PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 24 Oct 68 24/1917 24/2317Z	2. LOCATION Kalamazoo, Michigan
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON (Hot Air, Garmet Bag)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Description, duration is consistent with that of a hot air garmet bag balloon.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 - 5 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object appeared as a light, size comparable to half the diameter of a dime held at arms length. hange color from red to oragne, dropping of flamming material. Object disappeared upward into clouds, or clouds passed over it.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE See Case	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes XX No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes XX No	[redacted]

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TDPT (UFO) Lt Col Quintanilla/70916/mhs/8 Nov 68

UFO Observation, 24 October 1968

Mr [redacted]
[redacted]
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007

1. Reference your unidentified flying object (UFO) observation of 24 October 1968. The description that you provided is consistent with other reports that we have received of plastic garment bag hot air balloons. (See the attached description.)

2. Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

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Chief, Aerial Phenomena Branch
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate

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Description

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ACTION: RDC-4 INFO: XOP-2, XOX-2, SAFOS-3, DIA-1 (13) ADV CY DIA

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OSAF FOR SAF-OI. SUBJECT: UFO REPORT, REF AFR 80-17.

UFO SIGHTING 24 OCT 1968, KALAMAZOO, MICH.

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT. (1) LIGHT. (2) SIZE COMPARABLE TO HALF THE DIAMETER OF DIME HELD AT ARM'S LENGTH. (3) RED TO ORANGE. (4) ONE (5) N/A (6) CHANGE OF COLOR FROM RED TO ORANGE DROPPING OF FLAMING MATERIAL. (7) NONE. (8) NONE. (9) NONE.

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT. (1) LOOKING AT SKY AND

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OTICED IT. (2) 40 DEGREES (3) 45 DEGREES (4) AND (5)
DISAPPEARED UPWARD INTO CLOUDS, OR CLOUDS PASSED OVER OBJECT.
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(6) 3-5 MIN.
C. METHOD OF OBSERVATION. (1) GROUND VISUAL (2) NONE
(3) N/A.
D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING. (1) 24 OCT 1968, 2317Z
LOCAL TIME 1917. (2) NIGHT.
E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: 42 DEGREES 20 MINUTES N, 85 DEGREES
33 MINUTES W (KALAMAZOO) OVSERVER ON CAMPUS OF UNIVERSITY OF
WESTERN MICHIGAN.
F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER. (1) CIVILIAN, [redacted]
[redacted], AGE 25. ADDRESS: [redacted] KALAMAZOO, MICH. 49007
OCCUPATION: PSYCHOLOGIST FOR SCHOOL SYSTEM. EDUCATION: MASTERS
RELIABILITY: SOUNDS IMAGINATIVE.
G. WEATHER. (1) CLOUDY (2) SURFACE: 030 DEGREES AT 6 KNOTS,
5000 FT: 270 DEGREES AT 5 KNOTS. 10,000 FT: 290 DEGREES AT 10 KNOTS.
16,000 FT: 270 DEGREES AT 5 KNOTS. 20,000 FT: 240 DEGREES AT 5 KNOTS.
30,000 FT: 290 DEGREES AT 15 KNOTS. 50,000 FT: 280 DEGREES AT 20 KNOTS.
(3) CEILING: 2,000 FT AND BROKEN (4) VISIBILITY 6 MI HAZE (5) CLOUD

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COVER: BROKEN, OVERCAST AT 5,000 FT (6) NO.

(7) 1.2 DEGREES F/1000 FT, DROPPING, NO INVERSIONS.

H. UNUSUAL ACTIVITY IN AREA: NONE

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I. NONE

J. IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE AIR TRAFFIC, NO BALLONS.

K. PREPARING OFFICER: (1) INFORMATION OFFICER (2) HERBERT D. BIRKHEAD (3) 2ND LT (4) 4627ABCIO CUSTER AIR FORCE STATION, BATTLE CREEK, MICH 49016 (5) AREA CODE 616 (6) OFFICE PHONE EXTENSION 882 AT 962-6161 (7) HOME PHONE: 731-4760 (8) VMMENTS: NO CORROBORATION EVIDENCE TO SIGHTING FROM KALAMAZOO POLICE, UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN MICHIGAN SECURITY POLICE, 34AIR DIVISION TRACKING AND IDENTIFICATION, KALAMAZOO AND BATTLE CREEK AIRPORT CONTROL TOWERS. NO FLANES WERE BURNING IN THE AREA. KALAMAZOO FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS BON FIRE A FEW MILES AWAY.

UNIVERSITY OF MIVHIGAN PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY DEPT REPORTS METEOR SEASON. CONCILUSIONS: SUGGEST SIGHTING A LOCAL PHENOMENON, POSSIBLLY BURNING CINDERS RETURNING TO EARTH FROM GROUND FIRE, EITHER BON FIRE OR LEAVES BURNING NEARBY. POSSIBLITY OBJECT A STUDENT-MADE HOT AIR DEVICE. FOOTBALL SEASON IN PROGRESS. LACK OF ADDTIONAL WITNESSES OVER A METROPOLITAN AREA PARAMONT FACTOR.
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