PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP	2. LOCATION
26 September 65 27/02.5Z	Licking County, Ohio.
3. SOURCE Civilian & Military	**10. CONCLUSION** A/C ✓
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Identified by Detroit Air Defense Sector as KC-135.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 - 5 Minutes	**11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS** SEE REPORT.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground & Air-Visual, Ground-Radar	
7. COURSE NW	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

FORM
FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 840TH COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP (TAC)
LOCKBOURNE AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO 43217

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 840CSG (DO)

12 October 1965

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

TO: FTD (TDEM/UFO)
Wright-Patterson AFB Ohio 45433

1. Reference your letter, TDEM/UFO, subject, UFO Sightings, 26 Sep 65, dated 7 Oct 65.

2. Further investigation with the Detroit Air Defense Sector reveals they made positive radar identification of the reported object as a SAC KC-135. No UFO was observed on their scopes.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Charles C. Smith

CHARLES C. SMITH, Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Operations and Training Division

Roll call Sgt Post in Town

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Town patrol

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Police Department

Detail Above listed Ass

Lt. Herman

Capt. Miller

26 Sept

TDEW/UFO

UFO Sightings, 26 Sep 65

Hq 840th Combat Support Group (840CSG/DO)
Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio 43217

1. Reference your letter, 840CSG (DO), subject, Unidentified Flying Object, dated 4 Sep 65. The unidentified object reports of 26 Sep 65 indicate that the object was probably an aircraft.

2. Captain Thomas A Doonan's statement indicated that there was radar information pertaining to this sighting available from the Detroit Air Defense Sector. Specifically we desire to know if the track of the object and the C-47, diverted for identification, were on the scope at the same time. Also request any information which the Detroit Air Defense Sector may have regarding identification of this track.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE, Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

ORIGINATOR _____ DATED _____
TDEW/UFO Maj H Quintanilla, Jr

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REPLY TO
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4 SEP 1962

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

TO: AFSC (FTD)
Wright Patterson AFB Ohio 45433

In accordance with AFR 200-2, 20 Jul 62 as amended, the following written Unidentified Flying Object Report is submitted.

a. Description of the Object: (Ref para 14a)

(1) Shape - Spherical.

(2) Size - Pea to Silver Dollar.

(3) Color - White.

(4) Number - One.

(5) Formation - N/A.

(6) Detail features - No navigation lights and color faded at times.

(7) Tail, trail exhaust - None.

(8) Sound - None.

(9) Unusual features - None.

b. Description of Course of Object:

(1) What first called the attention of observer?

(a) The Deputy Sheriff notified by Licking County Sheriff's Office Radio.

(b) The Tower was notified by telephone.

(c) The Tower called the aircraft commander of C-47, SN51074.

(2) Angle or elevation and azimuth apperance 45° from horizon at 225°.

(3) Angle or elevation and azimuth on disapperance 45° elevation at 315°.

(4) Description of flight path: Travelled in an arc from South-west to Northwest.

(5) Object disappearance: Slowly to the Northwest.

(6) Duration object was visible: 3 to 5 minutes.

c. Manner of Observation:

(1) Ground - Visual.

(2) Air - Visual.

(3) Ground-electronic (Detroit Air Defense Sector, Custer AFS, Michigan).

(4) M-16, 7x50 power binoculars were used by tower personnel.

(5) Aircraft sighting was made by C-47, SN51074, at 2000', MSL, 120K IAS, based at Lockbourne AFB, Ohio.

d. Time and date of sighting:

(1) 27/0245Z September 1965.

(2) Night.

e. Location of Observers:

(1) Lockbourne Tower - 39-48-48N 82-55-42W.

(2) Aircraft - ~~29~~ 39-48N 82-56W

(3) Radar - Unknown.

f. Information on observers:

(1) Lockbourne Tower Operator - Palmer G. Pratt, SSgt, 2032 Communications Squadron, Watch Supervisor. Officer in Charge rates SSgt Pratt's reliability as excellent.

(2) Aircraft Pilot - John A. Dutton, Captain, AFIT Ohio State Univ. Excellent.

(3) Radar Operator - Unknown.

g. Weather and Winds aloft:

(1) Observers report a clear night.

(2) Winds:

(a) Surf - 080/4K

(b) 6000' - 160/10K

(c) 10000' - 270/10K

(d) 16000' - 280/20K

(e) 20000' - 270/30K

(f) 30000' - 280/35K

(g) 50000' - 280/60K

(h) 80000' - Unknown

(3) None.

(4) 10 miles.

(5) Clear.

(6) None.

(7) Surface + 14C, 53000' - 62C.

h. None.

i. Local flying C-47 was asked to investigate. Report attached.

j. No other reported traffic in area.

k. Lt Colonel Charles C. Smith, Chief, Operations and Training Division. No conclusions have been made. The object remains a UFO.

1. None.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Charles C. Smith

CHARLES C. SMITH, Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Operations and Training Division

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1. Statement, Major Donald C. Ganzer, 1 Oct 65 (6).
2. Statement, Capt Thomas A. Doonan, 28 Sep 65 (6).
3. Statement, TSgt James M. Donovan, 28 Sep 65, (6)
4. Statement, SSgt Palmer G. Pratt, 28 Sep 65, (6)
5. Statement, A2C Floyd L. Claypool, 28 Sep 65 (6).
6. Statement, A2C Edgel G. Gover, 28 Sep 65, (6)
7. Statement, Lt Col John S. Buckwalter, 30 Sep 65 (6).

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S T A T E M E N T

(UFO SIGHTING - AFR 200-2 FORMAT)

A 1. Spherical.

2. Pea.

3. White.

4. One.

5. N/A.

6. No navigation lights and color faded at times.

7. N/A.

8. N/A.

9. N/A.

B 1. Tower Called.

2. 60° from Horizon 270°.

3. 45° 315°.

4. Turn from West to Northwest.

5. Slowly to Northwest.

6. 3 minutes.

C C-47, SN51074, 2000MSL, 230°, 120K, LCK.

D 1. 0245Z, 27 September 1965.

2. Night.

E 1 Mile West of Lockbourne.

F John A. Dutton, Capt, AFIT-OSU IP, A03049754.

G Night VFR.

H None.

I Flew West for 3 minutes observing object.

Object was very high and appeared at first to be a bright star. Light faded 75% while in slow turn, then intensified. Estimate of speed equal to a jet fighter.

I certify the above statement to be correct as informed.

1 October 1965

DONALD G. GANZER, Major, USAF
Assistant Base Operations Officer

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
2032 Communications Squadron (AFCS)
Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio

S T A T E M E N T

(UFO SIGHTING)

At approximately 0235Z, the Base operator at Lockbourne called the Control Tower stating that the Franklin County Sheriffs Office was on the phone and wanted to talk with us. The tower accepted the call.

The Franklin County Sheriff's Office advised the tower that a deputy from the Licking County Sheriff's Office had spotted a UFO traveling ~~East~~ EAST (WAS) then turned West, Red in color and traveling at a high rate of speed. The deputy's name and address ~~is~~ ARE (WAS) as follows: Steve Cost, 46 S 3rd St., Newark, Ohio. The UFO was reported as having no tail and gradually faded out.

The Tower observed a object east of the field. But the target was stationary, possibly a star. Aircraft 51074, C-47 was asked to make an identification of the object. The aircraft was unable to determine what the object was due to the amount of stars overhead.

At the SW end of Lockbourne AFB, the object headed west bound. At this time, A-51074, C-47 type aircraft was airborne and was asked to identify the object if possible. The aircraft Commander of A-51074 advised that he could not positively identify the object as an aircraft.

Detroit Air Defense Sector was ~~traveling~~ TRACKING (THEY) the object in conjunction with Lockbourne Tower.

After A-51074 made his identification, the object turned NNW bound and gradually faded out.

All this information was passed to the Detroit Air Defense Sector and to Sgt Moore at the 317th Command Post at Lockbourne AFB.

27 Sept 65

I certify the above statement to be correct.

28 Sept 65

Thomas A. Doonan

THOMAS A. DOONAN, Capt, USAF
Flight Facilities Officer

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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Lockbourne Air Force Base, Ohio

S T A T E M E N T

(UFO SIGHTING)

I observed a white circular object South of the Control Tower at a high altitude. I used the binoculars to track the object which traveled from the South to the North Northwest in an arc rather than in a straight line. During the first sighting of the object it appeared to be a circular white object. When it was West of the Tower it appeared to be composed of two white circular lights. When the object was approximately North Northwest of the Control Tower it appeared to take up a constant heading to the North Northwest until it was no longer visible.

27 Sept 65

JAMES M. (TRD) DONOVAN, AF11182693
TSgt, USAF

I certify the above statement to be correct.

28 Sept 65

Thomas A. Doonan
THOMAS A. DOONAN, Capt, USAF
Flight Facilities Officer

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S T A T E M E N T

(UFO SIGHTING)

At 0255 I observed a white object over the approach end of R/W 23 at an estimated 30 to 40 degrees above the horizon moving SSW. The object then made a circle around the base to the NNW where it faded out. The object was traveling at a high rate of speed and was at an estimated 15 miles ~~for~~ FROM (TAB) the base. The object was under observation for about 5 minutes.

28 Sept 65

PALMER G. PRATT, AF24263990
SSgt, USAF

I certify the above statement to be correct.

28 Sept 65

THOMAS A. DOONAN, Capt, USAF
Flight Facilities Officer

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S T A T E M E N T

(UFO SIGHTING)

I observed an UFO about 20-30 degrees above the horizon, white in color and traveling at a high rate of speed N.E. of Lockbourne. The object moved S.W. then made a right turn towards the West. Tracking with the glasses the UFO faded out N.W. of Lockbourne.

I observed no navigational lights, no grimes, "Red", anticollision lights but it gave off an appearance of two bright white lights.

This information was passed to the proper authorities.

I swear this to be a true statement this 27th day September 1965.

27 Sept 65

Ethel G. Groves
EDGEL G. GROVES, AF15565308
A2C, USAF

I certify the above statement to be correct.

28 Sept 65

Thomas A. Doonan
THOMAS A. DOONAN, Capt, USAF
Flight Facilities Officer

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S T A T E M E N T

(UFO SIGHTING)

At approximately 0255Z, I observed a white round object east of Lockbourne AFB heading SW. Once SW of Lockbourne, the object then turned West bound. At this time, A-51074, a C-47 type aircraft was asked to check the object for possible identification.

I no longer observed the object due to the fact that I was working at the local control position in the tower and this position required my more immediate attention.

27 Sept 65

Floyd L. Claypool
FLOYD L. CLAYPOOL, AF14801950
A2C, USAF

I certify the above statement to be correct.

28 Sept 65

THOMAS A. DOONAN, Capt, USAF
Flight Facilities Officer

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S T A T E M E N T

(UFO SIGHTING)

By telephone the undersigned received the following information form Deputy Sheriff Steve Cast of the Licking County Sheriff's Office.

At about 0915 pm, Monday the Licking County Sheriff's Radio Dispatcher called Deputy Steve Cast who was on patrol four (4) miles north of Grandville, Ohio to look for and check-out a report of a Unidentified Flying Object. Deputy Sheriff Cast observed the following by naked eye and field glasses.

Size: About the size of a Silver Dollar.

Direction: Moving West to West, North West.

Altitude: Estimated 70,000 feet.

Speed: Moving at a high rate of speed.

Length of time observed: Three (3) minutes.

Color: White Light.

Weather: Good.

I Certify the above statement to be correct as informed.

20 September 1965

JOHN S. BUCKWALTER, Lt Colonel, USAF
Assistant Chief, Operations and
Training Division