PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 11 August 1962	2. LOCATION Knox, New York	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 12/0330Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar 4X BX ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☐ No	6. SOURCE Civilian	☒ Was Astronomical Jupiter ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 hrs	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one 9. COURSE West/Rising	☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING	11. COMMENTS
Undefined blurred obj, amber, in sight for 2 hrs, at which time it rose vertically & disappeared fm sight by dimming out.	Planet Jupiter in position rptd. Distortion & disappearance due to atmospheric conditions. Case evaluated as planet Jupiter.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: GCMD-9

23 AUG 1962

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Air Force Systems Command
Foreign Technology Division
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. The attached report of an unidentified flying object is submitted in accordance with AFR 200-2. AF Form 112 is not available to this unit but the format used is patterned after par 14 of the above regulation.

2. An inquiry to the radar site at the Saratoga Air Force Station indicated they observed nothing unusual on their radar equipment during the period in which this reported object was sited.

3. We suspect the observer may have an overactive imagination but this is our first experience with UFO's and are forwarding the report for examination by more competent personnel.

4. Our information officer has written Mr [redacted] in accordance with AFR 200-2, par. 6d.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Victor J. Christopher
VICTOR J. CHRISTOPHER
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Executive Officer

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1. UFO Report

UFO Report INS AFR 200-2

a. Description of the Object

(1) Shape: Undefined and blurred
(2) Size: Baseball held in hand at arms length
(3) Color: Amber
(4) Number: One
(5) N/A
(6) Features: Bluish rays of light projecting from object, intermittent, position varied.
(7) No tail, trail, or exhaust seen.
(8) No sound heard
(9) Motionless for approximately two hours then moved horizontally for a distance, thence straight up and out of sight. Motion took place during later 10 minutes of sighting.

b. Description of Course of Object

(1) Object noticed while observer scanning sky for "falling stars."
(2) Object observed approximatly at 40 deg. elevation and azimuth of approximatly N 90 deg. E
(3) Object dissappeared at approximately 90 deg. elev
(4) Object motionless for about two hours then traveled West-South-West to a point over the observer, thence straight up.
(5) Object disappeared while traveling straight up, becoming smaller and fainter as it appeared to recede.
(6) Object visible about two hours from first sighting.

c. Manner of Observation

(1) Ground-visual
(2) Binoculars - 4X
(3) N/A

d. Time and Date of Sighting
(1) 0330Z to 0530Z, 12 August 62
11:30 to 1:30 EDT
(2) Night

e. Location of Observer
Lat. approx. 42 deg. - 34'
Long. approx. 74 deg - 10'
1 1/2 mile E of Knox, N.Y. on N.Y. Route 156

f. Identifying Information on Observers

(1) [redacted]
Albany, N.Y.

Laborer, N.Y. State Conservation Department. Dept. of Conservation supervisor states that Mr. Brandon tends to exaggerate, otherwise reliable.

Note: the following guests of Mr. [redacted] also witnessed the phenomena. - Mrs. [redacted]
Jamaica, L.I., N.Y.

These people were not interviewed.

g. Weather and Winds Aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sightings.

(1) Observer - Clear, breezy
(2) U.S. Weather Bureau Office, Albany Airport

Wind velocity		0500Z
Surface	NW	5 Knots
5000'	340 deg.	15 Knots
10000'	330 deg.	24 Knots
16000'	320 deg.	15 Knots

(3) Ceiling - 10000 ft., scattered clouds
(4) Visibility - 5 miles, ground fog
(5) Scattered clouds
(6) None
(7) Vertical temperature gradient, not available for time of observation.

h. Jupiter and Saturn visible

i. N/A

j. 0500Z: Weather balloon with light from Albany Airport, moved south.

k. Comments -

Mr. [redacted] did not exhibit any technical knowledge concerning the reported events nor did he admit to any technical qualifications. Constellations or planets in the area of sighting could not be identified by the observer. The description of the object's appearance and motion was very vague and inconsistent. Unfortunately the interview did not take place at the scene of the sighting and an accurate location of the object in the sky could not be determined. The supervisor's opinion of Mr. [redacted]'s tendency towards exaggeration seemed substantiated in my personal interview.

The first impression of this officer is that the object would be a scientific or meteorlogical balloon reflecting light from the moon. The motions could be attributed to a change in wind velocity and direction.

Secondly it is noted that the object appeared approximately due east of the observer. The city of Albany is about 15 miles in this direction although not directly visible from this mountainous location. The lights of the city accompanied by a certain atmospheric conditions may put the sighting in the class of an optical illusion.

The movements described would seem to eliminate the visible planets (Jupiter and Saturn) and the meteor shower (Perseids) from consideration. However, Jupiter is at about the elevation and azimuth described and is a very prominent object in the sky.

In conclusion, the lack of scientific method in the observations and the questionable reliability of the observer makes an accurate hypotheses difficult. My opinion would be that the view of Jupiter accompanied by possible moonlit vapor trails and imagination brought about this reported observation. It could be suggested that the two other witnesses, having returned to Long Island, be interviewed in an attempt at clarification.

1. Physical evidence to support the observation does not exist.

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