

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 16 August 65 17/0245Z	2. LOCATION Chicago, Illinois
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION A/C
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Believed witness to crash of A/C into lake Michigan.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	Object size of two helos put together. Light bright enough to prevent shape of object from being observed. Had red, green and white lights like an a/c at initial sighting. Lights turned to bright red with the left side having more red. Feature sticking up on right side observed as object came nearer. This thing was about 15 ft high. Sound like helo heard. Observed to North at about the same height as a tall building 15 blocks away. Witness went inside house because the object scared her. Observed for 4 minutes. Manuver included two turns toward Lake Michigan. Witness 24 yr old woman.
7. COURSE South	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

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COMBAT READINESS TRAINING OPERATIONS
928TH TROOP CARRIER GROUP, MEDIUM (RESERVE)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
Chicago, Illinois 60666

SUBJECT: U.F.O.

17 AUGUST 1965

A. Description of the object:

1. Would you please describe object's shape COULDN'T DETERMINE SHAPE

BECAUSE OF THE LIGHT

2. Size as compared to a known object held in the hand at about arm's length. (Such as a pea, dime, nickel, baseball, etc.) ABOUT THE SIZE OF

TWO (2) HELICOPTERS PUT TOGETHER

3. Color WHEN I FIRST SAW IT, IT HAD RED-GREEN & WHITE LIGHTS LIKE AN AIRPLANE. THEN IT TURNED A BRIGHT RED - THE LEFT SIDE HAD MORE RED.

4. Number ONE

5. Formation, if more than one N/A

6. Any discernible features or details AS IT GOT CLOSER I SAW SOMETHING STICKING UP ON THE RIGHT SIDE - MAYBE 15 FEET IN HEIGHT.

7. Was there a tail, trail or exhaust, including size of same compared to size of object NONE NOTICED

8. Was there any sound? If so, please describe the sound SOUNDED AS IF IT WERE A HELICOPTER.

9. Other pertinent or unusual features NONE

B. Description of course of object.

1. What first called the attention of observer to the object I WAS
RESTING ON MY BACK PORCH AND JUST HAPPENED TO SEE IT COMING TOWARD ME AND I GOT
SCARED AND WENT INTO THE HOUSE

2. Angle or elevation and azimuth of object when first observed NORTH -
NOT TOO MUCH HIGHER THAN THE PRUDENTIAL BUILDING - ABOUT 15 BLOCKS AWAY

3. Angle or elevation and azimuth of object upon disappearance SAME
HEIGHT - OVERHEAD

4. Description of flight path and maneuvers of object STRAIGHT COURSE TO
SOUTH WITH TWO (2) DEFINITE TURNS TO THE EAST OR LAKE - BUT STILL GENERALLY
NORTH TO SOUTH.

5. How did the object disappear (Fade away or instantaneously) _____
INSTANTANEOUSLY - I WENT INTO THE HOUSE BECAUSE IT SCARED ME.

6. How long was the object visible? (Be specific, 5 min, one hour) _____
ABOUT FOUR (4) MINUTES

C. Manner of observation.

1. How was object sighted, ground-visual, air visual, ground electronic,
air electronic. (If electronic, specify type of radar) GROUND-VISUAL

2. Were any optical aids used. (Telescopes, binoculars) NO

3. Was this an airborne sighting? If so: N/A

A. Type A/C _____

B. Ident No _____

C. Altitude _____

D. Heading _____

E. Speed _____

F. Home Station _____

G. Telephone No _____

D. Time and date of sighting

1. Time Zulu ABOUT 0245Z

Date 17 AUGUST 1965

2. Was it, night, day, dawn, dusk NIGHT

E. Location of Observer. Where did you make this sighting from? Give exact location. (If necessary give location in reference to a known land mark)

STANDING ON MY BACK PORCH.

APPROXIMATELY 87°35W 41°46 or 47'N

F. Identifying Information on Observer

1. Civilian Name MISS [REDACTED]

2. Age 24

3. Mailing Address [REDACTED] CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60649

4. Occupation UNEMPLOYED - EX-POSTAL CLERK - PLANNING TO GO TO COLLEGE IN FALL

5. Reliability GOOD

6. Telephone No 643-1764

Military:

1. Name N/A

2. Grade

3. Organization

4. Duty

5. Reliability

6. Telephone No.

G. Weather and Winds - Aloft conditions at time and place of sightings

1. Observer's account of weather conditions NICE BUT WARM AND HUMID -

SOME CLOUDS - WINDS, LIGHT IF ANY

2. Winds (from Weather Bureau) FURNISHED BY WEATHER OFFICE NAS GLENVIEW, ILL.

MIDWAY APRT Surface	030	Degrees	08	Kts
Aloft 6,000	240	"	13	"
10,000	250	"	20	"
16,000	240	"	22	"
20,000	250	"	28	"
30,000	260	"	40	"
50,000	270	"	25	"
80,000	NOT AVAILABLE			

3. Ceiling 11,000 BROKEN

4. Visibility 5 MILES IN SMOKE

5. Amount of cloud layer 8/10

6. Thunderstorm in area and quadrant in which located 125 MILES SE - 95 MILES/ NW

7. Vertical Temp Gradient SFC +23°C / 850MB +16°C / 700MB +7°C / 500MB -8°C
300MB -34°C / 200MB -56°C .

H. Did you notice any unusual activity or conditions, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting NO

I. Did you take any photographs NO

Do you know of any existence of physical evidence of materials NO

INITIALS CWS

COMMENT: I feel that Miss [REDACTED] was observing the Boeing 727 that crashed into Lake Michigan the night of 16 - 17 August 1965. As I understand after talking to Mr Ed Jensen (FAA - CE ACDO 31) the last contact with the airliner was at about 2117 or 2120 CDT that evening. The time as given by Miss [REDACTED] was ABOUT 2145 hours. I believe that Miss [REDACTED] was in fact an eye-witness to the last moments of this airliner.

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