

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 4 August 1958	2. LOCATION Ponca City, Oklahoma	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 type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 04/1015Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual	<input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian	9. COURSE not given
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 45 mins	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Red & orange, round obj, size of basketball, w/small protrusions of light similar to 4th of July sparkler. Had sound of buzzing of a bee which alternated louder & softer as obj moved toward & away fm obsvr. Obj disappeared straight up at a tremendous speed.
		11. COMMENTS Cannot conclude due to lack of necessary info. Eliminating sound as a factor all other considerations indicate astro sighting. Jupiter, Venus, Mars & Saturn were not setting at the time. Only astro obj of 1st mag in position to cause sighting was Altair at 280dgr azimuth however, no firm conclusion can be reached.

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DETACHMENT # 6

4715TH GROUND OBSERVER SQUADRON
Joplin Air Defense Filter Center
Hotel Connor, Joplin, Missouri

GOS-6

14 August 1958

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Report

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

1. The following information concerning an unidentified flying object in this filter center area is submitted in accordance with instructions contained in AFR 200-2, dated 5 February 1958:

a. Description of the Object:

- (1) Shape - Round, like a basketball.
- (2) Size compared to a known object - A basketball, held in the hand at about arm's length.
- (3) Color - Red and orange.
- (4) Number - One (1).
- (5) Formation - Not applicable.
- (6) Any discernible features or details - The round object had small protrusions of light which alternately went off and on. The observer said it reminded her of a 4th of July sparkler.
- (7) Tail, trail, or exhaust - None.
- (8) Sound - Like the buzzing of a bee which alternated louder or softer as the object moved toward or away from the observer.
- (9) Other - (Pertinent or unusual features) - None.

b. Description of Course of Object:

(1) What first called the attention of observers to the object? - The sight of the red and orange globe with light protrusions going on and off.

(2) Angle or elevation and azimuth of object upon disappearance - Unknown.

(3) Angle or elevation and azimuth of object upon first being observed - Unknown.

(4) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object - The object would alternately move toward the observer and then away from the observer, always very slowly.

Flight From/To what direction

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(5) How did the object disappear? - The object suddenly left going straight up at tremendous speed, disappearing instantly.

(6) How long was the object visible? - 45 minutes.

c. Manner of Observation:

(1) Ground - Visual.

(2) Optical Aids Used - None.

(3) If sighting made while airborne - Not applicable.

d. Time and Date of Sighting:

(1) Zulu Time - 1015Z. 1015 - C = 0415²
0500Z 20.

(2) Date of Sighting - 4 August 1958.

(3) Light Conditions - Night.

1015-4 = 0415²
0500Z 20.

e. Location of Observers:

(1) Exact latitude and longitude 36-41 North, 97-03 West.

(2) Geographical Position - Southeast of Ponca City, Oklahoma, in rural outskirts.

f. Identifying Information on Observers:

(1) Civilian - ██████████, Age 35, Rural Route, Ponca City, Oklahoma, Telephone Number ██████████, Farm Housewife.

(2) Civilian - Son of ██████████, Age 11, above address, Student.

g. Weather and Winds - Conditions at time and place of sightings:

(1) Observers' account of weather conditions - Weather described as fair and clear.

(2) Report from nearest Weather Bureau Office - In weather reports from Oklahoma City and Tulsa Weather Bureaus the following are winds aloft reports which were obtainable for the period 1000 to 1100 hours Zulu indicated. These winds aloft reports were confirmed as correct, by the Regional Weather Bureau at Kansas City, Kansas.

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<u>Altitude</u>	<u>Degrees</u>	<u>Velocity (Knots)</u>
Surface	5 ^o E	4 knots
7,000 feet	045 degrees NE	15 knots
10,000 feet	112 degrees ESE	15 knots
16,000 feet	045 degrees NE	15 knots
20,000 feet	045 degrees NE	10 knots
25,000 feet	045 degrees NE	10 knots
30,000 feet	315 degrees NW	10 - 15 knots (Approximately)
40,000 feet	292 degrees NW	20 knots (Approximately)

(3) Ceiling- Unlimited.

(4) Visibility - 15 Miles, Weather Bureau reported weather to be fair and clear on 4 August 1958 from midnight on through the day.

(5) Amount of Cloud Cover - None.

(6) Thunderstorms in Area - None.

(7) Temperature - 72 degrees F.

(8) Moon Phase - The moon was starting the last quarter of its cycle. On 7 August 1958, the time of the moon's phase was 1749 hours Zulu.

(9) Sun Rise - Occurred at 1121 Zulu. 1121-6 = 05-41

(10) Weather Balloons - The Oklahoma City Weather Station releases its balloons daily at 0600 and 1200 hours Zulu.

h. Any other unusual activity or condition - Insofar as is known at this level, there was no unusual activity or condition, Meteorological, Astronomical, or otherwise which might account for this sighting.

i. Interception or identification action taken - None.

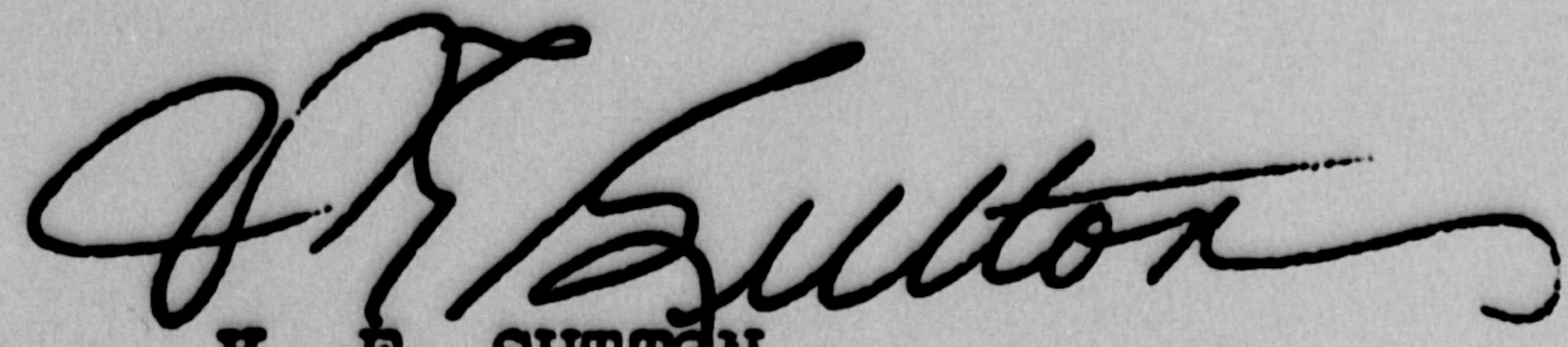
j. Location, approximate altitude, and general direction of flight of any air traffic in the area at time of sighting - Kansas City Civil Aeronautics Administration Center was contacted but they have nothing logged for time and date of unidentified flying object sighting over Ponca City, Oklahoma.

k. Position title and comments of the preparing officer - Operations Officer, Paul M. Dumais, 1st Lieutenant, USAF, Joplin Air Defense Filter Center, Hotel Connor, Joplin, Missouri.

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This officer feels that in view of the insufficient information, a good or factual analysis of a possible cause relative to this sighting cannot now be made. However, he is quite sure that the observer saw something, giving an honest account of what was seen, and that this sighting constitutes a valid Unidentified Flying Object.

1. Existance of physical evidence, such as materials and photographs - None.



V. E. SUTTON
Captain, USAF
Commander

The observer could give no elevation, azimuth or direction of travel, even though it was watched for 45 minutes.

Insuff info.