

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 25 May 1966 25/2000Z 26 May 1966 26/1730Z	2. LOCATION Wichita, Kansas (4 Witnesses)
3. SOURCE Civilians	10. CONCLUSION <u>Possible (AIRCRAFT)</u> <i>JFD</i> <i>Firm conclusion not</i> <i>possible without in depth investigation</i> <i>Not deemed profitable.</i>
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One Each Time	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS <i>JFD</i> 1. Object was cylindrical shaped and about the size of fist at normal distance. Aluminum color. Object was on straight line course, appeared to be tumbling but tumbling was not in a regular pattern. Object just faded from sight. 2. Flat, saucer-shaped object. Object appeared to gain and lose altitude. Color was same as first object. The second sighting was considered to be a recurrence of the first.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE NNW	
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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FOR HQ USAF (AFRDC), (SAFO1) AND ALL OTHER AGENCIES

(01) SUBJECT UFO REPORT

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS SIGHTED OVER WICHITA,

- KANSAS 25200Z AND 261730Z BY FOUR RELIABLE WITNESSES-

SES AT 1515 WICHITA PLAZA (15TH FLOOR): [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] BOTH SIGHTINGS INVOLVED ONE ALUMI

NUM OBJECT THE SIZE OF A HAND AT ARMS LENGTH. ON

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THE FIRST OCCASION A CYLINDRICAL OBJECT FOLLOWED

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A STRAIGHT LINE COURSE, APPARENTLY TUMBLING. THE  
SECOND DAY A SAUCER SHAPED OBJECT APPEARED TO GAIN  
AND LOSE ALTITUDE. ON BOTH OCCASIONS THE OBJECT FADED FROM  
SIGHT AFTER 5 MINUTES OBSERVATION. THE SECOND SIGHTING  
WAS CONSIDERED TO BE A RECURRENCE OF THE FIRST.

PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS INDICATES THAT DURING THE TIME  
OF EACH SIGHTING THERE WERE AT LEAST 80 AND 60  
AIRCRAFT, RESPECTIVELY, OVER WICHITA. HOWEVER  
EACH WITNESS STATED POSITIVELY THAT THE OBJECT  
WAS NOT AN AIRCRAFT.

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FOLLOWUP

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORT

Submitted by Lt Robert S. Makinen  
23TFW Intelligence, McConnell AFB  
Wichita, Kansas 67221

Date 15 June 1966

Zulu time-date group of sighting First: 252000Z

Second: 261730Z

Light conditions:        Night  
X Day  
       Dawn  
       Dusk

I. INTRODUCTION:

A. Preliminary analysis: Preliminary investigation revealed 80-100 aircraft in the air over the Wichita area during the first sighting and 60-70 during the second. Initially, the objects were considered to be a satellite by the observers. Later this explanation was rejected. Prior to the first sighting, balloons were flying about on the street below; but a conflict between wind and object direction does not lend credence to this possible explanation of the cause. Each witness stated positively that the object was not an aircraft.

B. Comment on possible cause or identity:

Without attention to size the objects might fit the description of a satellite, especially because of the straight line course and the tumbling effect. In addition, no estimate of distance to the object could be rendered. This lends support, then, to the possibility that size could have been misjudged.

C. Statement supporting preliminary analysis and comment: I can reach no firm conclusions. If this is not a satellite, perhaps a natural phenomenon was misconstrued: 1) Each time the sightings were discussed testimony seemed to change a little. 2) No one else in the area reported these two instances. If this were something incomprehensible to the public, someone else probably would have taken note of it. My only conclusion, based upon feeling, is that this was not a visitation from outer space.

II. LIST OF OBSERVERS

NAME	MAILING ADDRESS	AGE	EDUCATION	TITLE/RANK	REPORTING, TECHNICAL BACKGROUND	RELIABILITY
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED], Wichita	20	3 yr college	*Secretary	None	Reliable
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Wichita	64	High School	*Manager	None	Questionable
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Wichita	34	4½ yr college	*	Former Navy fighter pilot; 4 yr military service; com- mercial pilot's license	Reliable
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED] Wichita	47	2 yr college	*	Navigator in WWII	Reliable

\* ALL WITNESSES ARE EMPLOYED AT PETROLEUM MANAGEMENT INCORPORATED, 1515 WICHITA PLAZA, WICHITA, KANSAS  
THE OFFICES ARE LOCATED IN THE FIFTEENTH STOREY, EAST SIDE, OF THE PLAZA BUILDING.

III. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

- A.  Ground-visual  
 Air-visual  
 Ground-electronic \*  
 Air-electronic \*

\* Type of radar No radar sightings were reported.

B. Optical aids: None

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

C. If sighting occurred while airborne, give:

Type of aircraft No pilots or navigators reported sightings.

Identification number \_\_\_\_\_

Altitude \_\_\_\_\_

Heading \_\_\_\_\_

Speed \_\_\_\_\_

Home station \_\_\_\_\_

#### IV. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS

Latitude/ Longitude	Geographical Position	Reference to Landmark
Approximately 3740/9720	Fifteenth storey of Wichita Plaza Building, Wichita, Kansas  ALL FOUR OBSERVERS WERE LOCATED IN THE OFFICES OF PETROLEUM MANAGEMENT INCORPORATED.	Corner of Douglas & Market Streets

**V. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT(S):**

**A. Shape:** First: Cylindrical  
Second: Flat, saucer-shaped.

**B. Size:** About the size of fist at normal distance.

**C. Color:** Aluminum

**D. Number:** One

**E. Formation (if more than one):**

N/A

**F. Discernible features or details:**

NONE

**G. Tail, trail, or exhaust (size of same compared to size of object):**

NONE

**H. Sound:** NONE

**I. Other pertinent or unusual features:**

NONE

VI. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT(S):

A. What first caught the attention of observer(s)?

Silver glint in window.

B. Angle or elevation and azimuth of object(s) when first observed?

About 85 degrees.

C. Angle or elevation and azimuth of object(s) upon disappearance?

About 40 degrees.

D. Description of flight path:

NNW      First: About 335 degrees.  
              Second: About 350 degrees.

E. Maneuvers of object(s):

First: Straight line course; appeared to be tumbling but tumbling was not in a regular pattern.  
Second: Appeared to gain and lose altitude.

F. How did the object(s) disappear?

Faded from sight.

G. How long (was/were) the object(s) visible?

Five minutes on both occasions.

NOTE: THE SECOND SIGHTING WAS CONSIDERED TO BE A RECURRENCE OF THE FIRST.

VII. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE: N O N E

A. Materials:

B. Photography:

- \* 1. Camera type & make \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. Lens type & make \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. Focal length \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Film type & brand \_\_\_\_\_
- \* 5. Shutter speed used \_\_\_\_\_
- \* 6. Smallest "f" stop \_\_\_\_\_
- \* 7. Largest "f" stop \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. Filters used \_\_\_\_\_
- 9.        Tripod  
       Stand
- 10. "Panning" \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. Direction camera pointing with respect to true north \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. Camera angle with respect to ground \_\_\_\_\_

\* Minimum camera data required

## VIII. WEATHER INFORMATION: McConnell AFB Weather Station

## A. Wind direction (degrees) / Velocity (knots)

First:	200 degrees	7 knots
Second:	190 degrees	9 knots

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6000'

10000'

16000'

20000'

30000'

50000'

80000'

B. Ceiling Clear

C. Visibility 15 miles

D. Amount of cloud cover First: None

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E. Thunderstorms & quadrant       NONE

F. Vertical temperature gradient First: 80 degrees; Second: 77 degrees

G. Unusual activity or conditions:

## NOTHING

H. Interception or identification action taken: N/A

I. Air traffic or balloon releases: N/A

## Location

## Altitude

## Direction of flight

## VIII. WEATHER INFORMATION: Wichita Municipal Airport

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## B. Ceiling Clear

C. Visibility 15 miles

D. Amount of cloud cover None

E. Thunderstorms & quadrant None

## F. Vertical temperature gradient 82 degrees

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G. Unusual activity or conditions:

## NOTHING

H. Interception or identification action taken: N/A

## I. Air traffic or balloon releases:

Location Municipal Airport (3' diameter)

Location — visual run

## Direction of flight Variable

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS 23D TACTICAL FIGHTER WING (TAC)  
MCCONNELL AIR FORCE BASE, KANSAS 67221



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: 23DOI/Robert S. Makinen/2d Lt/5432

SUBJECT: Followup Report on UFO Sightings

15 Jun 66

TO: TDEW/UFO

1. Reference your letter dated 7 June 1966 requesting investigation of UFO sightings of 25/2000Z and 26/1730Z over Wichita, Kansas.
2. A special format for UFO reports, developed by the undersigned, is furnished with the information requested. As thorough an investigation as possible was conducted.
3. This office would appreciate very much your comments as to the effectiveness of the enclosed format for UFO sightings.

*Robert S. Makinen*

ROBERT S. MAKINEN, 2d Lt, USAF  
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1. UFO Report (9 pgs)

WICHITA KAN 25-26 MAY 66 25/2000Z - 26/1730Z  
25 May 1966  
26 May

TDEW/UFO

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Request for UFO Information

835th Air Division  
McConnel AFB, Kansas 67221

Reference your message 23 DOI 00005 MAY 66, dated 27 May 1966,  
subject UFO Report. Request you investigate UFO sightings of  
25/2000Z and 26/1730Z, over Wichita, Kansas in accordance with  
AFR 200-2, paragraphs 14 and 16.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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

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