

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 7 Dec 1951		2. LOCATION Kansas City, Mo		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>INSUFFICIENT DATA</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>14 12 1</u> GMT <u>07/2012Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 minute		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1			
9. COURSE					
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Police officer observed B-36 in SW flight at 10,000 ft. Observed object moving NW at alt higher than a/c. Object in sight one minute, transparent, gave off mettalic sheen. Winds from SW to NE, 70 knots. Report in newspaper article.				11. COMMENTS Insufficient data.	

Description of a Flying Saucer Is Supplied by a Policeman

HERE is a late description of a flying saucer, as supplied by Cpl. Frank Gibson, jr., 1533 Elmwood avenue, a member of the police department seventeen years.

Perfectly round, with an inner core resembling the fuselage of a small airplane equipped with tapered and extremely stubby wings.

Corporal Gibson said he saw the thing at precisely 2:12 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He was just opening the garage door preparatory to driving away on an errand when he looked skyward and saw a B-36 plane traveling southwest at an altitude of about 10,000 feet.

Traveling northwest, perhaps at an altitude slightly higher than the plane, was the thing. Corporal Gibson watched it for perhaps a minute before it disappeared. It was rather transparent. Still, it gave off a sort of a metallic sheen.

Corporal Gibson called the weather bureau to inquire about the possibility of a weather observation balloon. The weather bureau said there were no bal-

loons around at the moment and, besides, they could not possibly be traveling from southeast to northwest.

A little later, an independent inquiry was made of J. R. Lloyd, the meteorologist in charge of the weather bureau. Mr. Lloyd was unaware that Corporal Gibson had called the bureau. Mr. Lloyd was mighty interested in learning about it, however.

"If that fellow (Gibson) was even half way right about the altitude, it couldn't have been a balloon," Mr. Lloyd said. "At 2:12 o'clock the winds at 10,000 to 12,000 feet were blowing from southwest to northeast. Incidentally, if it makes any difference, a balloon at that altitude—and at that time—would be hoisted along at about seventy miles an hour."

Corporal Gibson says he is just a layman when it comes to figuring out things he sees in the sky. He only knows that he saw the thing. It made no noise, he added. At least, he didn't hear a noise.

Kansas City Times (morning)

8 Dec 51

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ROUTING

JOINT MESSAGEFORM

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FROM: (Originator)

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DATE-TIME GROUP

132545Z Dec 51

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

PRECEDENCE
FOR:

ACTION

Routine

INFORMATION

TO: Commanding General
Central Air Defense Force
Kansas City, Missouri
RADNOTE

☐ BOOK MESSAGE☒ ORIGINAL MESSAGE☐ MULTIPLE ADDRESS

CRYPTOPRECAUTION

☐ YES☐ NO

REFERS TO MESSAGE:

INFO: D/I, Hq USAF, Washington 25, D. C.
RADNOTE

IDENTIFICATION

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For Director of Intelligence

This Center has been advised of the sighting of an unidentified object by Mr. [REDACTED] Kansas City, on 7 December 1951. Please accomplish AF Form 112. Refer to ADC letter 200-1, dated 11 April 1951.

In reply cite ATIAA-Grudge.

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DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)

Lt E. J. Ruppelt/vs

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

SYMBOL

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TELEPHONE

54261

OFFICIAL TITLE

KENNETH T. FINCH, Capt, USAF
Asst Air Adjutant General

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1 OCT 49

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 2

DATE: 7 Dec 51

TIME (Local): 1412

LOCATION: Kansas City, Mo.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: Approx 1 Min.

SOUND: None

SPEED: Unknown

ALTITUDE: Unknown

HEADING: NW

SOURCE: Civilian

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Pending

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Described as perfectly round, with inner core resembling fuselage of small a/c with tapered and stubby wings.