

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 8 June 1966 08/0230Z	2. LOCATION Roann, Indiana
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT <i>/ Very prob. Jet</i>
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	There was a B-58 A/C in the area at the time of the sighting. Often these aircraft use their afterburner for fuel weight reduction prior to landing.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 - 15 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer noted object at about 225 deg azimuth, 60 deg elevation which appeared to float and bob on a relatively small area. Object had a climbing flight path towards the SE, with a very high rate of speed. The object had a reddish orange color.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE To SE	
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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GILEAS, INDIANA NEAR COUNTY ROAD SIX HUNDRED EAST.

TRUE BEARING NINE ZERO DEGREES. ELEVATION FIVE DEGREES.

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(3) TWO HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE DEGREES TRUE. SIXTY
DEGREES ELEVATION. (4) APPEARED TO FLOAT AND BOB OVER
RELATIVELY SMALL AREA. (5) CLIMBING FLIGHT PATH
TOWARDS SOUTH EAST. VERY HIGH RATE OF SPEED AND
APPEARED TO ACCELERATE. OBSERVER DECLINED ESTIMATE OF
SPEED AND RATE OF ACCELERATION. (6) TEN TO FIFTEEN
MINUTES.

C. (1) GROUND-VISUAL (2) NONE (3) N/A

D. (1) ZERO TWO THIRTY ZULU EIGHT JUNE SIXTY SIX
(2) NIGHT.

E. THREE MILES EAST OF GILEAD, INDIANA ON COUNTY ROAD
SIX HUNDRED EAST.

F. MRS. [REDACTED] TWENTY EIGHT; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] HOUSEWIFE (FARM; UNRELIABLE.

G. (1) NIGHT, GOOD VISIBILITY, STARS VISIBLE. (2)

A. 200/02. B. 230/15. C. 250/20. D. 250/20.

E. 260/30. F. 250/55. G. 250/80. H. NOT AVAILABLE.

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(3) HIGH THIN OVERCAST. (4) FIFTEEN PLUS. (5) TEN
TENTHS (6) NONE. (7) TWO POINT ONE DEGREES CENTIGRADE
H. NONE.

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I. AN HH43B, TAIL NUMBER 591576, CALL SIGN PEDRO 21,
PILOTED BY CAPT R. L. MERNA, WAS LAUNCHED AT 0258Z.
AIRCRAFT REMAINED IN VICINITY OF SIGHTING LOCATION FOR
THIRTY MINUTES. PILOT REPORTED UFO NOT OBSERVED.

J. NONE.

K. STAFF INTELLIGENCE OFFICER; CHIEF, COMBAT
INTELLIGENCE BRANCH. ██████████ WAS INTERVIEWED BY
THE PREPARING OFFICER, SHE WAS SINCER AND FIRM IN HER
DESCRIPTION OF THE SIGHTING. HOWEVER, IT WAS EVIDENT
THAT A STATE OF FEAR EXISTED. ALSO, DURING THE
INTERVIEW ██████████ STATED THAT SINCE EARLY LAST
FALL AT LEAST SIX SIGHTINGS HAVE OCCURRED WITHIN A FIVE
MILE RADIUS OF THE CURRENT SIGHTING AND THE OBJECTS
WERE OBSERVED BY NEIGHBORS, FRIENDS AND RELATIVES.
THE SIGHTINGS WERE NOT REPORTED BECAUSE OF FEAR OF
ADVERSE PUBLICITY. ██████████ REPORTED THE CURRENT

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SIGHTING TO THE INDIANA STATE POLICE AND LATER WAS ADVISED BY THE POLICE THE OBJECT WAS A B-58 TYPE AIRCRAFT. B-58 AIRCRAFT WERE AIRBORNE AND IN THE BUNKER HILL AFB TRAFFIC PATTERN AT THE TIME OF THE

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SIGHTING, HOWEVER, THE TRAFFIC PATTERN WAS SOUTH OF THE BASE USING RUNWAY TWO TWO ZERO WITH A LEFT TURN AFTER TAKE OFF. CONVERSELY, ENROUTE PENETRATIONS ARE NOT UNCOMMON AND COULD HAVE PLACED ONE OF THE AIRCRAFT IN THE SIGHTING AREA. ALSO, THE USE OF AFTERBURNERS OVER ISOLATED AREAS IS PRESCRIBED FOR FUEL WEIGHT REDUCTION PRIOR TO LANDING. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS INDICATES THE CAUSE OF THE SIGHTING WAS A B-58 AIRCRAFT USING THE AFTERBURNER JUST PRIOR TO LANDING AT BUNKER HILL AFB.

L. NONE

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