

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 9 Mar 61	2. LOCATION Chanute AFB, Illinois	12. CONCLUSIONS
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1800	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
GMT 100000Z	<input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical Misinterpretation of <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Familiar Objts <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2-5 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE SW - W - E
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round, bright white object, size of basketball. Pulled up gradually, straight and level. Disappeared behind building. Various maneuvers.		11. COMMENTS Low, fast moving scud, bright stars shining through the overcast, extensive air traffic and irregular holding flight path of one C-47 probably all contributed to sighting.

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UNCLAS OSD 56C AFCIN SAFIS SUBJECT UFO SIGHTING.

UFO SIGHTING REPORTED THIS BASE BY FIVE MILITARY MEMBERS. AT

0030Z 10 MARCH 61. INVESTIGATION REVEALS SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION  
OF PHENOMENA. LETTER REPORT TO FOLLOW IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR  
200-2 AND 2A. IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUIRED.

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By: 96

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UNCLAS OSD 58C. SECTION ONE OF TWO ACTION SAFS AND AFCIN

HQ USAF REFERENCY MY UNCLASSIFIED PRIORITY MESSAGE SUBJECT: UFO

10 MARCH 61. FOLLOWING REPORT SUBMITTED IAW PAR 15 AFR 200-2:

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT

OBSERVER - 1	2	3	4
(1) WATERMELON	MELON	ROUND	SPOTLIGHT
(2) GRAPEFRUIT	BASKETBALL	PEA	BASKETBALL
(3) BRIGHT WHITE	BRIGHT WHITE SILVER BLUE	WHITE	
(4) ONE	ONE	ONE	ONE
(5) N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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(58)

JY4E2 (UFO)  
3-4X2A  
3 MIN

CO 31 MAR 1961

*Bliss*

SECRET

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(6) NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
(7) NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
(8) NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
(9) LIKE T-33	NONE	NONE	NONE

LANDING LIGHT

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

(1) FIRST OBSERVER: CASUALLY NOTICED OBJECT WHILE LOOKING OUT NORTH GATEHOUSE WINDOW.

SECOND OBSERVER: FIRST OBSERVER CALLED HIS ATTENTION TO OBJECT FROM SAME LOCATION.

THIRD OBSERVER: CASUALLY OBSERVED OBJECT FROM DOORWAY OF EAST GATEHOUSE.

FOURTH OBSERVER: WAS TELEPHONED AT WEST GATEHOUSE BY THIRD OBSERVER.

(2) STATIONARY, BANKED DESCENDING

2500' TO 3000' MSL 2300' TO 2000' MSL 2500' MSL

DESCENDING

500' TO 300' MSL

(3) PULLED UP GRADUALLY STRAIGHT AND LEVEL STRAIGHT AND LEVEL DESCENDED BEHIND BUILDING

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OBSERVER 1

(4) BANKED AND STATIONARY DESCENDING GLIDE  
BACKED UP LEVELED OFF  
GLIDE FORWARD BACKED UP, STRAIGHT AND LEVEL  
PULLED UP GRADUALLY MOVED FORWARD, STRAIGHT AND LEVEL  
3 4  
STRAIGHT AND LEVEL DESCENDED BEHIND BUILDING OUT  
OF SIGHT  
"DANCED"  
FADED OUT

(5) GRADUALLY SW INSTANTANEOUS W FADED OUT DESCENDING E

(6) 2-2 1/2 MIN 5 MIN 2-3 MIN 3 MIN

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

(1) GROUND VISUAL	GROUND VISUAL	GROUND VISUAL	GROUND VISUAL
(2) NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
(3) N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

(1) 0030Z 10 MAR 61	0000Z 10 MAR 61	UNK 9 MAR 61	0030Z 10 MAR 61
(2) DUSK	DUSK	DUSK	DUSK

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS

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(1) NORTH GATE NORTH GATE EAST GATE WEST GATE

F. OBSERVERS

(1) JOSEPH FRANCIS GUENTHER JR	A3C 3345TH ABGP CHANUTE AFB
(2) MARVIN WHITE WHITFIELD	A3C 3345TH ABGP CHANUTE AFB
(3) JOHN ANTHONY PADDOCK	A3C 3345TH ABGP CHANUTE AFB
(4) BENJAMIN NMI JONES JR	A3C 3345TH ABGP CHANUTE AFB

OVCST OCC SNOW FRIDAY OVCST CALM OVCST OCC SNOW FLURRY

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OVCST CALM

(2) 6000 300/20

10000 310/25

16000 300/45

20000 300/50

30000 290/65

50000 280/50

(3) 2355Z M 24 BROKEN 2 MILES VIS LIGHT SNOW SHOWERS

0010Z M 35 BROKEN 7 MILES VIS

0035Z M 42 BROKEN 7 MILES VIS

0056Z M 47 BROKEN 7 MILES VIS

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(4) SEE (3) ABOVE

(5) 9/10

(6) NONE

(7) SFC TO 3500 PLUS MINUS 0

3500 TO 5000 PLUS 5

5000 TO 10000 MINUS 6

10000 TO TROPOPAUSE STANDARD

H. THE 1961 AIR ALMANAC INDICATES VENSU AS THE BRIGHTEST STAR FOR THIS MONTH. VENUS WAS 275-280 DEGREES TRUE AZIMUTH 20-25 DEGREES FROM HORIZON REFERENCE. ADDITIONALLY, THERE WAS A WARM, DRY SUBSIDENCE INVERSION FROM 3500' TO 12000' AT THE APPROXIMATE

TIME OF SIGHTING.

I. NONE

J. RAOB SCHEDULED FROM PEORIA ILLINOIS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
0000Z. TRUE BEARING 280 DEGREES, 70 NM.

K. CHIEF, BASE TRAINING DIVISION. IT IS MY OPINION THAT THE  
ACTUAL SIGHTING TOOK PLACE BETWEEN 0000Z AND 0010Z. INTERVIEWS  
WITH OBSERVERS 1,3, AND 4 WERE ALL "PAT" AND APPEARED TO ME  
SOMEWHAT REHEARSED. OBSERVER 2 WAS ON K.P. AND DID NOT HAVE  
THE OPPORTUNITY TO "REHEARSE" HIS ANSWERS.

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UNCLAS OSD58C. FINAL SECTION OF TWO.

HE REMEMBERED THE TOWN SIREN SOUNDING AT 0000Z JUST PRIOR TO THE SIGHTING. ALSO, THE OTHER OBSERVERS PLACE THE SIGHTING AS JUST AFTER AN INTENSE SNOW FLURRY AND PRIOR TO A SHORTER SNOW FLURRY.

THESE SNOW FLURRIES OCCURRED AT APPROXIMATE TIME INTERVAL. I PLACE THE SIGHTING IN AT THIS TIME INTERVAL A BASE T-33, NUMBER 734 WAS EXECUTING A PENETRATION AND GCA PICKUP. TRANSIENT C-47 016 WAS ATTEMPTING TO ENTER A TECTANGULAR PATTERN IN THE EXACT AREA OF THE SIGHTING. THE C-47 WAS TOLD BY THE TOWER TO HOLD IN THE NW QUADRANT (THE AREA OF SIGHTING) UNTIL THE T-33 COMPLETED ITS

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APPROACH. IT IS MY OPINION THAT INITIALLY THE C-47 LANDING

OBSERVER. THEN THE T-33 APPEARED FROM THE OVERCAST WITH GEAR DOWN AND LANDING LIGHT ON. AS THE GLIDE PATH WAS ENTERED, THE FLAP APPEARED TO CAUSE THE AIRCRAFT TO HOVER MOMENTARILY. THE WARM DRY SUBSIDENCE INVERSION FROM 3500 FEET TO 12000 FEET COULD HAVE CAUSED SOME BENDING OF THE IMAGE FURTHER DISTORTING THE "APPARENT" PHENOMENA OF A UFO. THE SISSAPPEARANCE DESCRIPTION OF EACH OBSERVER ALL GENERALL AGREE IN DESCRIBING A PHASE OF A GCA OR MISSED APPROACH. FUTHER, THE TERMS PHENOMENA FOR THAT EVENING WAS MISINTERPERTED BY AN EXPERIENCED FIELD GRADE PILOT AS AN AIRCRAFT PERFORMING NIGHT AEROBATICS. THE LOW, FAST MOVING SCUD CREATED THIS APPARENT MOVEMENT AND IT WAS ONLY AFTER CLIMBING ON TOP THAT THE IP, A FORECASTER OF 12 YEARS EXPERIENCE COULD CONVINCE HIM IT WAS IN FACT VENUS. IT WAS FURTHER REVEALED IN INTERVIEWS THAT A DISCUSSION FOLLOWED THE SIGHTING, BEFORE IT WAS INITIALLY REPORTED. FEARING RIDICULE THEY ADMITTED "TALKING IT OVER". IT IS ALSO SIGNIFICANT SIX AIRCRAFT SHOT GCA LOW APPROACHES AND/OR LANDINGS BETWEEN 2355Z AND 0054Z. SEVERAL OF THESE WERE MULTIPLE APPROACHES. IT IS MY CONCLUSION THAT THE LOW, FAST MOVING SCUD, BRIGHT STARS

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SHINING THROUGH THE BROKEN OVERCAST, EXTENSIVE TRAFFIC AND THE IRREGULAR HOLDING FLIGHT PATH OF THE C-47 IN THE NW QUADRANT EACH AND/OR ALL CONTRIBUTED TO THE ALLEGED SIGHTING. NEITHER THE TOWER TRICK CHIEF OR GCA HAD ANY UNUSUAL INCIDENTS TO REPORT FOR THIS DATE.

L. NONE.

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