

**PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD**

1. DATE 24 May, 1960	2. LOCATION Murfreesboro, Tennessee	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 25/0115Z	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	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 6 Minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One into 6	9. COURSE Easterly
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING  Smooth object, somewhat like a disc, size of a star, very bright blue like Venus observed approaching observer. It got bigger and then after 5 minutes, object disappeared and was replaced by 6 or 7 small lights like a constellation. These faded out after about one minute.		11. COMMENTS  Description of sighting conforms exactly to the description of a balloon in flight and then bursting. The winds and direction of flight of the object are identical, as is the duration of the sighting and the distance travelled by the object prior to its disappearance. Case listed as a balloon observation.

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SEWART AIR FORCE BASE  
and  
839th AIR BASE GROUP (TAC)  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
Sewart Air Force Base, Tennessee



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: BDO

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Report

24 MAY 1960

TO: Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center  
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. In accordance with Paragraph 15, AFR 200-2, the following information is submitted. Subparagraphs are numbered to correspond with the related comments in the referenced regulation:

a. Description of the Object:

- (1) Smooth, like a planet; somewhat like a disc.
- (2) Size of a star in Big Dipper constellation.
- (3) Very bright blue star, like Venus.
- (4) One.
- (5) NA.
- (6) Like a very bright blue star, but too early in the evening to account for a star. Smooth, not blinking.
- (7) No tail or trail.
- (8) No sound.
- (9) Not any.

b. Description of Course of Object:

- (1) Observed this bright object in the sky with naked eye.
- (2) Overhead.
- (3) Overhead to 5 degrees East.
- (4) Observed object with naked eye. Sent son for hand telescope. Watched object grow larger as if approaching. First impression of distance away that of a star in vicinity of Arcturus. Object grew larger and appeared to flash brighter from within. Central object faded out after five minutes; replaced by seven or eight small lights like a constellation of small stars. These faded out in one minute.
- (5) Faded out in place.
- (6) Central object, 5 minutes; succeeding group of small objects, 1 minute.

c. Manner of Observation:

- (1) Ground visual.
- (2) Simple telescope, 1 1/2" in diameter, 15 power.
- (3) NA.

d. Time and Date of Sighting:

- (1) 0115Z, 25 May 1960.
- (2) Dusk.

e. Location of Observers: City of Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

f. Identifying Information on Observer:

(1) Civilian. [REDACTED], Age 35, [REDACTED]  
Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Registered engineer. Assistant professor of  
electrical and engineering subjects at Middle Tennessee State College,  
Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Interested in astronomy five years. Considered  
very reliable.

g. Weather and Winds:

- (1) Clear and at dusk.
- (2) Surface: Calm.
  - 6,000 : 280 at 10 knots
  - 10,000 : 310 at 30 knots
  - 16,000 : 320 at 30 knots
  - 20,000 : 320 at 30 knots
  - 30,000 : 310 at 25 knots
  - 50,000 : 290 at 40 knots
  - 60,000 : 270 at 5 knots
  - 80,000 : (Not available)
- (3) No ceiling.
- (4) 15 miles.
- (5) High thin scattered.
- (6) None.
- (7) Plus 18° at surface to 65° at 53,000 feet.

h. None.

i. None.

j. None.

k. George J. Nied, Lt Colonel, USAF, Base Director of Operations.  
This is believed to be natural phenomena and is reported only because  
of the qualifications of the observer.

l. None.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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