

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 1 May 1961	2. LOCATION South Hadley, Massachusetts	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 1115 GMT 011615Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 sec or longer	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE Varied
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Bright white, silver objt size of pea. Sighted 80° elevation moving fm SSW. Disappeared 65-70° elevation moving to NE. Traveled straight at first, then made very sharp abrupt left turn then sharp right turn. Apparent distances between turns was about 4" at arms length. Turned left again, straightened out and then disappeared.		11. COMMENTS It is possible the the objt observed by witness was an a/c in the traffic pattern at Westover AFB, even though the witness states that he was positive it was not. Due to lack of corroborating witnesses, this report is evaluated as Insufficient Data.

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UNCLAS 99DC01 5229. COFS FOR AFCIN, OSAF FOR SAFIS.

REFERENCE AFR 200-2, PARAGRAPH 15

A. (1) ROUND

(2) PEA -

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(3) BRIGHT WHITE - SILVER

(4) 1

(5) N/A

(6) NO

(7) N/A

(8) NO

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(9) NONE

B.(1) MOTION

(2) 80 DEGREES EL - MOVING FROM SSW

(3) 65 - 70 DEGREES EL - MOVING TO N.E.

(4) TRAVELED STRAIGHT AT FIRST, THEN MADE VERY SHARP ABRUPT LEFT TURN THEN SHARP RIGHT TURN. APPARENT DISTANCES BETWEEN TURNS WAS ABOUT 4 INCHES AT ARMS LENGTH. TURNED LEFT AGAIN, STRAIGHTENED OUT AND THEN DISSAPPEARED.

(5) FADED OUT

(6) 20 SEC OR LONGER

C.(1) GROUND VISUAL

(2) NO

(3) N/A

D.(1) ~~0815Z~~ 1 MAY 61 1615Z

(2) DAYLIGHT CLEAR

E. [REDACTED] - S HADLEY - MASS.

F. (1) [REDACTED] AGE 18 [REDACTED]

SOUTH HADLEY (GRAMBY) MASS. OCCUPATION - STUDENT AT HOLYOKE TRADE H.S.

G.(1) CAVU

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(2) SURFACE 210/6 6,000' - 200/10, 10,000 - 260/25

16,000' - 290/30, 20,000' - 270/45, 30,000' - 270/75

(3) 10,000 SCATTERED - HI BROKEN
(4) 15MI
(5) AS ABOVE
(6) NO

H. NONE OBSERVED

I. NONE

J. LOCATION IS CLOSE TO WESTOVER AFB; TOWER REPORTS CONSTANT USE OF
TRAFFIC PATTERN ALSO CONSIDERABLE TRAFFIC AT ALTITUDE. TRAFFIC
AT ALTITUDE PULLED CONTRAILS, SUBJECT UFO DID NOT. SPRINGFIELD
BOMB PLOT (12 RBS SITE AT WESTOVER AFB) REPORTS NO INFORMATION
AVAILABLE.

K. TSGT MELVIN LIEBERMAN, NCOIC, COMBAT INTELLIGENCE BRANCH, 99DCOI,
99 BOMB WING (HVY) WESTOVER AFB, MASS. OBSERVER SEEMED QUITE
SINCERE AND APPEARED CERTAIN HE HAD SEEN SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY.
LIVING CLOSE TO WESTOVER, HE HAS SEEN JETS ALMOST EVERY DAY
INCLUDING F104'S, F102'S, B-52'S, AND B-47'S. HE HAS ALSO SEEN
WEATHER BALLOONS AND HE IS POSITIVE THAT THE SIGHTING WAS NONE

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OF THESE. I FEEL THAT THERE IS INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO DRAW
EVEN TENATIVE CONCLUSIONS AT THIS LEVEL.

L. NO.

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UNCLASSIFIED AFCIN-4E <u>5-1770</u>										
<p>57 AIR DIV/YOUR UNCL MSG 99DCOI 5229 DTD 4 MAY 61. WHAT WAS THE AZIMUTH OF THE OBJECT WHEN FIRST AND LAST SEEN? REQUEST INFORMATION AS TO THE EXTENT OF THE TURNS MADE BY THE OBJECT. IN HOW LARGE AN AREA OF THE SKY DID THE THE OBJECT MANEUVER? REQUEST CLARIFICATION OF THE DURATION AND TIME OF THE SIGHTING. IN ADDITION, REQUEST A CHECK BE MADE TO DETERMINE IF A BALLOON WAS IN THE AREA AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING. WHAT WAS THE VERTICAL TEMPERATURE GRADIENT AT THE TIME?</p>										
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UNCLAS 99DCOI 5583. REFERENCE YOUR UNCL MSG AFCIN-4E 5-1773 → Friend
DTD 9 MAY. UFO OBSERVER [REDACTED] WAS CONTACTED FOR ADDITIONAL
DETAILS. HE REAFFIRMED THAT THE OBJECT WAS FIRST OBSERVED ALMOST
DIRECTLY OVERHEAD, APPROXIMATELY 80 DEG ELEVATION AND MOVING FROM SSW
APPROXIMATELY 200 DEG AZIMUTH. OBJECT DISAPPEARED ABRUPTLY ON A HEADING
OF NNE, APPROXIMATELY 030 DEG AT AN ELEVATION OF ABOUT 65 DEG TO
70 DEG. OBJECT APPEARED TO FLY A DOG LEG MANUVER TO THE LEFT WITH
EXTREMELY ABRUPT ANGULAR HEADING CHANGES. OBSERVER STATES THE LENGTH
OF EACH LEG OF THE DOG LET WAS ABOUT EQUAL TO A 4" RULER HELD AT ARMS
LENGTH. OBJECT APPEARED TO DIMINISH IN SIZE IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO DIS-

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APPEARANCE. ENTIRE SIGHTING APPEARED TO OCCUR IN A RECTANGULAR AREA OF SKY SUBTENDED BY A 4IN X 14IN OBJECT HELD AT ARMS LENGTH. DURATION OF SIGHTING WAS 20 SEC TO 30 SEC. CORRECTION TO ITEM D(1) OF INITIAL REPORT; SHOULD READ 1615Z 1 MAY 61. NO WEATHER BALLOONS WERE KNOWN TO BE IN THE VICINITY, NEAREST STATION USING BALLOONS IS ALBANY NEW YORK. VERTICAL TEMPERATURE GRADIENT NOT RECORDED THIS STATION; FORECASTER STATES DATA COULD BE COMPUTED IF DESIRED ALTITUDES WERE GIVEN. NO TEMPERATURE INVERSION LAYER WAS REPORTED.

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