PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 July, 1962 / 7/61	**2. LOCATION** Midwest and Southwest US	**12. CONCLUSIONS** ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical (COMET) ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other_____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0200 GMT 25/1000Z	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	**6. SOURCE** Civilian Multiple sighting	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 hr approx	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** 1	**9. COURSE**

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round objt, bright blue-white with a faint tail or glow, looking like comet not in motion. Disappeared as daylight not brighter. Tail 4 times width of objt, 30° above horizon at 030° azmith. Appeared stationary.

11. COMMENTS Objt reported has all a characteristics of a comet. Science News Weekly of 5 August 61 reports that a new Comet was discovered on 23 July in position reported by many of the witnesses, it is, therefore, concluded that these are observations of the comet.

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C O M E T

A BRIGHT NEW COMET WAS DISCOVERED BY MR A. [redacted] OF SEATTLE, WASHINGTON ON 23 JULY 1961. THIS COMET CAN BE SEEN WITH THE UNAIDED EYE. IT HAS A WELL DEFINED NUCLEUS AND A TAIL COVERING ABOUT 25 DEGREES. IT ALSO HAS AN ANTI-TAIL. IT IS OF 4TH MAGNITUDE, IS VISIBLE IN THE CONSTELLATION GEMINI, THE TWINS, TO THE WEST OF CASTOR AND POLLUX LOW ON THE NORTHEASTERN HORIZON AND HOUR OR LESS BEFORE SUNRISE. ON 26 JULY 61 IT'S POSITION WAS 6h 49m R.A., AND PLUS 33 DEGREES 27' DECLINATION AS REPORTED BY DR. G. VAN BIESBROECK OF YERKES OBSERVATORY.

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UNCLASSIFIED MESSAGE

AF IN : 4841 (26 Jul 61) INCOMING

ACTION : CIN-17

INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3, (24)

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RJWZSB/23AIRDIV HAMILTON AFB CALIF

RJEDSQ/AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/HQ USAF WASHDC

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UNCLAS FROM 90400P 0597. SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFO). THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 15 AFR 200-2:

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT(S)

(1) SAME CONFIGURATION AS A STAR, CIRCULAR, WITH NO CLEARLY DEFINED OUTLINE.

(2) VARIED, FROM SIZE OF PINHEAD TO SIZE OF A NICKEL.

(3) SILVERY WHITE

(4) ONE

(5) N/A

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(6) REPORTING AIRCRAFT STATED OBJECT HAD TAIL, LIKE A COMET, ENAMATING FROM IT. GROUND OBSERVERS COULD NOT SEE THE TAIL.

(7) TAIL WAS WIDTH OF OBJECT AND FOUR TIMES ITS LENGTH.

(8) NO SOUND DISCERNIBLE.

(9) OBJECT HAD NO DISCERNIBLE MOVEMENT, REMAINED STATIONARY THROUGHOUT PERIOD OF OBSERVATION.

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT(S):

(1) CIVIL JET AMERICAN 26 FIRST REPORTED OBJECT TO BE ABOUT 30 DEGREES LEFT OF NOSE OF AIRCRAFT AND TO THE LEFT OF THE PLANET VENUS, SUBSEQUENT REPORT MADE BY DELTA 820.

(2) APPROXIMATELY 30 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON, AT AN AZIMUTH OF 060 DEGREES.

(3) AT SAME AZIMUTH AND ELEVATION.

(4) OBJECT REMAINED STATIONARY.

(5) OBSCURED BY CLOUDS AT 1100Z.

(6) ONE HOUR.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) AIR VISUAL AND GROUND VISUAL.

(2) NONE

(3) FIRST AIRCRAFT AMERICAN 26 CIVIL JET BOEING 707, HEADING 073

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DEGREES, 35,000 FEET, SPEED 430 KNOTS, ENROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO DALLAS: SECOND AIRCRAFT DELTA 820 BOEING 720, HEADING 073 DEGREES 27,000, SPEED 430 KNOTS, ENROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES TO DALLAS.

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) 25/1000Z TO 25/1100Z.

(2) NIGHT.

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER(S):

(1) 35 01N, 110 44W, 904TH ACWRON, WINSLOW AFS, ARIZ, 10 MILES WEST OF CITY OF WINSLOW. AIRCRAFT POSITION 34 58N, 109 91W, OVER ZUNI, NEW MEXICO.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER(S):

(1) PILOTS - UNKNOWN.

(2) SSGT JERDON, RUSSELL T. - 904TH ACWRON - AC&W OPERATOR RELIABILITY - EXCELLENT. A/1C PHILMORE, RICHARD A. - 904TH ACWRON - AC&W OPERATOR - RELIABILITY - EXCELLENT. A/1C SHIPP, CHARLES E. 904TH ACWRON - AC&W OPERATOR - RELIABILITY - EXCELLENT.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS - ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING(S):

(1) SCATTERED CLOUDS IN LOCAL AREA AT 10,000 FEET, WINDS SSE LIGHT AND VARIABLE.

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(2) SURFACE; SSE LIGHT AND VARIABLE 6,000 NOT AVAILABLE; 10,000, 340 DEGREES 10 KNOTS; 16,000, 170 DEGREES 15 KNOTS; 20,000, 140 DEGREES 15 KNOTS; 30,000, 180 DEGREES 10 KNOTS; 40,000, 190 DEGREES 10 KNOTS.

(3) 1000Z - 10,000 BROKEN; 1100Z - ESTIMATED 9,000 OVERCAST.

(4) 1000Z - 35 MILES; 1100Z - 35 MILES.

(5) 1000Z - BROKEN THREE TENTHS; 1100Z - OVERCAST NINE TENTHS.

(6) LOCATED IN SOUTH QUADRANT AND WEST QUADRANT.

(7) 2 - 2 1/2 DEGREES PER THOUSAND FEET.

H. NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY IN THE AREA.

I. NONE.

J. NONE.

K. OPERATIONS OFFICER - PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION INDICATES THAT THE SIGHTING WAS OF A METEOR AT A GREAT DISTANCE FROM THE EARTH, OR OF AN EXCEPTIONALLY BRIGHT STAR.

L. NONE.

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NOTE : This is a corrected copy of AF IN 4300 (26 Jul 61).

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AF IN : 3706 (25 July 61) G/dfc

ACTION: CIN-17

INFO : SAFS-3, OOP-2, OOP-CP-1 (24)

SMB 169

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DE RJEDAH 42

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P 241800Z

FM CHADS TRUAX FLD WIS

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLO

ZEN/30TH ADIV TRUAX FLD QS

RJEDSQ/ATIC WPAFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/COFS USAF WASHDC

RJEZHQ/OSAF WASHDC

BT

UNCLAS/CHOIN 7036. SUBJ: UFO. FOR: INTELLIGENCE, AFCIN, SAFOI. REF PART 15, AFR 200-2. A.(1) SMALL OVAL. (2) STAR TO PLANET SIZE. (3) WHITE - POSSIBLE REDDISH. (4) ONE. (5) NONE. (1 HAD APPROXIMATE INTENSITY OF A STAR. (7) (8) (9) NONE. B. (1) WHILE SITTING IN COCKPIT ENROUTE TO OHARE APT. (2) APPROX 80,000 FEET IN ACFT'S ONE O'CLOCK POSITION. (3) UNK. (4) PROCEEDING STRAIGH IN A WEST TO EAST DIRECTION AT A FAST PACE. (5) FADED. (6) TEN MINUTES. C. (1) VISUAL. (2) NONE REPORTED. (3) OBSERVED BY PILOT OF DC-8 (EASTERN 156) AND CREW PERSONNEL IN COCKPIT. D. (1) 22/ 0915Z JUL 61. (2) NIGHT. E. (1) NOT RPTD. (2) 60 NM SOUTH OF

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LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY. F. NOT GIVEN. G. (1) CLEAR
(2) A. 120/03; B; 240/30; C. 230/25; D. 230/25;
E. 230/30; F. 230/35; G. 210/15; H. 100/35 (ESTIMATED.) (3) CLEAR.
(4) 12IMILES. (5) NONE AT ALTITUDE. (6) NONE. H. NEGATIVE. I. NEG
J. NEG. K. COMMENTS BY SENIOR DIRECTOR, CHICAGO ADS, WHO TOOK
INITIAL REPORT: INFORMATION IS HEARSAY AND NOT SPECIFIC IN DETAIL.
(3) A CHECK WITH CHADS WEATHER STATION DISCLOSED THE RELEASE OF
NUMEROUS BALOONS AT 100Z BY SPRINGFIELD, PEORIA, ST LOUIS, TERRE
HAUTE, DAYTON, AND OTHER WEATHER AGENCIES IN THE AREA OF LOUISVILLE.
A STRONG POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT THE SIGHTING COULS HAVE BEEN A
WATHER BALOON RELEASED FROM A STATION WEST OF LOUISVILLE. THIS, IN
CONJUCTION WITH A WESTERLY FLOW OF AIR ACROSS THE SECTOR COULD HAVE
POSITIONED A BALOON IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA OF LOUISVILLE AT THE TIME
OF THE SIGHTING. CHADS WEATHER STATION CONFIRMED A WESTERQ FLOW UP
WOND AT ANA ALTITUDE BELOW 80,000 FT. L. NONE. M. PILOT
OF DC-8 STATED THE OBJECT MIGHT BE AN OBJECT IN SPACE.
BT
24/1805Z JUL RJEDAH

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Date of Letter forwarded → ONLY 1 CASE from PA. in July

SAUCER "FLAP" IN PENNSYLVANIA: It seems that saucers are still being seen as often as ever in some sections of the country, though the newspapers do not usually give them such big write-ups as they used to. On July 24th, Mrs. Anthony Paone of Lower Makefield, Pa., near Bristol, was looking out the window of her bedroom when she saw a lighted object "coming right at me." After a moment it disappeared, and another UFO came by. Mrs. Paone described the objects as "the same color as the moon, round, with no tail, although both had a smoky streak following after them." They made no noise. On the night of the 25th, six residents of Bristol saw a UFO blinking a giant red light at them. Mrs. Helen Hammet was the first to spot it. The UFO made several erratic movements in the sky, and finally stopped abruptly over the home of one of her neighbors. A similar sighting was made later the same night. The incident was reported to Edwin F. Bailey, assistant director of the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, who admitted he was baffled.