

MAHEK, James A.

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 7 June 1962		2. LOCATION Rantoul, Ill.		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other <u>Poss Moon</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>7/2310</u> GMT <u>8/0510</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3-4 Min.		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE in the W	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING A pear shaped object, pinkish orange in color and size of a grapefruit was sighted in a westerly direction from Rantoul, Ill. Witness stated that object radiated from bottom and moved in what thought to be a westerly direction. Sighting lasted 3-4 min. Sighting occurred at 2310 local on 7 June 1962.				11. COMMENTS The object responsible for this sighting was probably the setting moon. Absolute time for moon set at the witnesses location was 2326. Absolute time at witnesses location was 2318. Direction of moon fm witnesses at this hour was 280°. Atmospheric refraction probably distorted moon and contributed to misidentification. On 7 June satellite was only 21% illuminated as seen from earth. Thus it was only partial moon which was distorted. Fact that the sighting ended at approx time	

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THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 15

AFR 200-2:

A. DISCRIPTION OF OBJECT

1. PEAR SHAPED
2. GRAPEFRUIT
3. PINKISH ORANGE
4. ONE
5. NA/A
6. RADIATIONS FROM BOTTOM

ACTION

1) E(UFO)
2)
3)

4x20

UFB

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7. LIGHT RADIATION OR BEAM FROM BOTTOM. APPEARED TO BE LARGER THAN OBJECT ITSELF.

8. N/A

9. DISAPPEARING SPEED VERY FAST

B. DISCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT

1. APPEARED IN LINE OF VISION WHILE DRIVING HOME FROM WORK

2. APPROXIMATELY 20 DEGREES ELEVATION

3. 5 DEGREES

4. WESTERLY COURSE LEVEL

5. GRADUALLY TO THE WEST

6. 3 TO 4 MINUST

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

1. GROUND

2. N/A

3. N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

1. 0510Z, 8 JUNE 1962

2. NIGHT

E. 40 DEGREES 13 MINUTS NORTH - 88 DEGREES 29 MINUTES WEST, 2 MILES WEST OF RANTOUL, ILLINOIS

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IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER

1. N/A

2. JAMES A MAHEK, A/2C 3349TH INSTR SQ, CHANUTE AFB,
INSTRUCTOR - GROUND POWER. GENERALLY RELIABLE.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS- ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF
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16,M 140/05

20,M 130/10

30,M 230/16

50,M 260/16

80,M N/A

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J. NONE

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