PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 17 August 66 18/0225Z	2. LOCATION Kennett, Missouri (2 Witnesses)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Two	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Few Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observers noted two colored lights at approximately five minutes intervals. The color of the first light was red, changed to green, then to brilliant white, to yellow, then back to red. Objects were moving toward the North. KC-135 aircraft had taken off from Blytheville AFB, Ark., on a northerly direction. These aircraft would have passed very near the point of observation.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE NE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes XX No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes XX No	

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[redacted] DCOI 04062 AUG 66. TO ADC ENT AFB COLO, 29 AIRDOV RUCHARDS-GEBAUR AFB MO, FTD WPAFB OHIO, AFNIN WASH DC, SAFOI WASH DC. INFO 2AF BARKSDE AFB LA, 42AD. SUBJECT: (U) UFO REPORT. (CONF) REFERENCE PARAGRAPH 14, AFR 200-2. PARA 14A(ALPHA): TWO COLORED LIGHTS AT APPROXIMATELY 5 MINUTE INTERVALS. (1): SHPARE WAS ROUND. (2): SIZE WAS APPROXIMATELY THAT OF A BASEBALL. (3): THE COLOR OF THE FIRST LIGHT WAS RED, CHANGED TO GREEN, THEN TO BRILLIANT WHITE, TO YELLOW, AND THEN BACK TO RED. AT THIS TIME A TREE BLOCKED FURTHER VISION AND THE LIGHT DISAPPEARED. THE COLOR OF THE SECOND LIGHT WAS RED, CHANGED TO A DULL WHITE AND THEN DISAPPEARED

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VISION. THE SECOND LIGHT WAS OBSERVED IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION AT APPROXIMATELY 18:23 Z AUGUST 1966 WHILE OBSERVER WAS STANDING ON THE RAILROAD TRACK IMMEDIATELY BEHIND HIS HOME AT [redacted] STREET, KENNETT, MISSOURI. OBSERVERS BROTHER ALSO OBSERVED THE SECOND LIGHT BUT WAS NOT AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW. (7): NO TAIL, TRAIL OR EXHAUST. (8): NO SOUND. (9): NO OTHER PERTINENT OR UNUSUAL FEATURES. PARA 14B (BRAVO)(1): OBSERVERS ATTENTION WAS ATTRACTED BECAUSE HE HABITUALLY WATCHES THE SKY AT NIGHT AND WAS DOEING SO AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING. (2): THE OBJECT WAS "OFF TO THE SIDE" BUT OBSERVER COULD MAKE NO ESTIMATE OF THE RANGE OR ALTITUDE. (3): OBJECT DISAPPEARED TO THE "NORTHEAST". NO ESTIMATE AS TO

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RANGE OR ALTITUDE. (4): NO SIGNIFIIANT FLIGHT PATH OR MANEUVERS. OBJECT APPEARED TO STOP ONCE; THEN MOVE ON AGAIN. (5): OBJECT DISAPPEARED BEHING A TREE. (6): FIRST OBYECT WAS VISIBLE FOR APPROXIMATELY 10 MINUTES; THSECOND FOR 1 MINUTE. PARA 14C:CHARLIE)(1): OBSERVATION WAS GROUND VISUAL. (2): NO OPTICAL AIDS. PARA 14D (DELTA) (1): FIRST OBJECT WAS OBSERVED AT APPROXIMATELY 18:225Z AUGUST 1966. SECOND OBJECT AT APPROXIMATELY 18:230Z AUGUST 1966. (2): LIGHT CONDITION WAS NIGHT BUT A STREET LIGHT NEAR OBSERVERS POSITION WAS ILLUMINATED. PARA 14E (ECHO): FIRST SIGHTING WAS MADE AT A POSITION APPROXIMATELY 50 YARDSNORHEAST OF OBSERVERS HOME AT [redacted] STREET, KENNETT, MISSOURI. SECOND SIGHTING WAS MADE FROM A POSITION

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15,000; 270/10 AT 20,000; 240/05 AT 30,000; 240/10 AT 50,000 AND NOT AVAILABLE AT 80,000 FEET. (3): CEILING WAS 6,000 FEET. (4): VISIBILITYWAS 7 MILES. (5): 10/10 CLOUD COVERAGE. (6): THUNDERSTORMS HAD BEEN IN THE AREA OF THE OBSERVATION BUT HAD DISSIPATED. OCCASIONAL LIGHT RAIN SHOWERS. (7): VERTICAL TEMPERATURE GRADIENT IS DESCRIBED AS AN AVERAGE TEMPERATURE INVERSION FOR THE FIRST 1,000 FEET AND A NORMAL ADIABATIC LAPSE RATE THEREAFTER. PARA 14H(HOTEL): NONE. BLYTHEVILLE AFB, WEATHER STATION ADVISES THAT THUNDERSTORMS HAD BEEN IN THE AREA SINCE APPROXIMATELY 172000Z AUGUST 1966. PARA 14I(INDIA): NONE KNOWN: PARA 14J(JULIET): AT 180130Z AUGUST 1966. THE FLYING PORTION OF AN OPERATIONAL READINESS INSPECTION TEST (ORIT) WAS INITIATED FOR THE 97TH BOMBARDMENT WING, BLYTHEVILLE AFB, ARK. THE FIRST WAVE OF 6 BOMBERS TOOK OFF THE SOUTH BETWEEN 180146Z AND 180154Z AUGUST 1966. THE SUPPORTING 6 TANKERS TOOK OFF TO THE SOUTH BETWEEN 180155Z AND 180202Z AUGUST 1966. THE SECOND WAVE OF 6 BOMBERS TOOK OFF TO THE NORTH BETWEEN 180330Z AND 180400Z AUGUST 1966 AND 4 SUPPORTING TANKERS BETWEEN 180332Z AND 180354Z AUGUST 1966. THE FLIGHT PATH THAT THE BOMBERS AND/OR TANKERS WOULD BE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW DURING AN ORIT TAKE OFF TO THE NORTH PASSES VERY NEAR THE POINT OF OBSERVATION WHICLH IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 16 NM

THE FIRST WAVE OF 8 BOMBERS TOOK OFF THE SOUTH BETWEEN 180146Z AND 180154Z AUGUST 1966. THE SUPPORTING 8 TANKERS TOOK OFF TO THE SOUTH BETWEEN 180155Z AND 180202Z AUGUST 1966. THE SECOND WAVE OF 8 BOMBERS TOOK OFF TO THE NORTH BETWEEN 180335Z AND 180402Z AUGUST 1966 AND 4 SUPPORTING TANKERS BETWEEN 180335Z AND 180354Z AUGUST 1966. THE FLIGHT PATH THAT THE BOMBERS AND/OR TANKERS WOULD BE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW DURING AN ORIT TAKE OFF TO THE NORTH PASSES VERY NEAR THE POINT OF OBSERVATION WHICLLH IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 1.5 NM

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NORTH OF THE RUNWALLY. THIS DISTANCE IS NORMALLY COVERED IN APPROXIMATELY 3 1/2 MILLNUTES. PARA 14K(KILO): CHIEF, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, 97TH BW)(SAC), BLYTHEVILLE AFB, ARKANSAS. THE MOST LOGICAL EXPLANATION IS THAT THE OBSERVER SAW ONE OF THE KC-135 TANKERS INVOLVED IN THE ORIT. EVEN THOUGH THE TIMES INVOLVED DO NOT CORRESPOND EXACTLY, CONSIDERATION MUST BE GIVEN TO THE FACT THAT THE OBSERVERS TIME WAS ESTIMATED. INQUIRY AMONG KC-135 CREW AND MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL INDICATES THAT THE KC-135 AIRCRAFT IS EQUIPPED WITH A FUSELAGE-MOUNTED WING ILLUMINATION LIGHT WHICH IS TURNED ON AT VARIOUS TIMES TO FACILITATE OBSERVATION OF THE WINGS AT NIGHT. THERE IS NO SPECIFIC PATTERN FOR THE USE OF THIS LIGHT. THE PREPARING OFFICER OBSERVED SUCH A LIGHT AT APPROXIMATELY 230510Z AUGUST 1966 DURING A LOW PASS IN CLEAR WEATHER OVER BLYTHEVILLE AFB BY A KC-135, LATER IDENTIFIED AS GENT 45 ASSIGNED TO THE 97TH ARS. THE KC-135 WAS OBSERVED FROM AN APPROXIMATE 3/4 REAR POSITION AT A DIDOZNCE OF APPROXIMATELY ONE-HALF MILE. THE ALTITUDE OF THE TANKER WAS ABOUT 1,500 FEET. THE IMPRESSION GAINED WAS VERY SIMILAR TO THAT DESCRIBED BY THE OBSERVER. PARA 14L(LIMA): NONE. [redacted]

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