

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 May 1956		2. LOCATION Columbia, Tennessee		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	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 20/2315Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian (GOC)			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION three to four minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS four or more		9. COURSE hovering	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Oblong, flat, circular objects, four or more in number, silvery metallic color in a cluster. Appeared as though the sun was reflecting off metallic surfaces. Objects hovered in same area, moving up & down & sideways between two banks of clouds. Seen through binoculars of unknown power.				11. COMMENTS Description of objects indicates that this sighting was possibly caused by a cluster of balloons. Negative radar contact.	

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REPORT ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS 20 May 56

1. A brief description of the object(s): **Seemed circular and flat**
 - a. Shape: **Circular, flat, oblong**
 - b. Size (Compare with known object): **Couldn't tell**
 - c. Color: **Silvery metallic**
 - d. Number: **Four or more**
 - e. Formation (If more than one): **Cluster**
 - f. Any discernible features or details: **Light flashing off metallic surfaces**
 - g. Tail, trail, or exhaust, including size of same compared to size of object(s) **None**
 - h. Sound (If heard, describe sound): **None**
 - i. Other pertinent or unusual features: **None**
2. Description of course of object(s): **Hovered in same area, moving up and down and sideways**
 - a. What first called attention of observer(s) to the object(s): **Light reflecting from metal surfaces**
 - b. Angle of elevation and azimuth of the object(s) when first observed: **East, southeast of Columbia, Tenn Post very high (20-30,000 ft) about 5 miles away**
 - c. Angle of elevation and azimuth of object(s) upon disappearance: **Same as 2b, above.**
 - d. Description of flight path and maneuvers of object(s): **Hovering, moving up, down and sideways**
 - e. Manner of disappearance of object(s): **Just vanished.**
 - f. Length of time in sight: **At least three (3) or Four (4) minutes.**
3. Manner of observation:
 - a. Use one or any combination of the following items: (Ground-visual, ground-electronic, air-electronic. If electronic, specify type of radar): **Ground visual, objects seen between two banks of wind clouds.**

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d. Visibility: **Good**

e. Amount of cloud cover: **Several wind clouds**

f. Thunderstorms in area and quadrant in which located: **None**

8. Any other unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting: **None**

9. Interception or identification action taken (each action may be taken whenever feasible, complying with existing air defense directives):
None

10. Location of any air traffic in the area at time of sighting:
Jet flew over post about eight (8) minutes later.

11. Position title and comments of the preparing officer, including his preliminary analysis of the possible cause of the sighting(s):
Report received by S/Sgt Richard W. Walker and forwarded to TWIGG and GAX HILL not reported immediately to Filter Center Commander.

12. Existence of physical evidence, such as materials and photographs:
None

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
AREA REPORT CONCERNS UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS			
AGENCY OF ORIGIN Det #6, 4717th Ground Observer Squadron, Nashville, Tenn.		DATE OF REPORT 13Jun56	
SOURCE OF INFORMATION GOC Post Visual Observation		DATE OF INFORMATION 20May56	
PREPARING OFFICER Captain [REDACTED]		EVALUATION	

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

ADCR 55-31, AFR 200-2

SUBJECT

Unidentified Flying Objects

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.)

At 2315Z 20 May 56, Columbia, Tennessee GOC Post (CF35B) reported citing four or more unknown flying objects four or five miles ESE of post between two banks of clouds on a generally clear and sunny day. Objects described as somewhat flat and round and reflecting or flashing light. Generally hovering but also moving up and down and sideways at times. Altitude estimated 20-30,000 feet. Objects in view about three or four minutes and claimed to definitely not be conventional or known aircraft by three teenage and one adult GOC volunteer.

Report immediately reported by AF instructor on duty to TWIGG and OAK HILL radar sites. TWIGG assumed control since it had a jet in the area but disclaimed any radar sightings in vicinity of Columbia, Tennessee.

AF instructor believed no other action necessary, also failed to notify Detachment Commander. Filter Center had AFR 200-2 on requisition and not aware of required follow-up reports. AF Form 112A not available at support base, mimeographed inclosure is substituted.

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