PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 29 Aug 61	**2. LOCATION** Gibson City, Illinois	**12. CONCLUSIONS** ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☒ Probably Aircraft (Refueling ops) ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ~~Refueling operation~~ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 300235Z	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	**6. SOURCE** Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 min	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** 7	**9. COURSE** W

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 7 yellow or orange objts too high to destinguish shapes in formation of staggered line. Appearing as lights only in sight for 15 min. Initial sighting to W moving to N turned back to W and faded out. Clear night. Air to air refueling in operation in area.

11. COMMENTS Confirmed refueling operation in Panda Bear sector during this time. Probable sighting of this operation.

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ACTION: SAFS AND AFCIN HQ USAF. FOLLOWING REPORT SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2, PARAGRAPH 15:

A. DISCRIPTION OF OBJECT

(1) TOO HIGH TO DISTINGUISH SHAPE

(1) SIZE OF DIME HELD AT ARMS LENGTH

(3) BRILLIANT ORANGE OR YELLOW

(4) SEVEN

(5) FORMATION OF FIVE WAS STAGGERED LINE

(6) NONE

(7) NONE

(8) NONE

(9) THE OBJECTS APPEARED AS LIGHTS ONLY

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

(1) ATTENTION WAS DIRECTED BY MR & MRS [redacted] OF GIBSON CITY, ILLINOIS.

(2) DIRECTLY OVER 88 DEGREES 22W AND 40DEGREES 28 N

(3) DISAPPEARED TO THE WEST

(4) APPROACHED FROM WEST TURNED NORTH THEN BACK TO WEST

(5) FADED OUT TO THE WEST

(6) SIGHTED FOR 15 MINUTES

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

(1) GROUND VISUAL SIGHTING

(2) NO OPTICAL AIDS

(3) NONE

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

(1) 0235 TO 0250 30 AUGUST 1961

(2) LIGHT CONDITIONS WAS A CLEAR NIGHT

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS

(1) 88 DEGREES 22 W 40 DEGREES 28 N

(2) 1/2 MILE SOUTH OF GIBSON CITY, ILLINOIS

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER.

(1) CIVILIAN MR [redacted] GIBSON CITY, ILL

OCCUPIED AS A MECHANIC. SHOULD BE A REALIABLE SIGHTING.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS

(1) 1-Ø 12 MI

(2) WINDS ALOFT 6,ØØØ ØØ6Ø/5, 1Ø,ØØØ Ø5Ø/15K, 16,ØØØ Ø2Ø/1ØK, 20M 3ØØ/1Ø, 3Ø M 29Ø/3ØK, 5Ø M 29Ø/25K, 6ØM Ø3Ø/5K.

(3) ØØ2ØZ NONE

(4) 12 MILES

(5) .2

(6) NONE

(7) TEMPERATURE 77 DEGREES F DEW P 63

H. METEROROLOGICAL CONDITIONS WHICH MAY ACCOUNT FOR THE SIGHTING IS NONE.

I. NO INTERCEPTION OF IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN.

J. THERE WAS AIR TO AIR REFUELING BEING CONDUCTED IN THE PANADA BEAR AREA.

K. DEPARTMENT OF BALLISTIC MISSILE TRAINING SUPPLY OFFICER, 3345TH TECHNICAL TRAINING SCHOOL, CHANUTE AFB, ILLINOIS. THE OBJECT

SIGHTED MOVED TOO FAST TO BE OPERATIONAL AIRCRAFT EVEN WITH AFTER-BURNER CAPABILITY. THEREFORE, I SUGGEST THE POSSIBILITY OF A SATILITE BEING IN THAT AREA AT THE TIME SIGHTED.

L. NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE.

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CHANUTE TECH TNG CEN ATC/YOUR UNCL MSG OSD 146J DTD 1 SEP 61 REPORTING THE SIGHTING OF A UFO. YOUR REPORT INDICATES 5 OF THE 7 OBJECTS OBSERVED WERE IN A STAGGERED-LINE FORMATION. WHERE WERE THE OTHER TWO OBJECTS? REQUEST A MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE FORMATION. IF THE OBJECTS WERE DIRECTLY OVER THE WITNESSES POSITION WHEN FIRST SIGHTED, HOW WAS IT DETERMINED THAT THE OBJECTS APPROACHED FROM THE WEST? HOW LONG DID THE OBJECTS MOVE IN A NORTHERN DIRECTION AND HOW LONG IN A WESTWARD DIRECTION? REF PAR 15D YOUR MSG, IS THIS LOCAL OR ZULU TIME? IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, REQUEST MR AND MRS [redacted] CORROBORATION OF THE INFORMATION REPORTED.

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SIGNATURE: Major USAF

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YOUR MSG TD-E 6-9-69, 6 SEP 11. THE LAST TWO OBJECTS APPEARED AFTER THE FIRST FIVE HAD MADE THEIR TURN BACK AROUND TO THE WEST. THE FORMATION OF FIVE WHEN FIRST SIGHTED WAS MOVING FROM WEST TO EAST AND SEEMED TO MAKE A LARGE TURN THROUGH NORTH BACK TO A WESTERLY HEADING. THEN THE TWO BRIGHTER OBJECTS APPEARED. THEY SEEMED TO MAKE A SMALL 360 DEGREE TURN, THEN FOLLOWED FIRST FORMATION. TIME WAS ZULU. SMITHS CONTACTED PRIOR TO FIRST REPORT.

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