

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 11 Oct 52		2. LOCATION EAST MOLINE, ILL.		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 11/1003 CST GMT 11/1603 Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian woman			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING While awaiting traffic light, civilian woman observed object "shaped like a hat box with an inverted saucer on top" with port holes around the side.			11. COMMENTS 1. Poor report. 2. Inexperienced observer.		

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ACTION

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14 OCT 52 08 04

FM ROCK ISLAND ARSENAL ROCK ISLAND ILL

TO MILITARY FLIGHT SVC WRIGHT FIELD DAYTON OHIO

WD GRNC

FROM E.H. MANN CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION QUAD CITY AF MOLINE
ILLINOIS TT 5385

AT 1003 C ON 11 OCTOBER 1952 THE FOLLOWING SIGHTING WAS MADE BY MRS.

[REDACTED] OF [REDACTED] CARBON CLIFF ILLINOIS [REDACTED]
WHILE STOPPED FOR TRAFFIC LIGHT WEST BOUND AT 7TH STREET AND 17TH
AVE EAST MOLINE OBSERVED AN OBJECT WHICH SHE DESCRIBED AS SHAPED LIKE
"A HAT BOX WITH AN INVERTED SAUCER ON TOP PD IN OTHER WORDS
SQUARED ^{WOW!} OFF BOTTOM AND ROUNDED TOP AND WHAT APPEARED TO BE PORT HOLES
AROUND THE SIDE PD WEATHER AT TIME FROM LOCAL RECORDS CLEAR
VISIBILITY 15 MILES PD MRS [REDACTED] REPORTED THAT THE OBJECT WAS
CLEARLY VISIBLE WITH SHARP OUTLINES PD END OF REPORT PLEASE ADVISE IF
FUTURE SIMILAR REPORTS ARE TO BE FORWARDED YOUR OFFICE PD

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CCCC LINE 4 1 GP SHUD READ [REDACTED] RPT [REDACTED] E INSTD OF [REDACTED]

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ROUTING

JOINT MESSAGEFORM

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER NO.

SPACE ABOVE FOR COMMUNICATIONS CENTER ONLY

FROM: (Originator)

CG ATIC

TO: CO ROCK ISLAND AIRFIELD ROCK ISLAND ILL

INFO:

FROM: AFOIN-ATIAA-10-15E

Reference your TX concerning sighting made by Mrs. J. [REDACTED] on 11 Oct 52. It is the policy of Project Blue Book that the reporting agency will use its own discretion in determining whether the sighting is of sufficient importance to transmit to this office. It is the opinion of this office that the sighting made by Mrs. [REDACTED] falls into the unimportant category.

DATE-TIME GROUP

171830Z OCT 52

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

UNCLASSIFIED

PRECEDENCE
FOR:

ACTION

ROUTINE

INFORMATION

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BOOK MESSAGE

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ORIGINAL MESSAGE

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MULTIPLE ADDRESS

CRYPTOPRECAUTION

☐ YES☒ NO

REFERS TO MESSAGE:

IDENTIFICATION

TT 5385

CLASSIFICATION

UNCLASSIFIED

DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)

LT R. N. OLSSON/vs

SYMBOL

ATIAA-5

TELEPHONE

65365

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION
UNCLASSIFIED

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RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

OFFICIAL TITLE

ROBERT E. KENNEDY, MAJOR, USAF
AIR ADJUTANT GENERALDD FORM 173
1 OCT 49REPLACES NME FORM 173, 1 MAY 49,
WHICH MAY BE USED.

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ATIAA-5 File

NR 5679 C-1 PRIORITY
FM WILMINGTON DEL 130630Z
TO CG ATIX WPAFB OHIO ATTN:ATIAA-2C
CG ADC ENT AFB COLO
CG 26 AIRDIV ROSLYN NY
CS USAF WASHDC ATTN: DIR OF INTELL

ACTION

PARAPHRASE NOT REQUIRED. SEE CRYPTO-CENTER
BEFORE DECLASSIFYING

CITE FSCO 0453 FLYOBRPT.

IAW WITH AFL 200-5 THE FOLG RPT IS SUBMITTED:

1. UNIDENTIFIED OBJ WAS FIRST SIGHTED AS A VERY BRILLIANT WHITE LIGHT WHILE OBSERVING ACFT WAS ON CAP AFTER BEING SCRAMBLED ON AN AIR DEF MISSION. OBJ WAS AT FIRST BELIEVED TO BE A STAR BUT THIS WAS DISCOUNTED DUE TO THE EXTREME BRILLIANCE OF THE OBJ AND ITS SIZE IN COMPARISON WITH STARS IN THE AREA. THE NEXT IMPRESSION WAS THAT THE OBJ WAS AN ACFT WITH LANDING LIGHTS ON AS THE BRIGHT OBJ APPEARED TO LOSE ALT SLIGHTLY. OBJ THEN APPEARED TO THE OBSERVERS AS CIRCULAR IN SHAPE WITH WHAT APPEARED TO BE A MID WING WITH APRX 30 DEGREES DIBEDRAL. DIRECTLY BELOW AND AS A PART OF THE CIRCULAR SECTION OF THE OBJ THERE APPEARED A TAIL OF TRIANGULAR SHAPE OF WHITE LIGHT WHICH VARIED IN SIZE. THE OBJ AT THIS STAGE WAS LIKENED TO AN F-36 ACFT STANDING ON ITS NOSE EXCEPT THAT WHILE THE FUSELAGE ON AN F-36 IS LONG AND SLIM THE OBJ WAS FAT AND OBLONG SHAPED AND WAS MUCH LARGER. THE COMPLETE OBJ AS DESCRIBED ABOVE GLOWED WITH THE SAME BRILLIANT WHITE LIGHT.

Possibly Vega (star)

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THE OBJ APPEARED TO REMAIN IN THE SAME GEN AREA AND THERE WAS NO INDICATION OF CON TRAILS, SOUND OR MANEUVERS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A SLIGHT LOSS IN ALTITUDE SHORTLY AFTER FIRST OBSERVED THEN A GRADUAL GAIN BACK TO ORIGINAL POSITION. OBSERVERS COULD NOTE NO EXHAUST OR PROPULSION METHODS AS THE ENTIRE OBJ GLOWED WITH A VERY BRILLIANT WHITE LIGHT. OBSERVERS SUGGESTED THAT THE TAIL OF WHITE LIGHT WHICH PROJECTED BELOW THE CYLINDRICAL PORTION, WHICH VARIED IN SIZE, COULDN'T HAVE BEEN EXHAUST SINCE IT WAS OF THE SAME COLOR AS THE REST OF THE OBJ.

2. OBJ WAS FIRST SIGHTED AT 2045 EST 12 OCT 52 AND WAS UNDER OBSERVATION FOR APRX 20 MINUTES.

3. OBSERVATION WAS BY VISUAL MEANS FROM AN F94B ACFT AT 20,000 FT INDICATED ALTITUDE AND WITH AN INDICATED AIRSPEED OF 250 KNOTS. THE OBJ COULD NOT BE PICKED UP ACFT RADAR DUE TO ITS BEING OUT OF RANGE.

4. WHEN OBJ WAS FIRST SIGHTED, THE OBSERVING ACFT WAS APRX 25 MILES NORTH OF ATLANTIC CITY AT 20,000 FT INDICATED. THE SIGHTED OBJ WAS OUT OVER THE WATER AT APRX 3 OCLOCK AND CONSIDERABLY HIGHER THAN OBSERVING ACFT. OBSERVERS ESTIMATED THE OBJ TO BE AT 50,000 FT. AND SEVERAL MILES AWAY, HOWEVER THE OBJ POSITION IS STRICTLY GUESSWORK DUE TO THE DIFFICULTY IN ESTIMATING DISTANCES AT NIGHT.

5. FLYING EXPERIENCE OF OBSERVERS IS AS FOLLS:

ROBERT SONNETT, PLT, 2D LT, AO-2222369, FLYING TIME 500 HRS WITH ONE YEAR 9 MONTHS EXPERIENCE

JAMES W WALLACE, RADAR OBSR, 2D LT, AO-2224323, OBSR TIME 150 HRS WITH ONE YEAR EXPERIENCE PLUS 11 MONTHS NAVAL AVN CADET PILOT TRAINING AND 150 HRS STUDENT PILOT TIME.

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6. WEA AT TIME OF SIGHTING - CEILING AND VISIBILITY UNLIMITED WITH SLIGHT GROUND HAZE, TEMP AT 20,000 FT -15 DEGREES C.

7. IT IS BELIEVED NO METEOROLOGICAL ACTY OR CONDITION CAN ACCOUNT FOR THE SIGHTING.

8. NO PHOTOS WERE TAKEN.

9. INTERCEPTION ACTION TAKEN WAS AS FOLLOWS: SHORTLY AFTER SIGHTING THIS BRIGHT OBJ, THE 646 ACW SQDN WAS CONTACTED AND ACKED IF THEY HAD PICKED UP ANYTHING IN THE AREA OF THIS SIGHTED OBJ. THE GCI CONTROLLER REPTD THAT THEY WERE FAINTLY PAINTING AN OBJ THEN VECTORED THE ACFT ON A HEADING STRAIGHT FOR THE BRIGHT OBJ. THIS LEAD THE OBSERVERS IN THE ACFT TO BELIEVE THAT THE GROUND STA HAD PICKED UP THE SAME OBJ.

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10. THERE WERE NO OTHER ACFT OBSERVED IN THE GEN AREA OF THE SIGHTING 14/215Z OCTOBER

ACTION

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