-1, dated 11 April 1951.

In reply cite ATIAA-Grudge.

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DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)

Lt E. J. Ruppelt/vs

SYMBOL  
**ATIAA-2a**TELEPHONE  
**54261**

OFFICIAL TITLE

KENNETH T. FRANCIS, Capt., USAF  
Asst Air Adjutant General

EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 2

DATE: 7 Dec 51

TIME (Local): 1412

LOCATION: Kansas City, Mo.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: Approx 1 Min.

SOUND: None

SPEED: Unknown

ALTITUDE: Unknown

HEADING: NW

SOURCE: Civilian

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Pending

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Described as perfectly round, with inner core resembling fuselage of small a/c with tapered and stubby wings.