

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 12 December 1951		2. LOCATION Hastings, Minnesota		12. CONCLUSIONS ☒ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1550CST GMT 12/2150Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 to 4 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Pilot at 10,000 ft observing object at all times below his a/c. Object resembled kite. Made second observation below left wing tip and object appeared as round and white. Assumed object to be balloon. Appeared round, 18 " to 2 ft in diameter, white or silver. Gave illusion of spinning. Pilot attempted to close on object. Object to be two objects approximately 1 ft apart. Could not locate object when turn made for additional observation.				11. COMMENTS Evaluated as balloon.	

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
Subject Sighting of Unidentified Object		
Area Reported On Vicinity of Hastings, Minnesota	From (Agency) WG, INTERL. 133rd FIW, St. Paul, Minn.	
Date of Report 19 December 1951	Date of information 12 December 1951	Evaluation
Prepared by (Officer) GERHARD P. KASKE, Major, USAF	Source Interrogation of Fighter-Pilot	
References (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		

Summary: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112--Part II.)

The following is a report from Capt. Donald K. Slayton, AO-677 597, of the 133rd Maintenance Squadron, 133rd Fighter-Interceptor Wing.

This report concerns a three (3) to four (4) minute observation of an unidentified object, while on a test flight in an F-51 aircraft, on 12 December 1951.

Visibility on this day was exceptionally good. Observation was at 2150Z on 12 December 1951. Pilot was flying at 10,000', unidentified object was at all times below the F-51 aircraft. Due to the fact that the aircraft was at 10,000', no correct estimation of distance was obtained.

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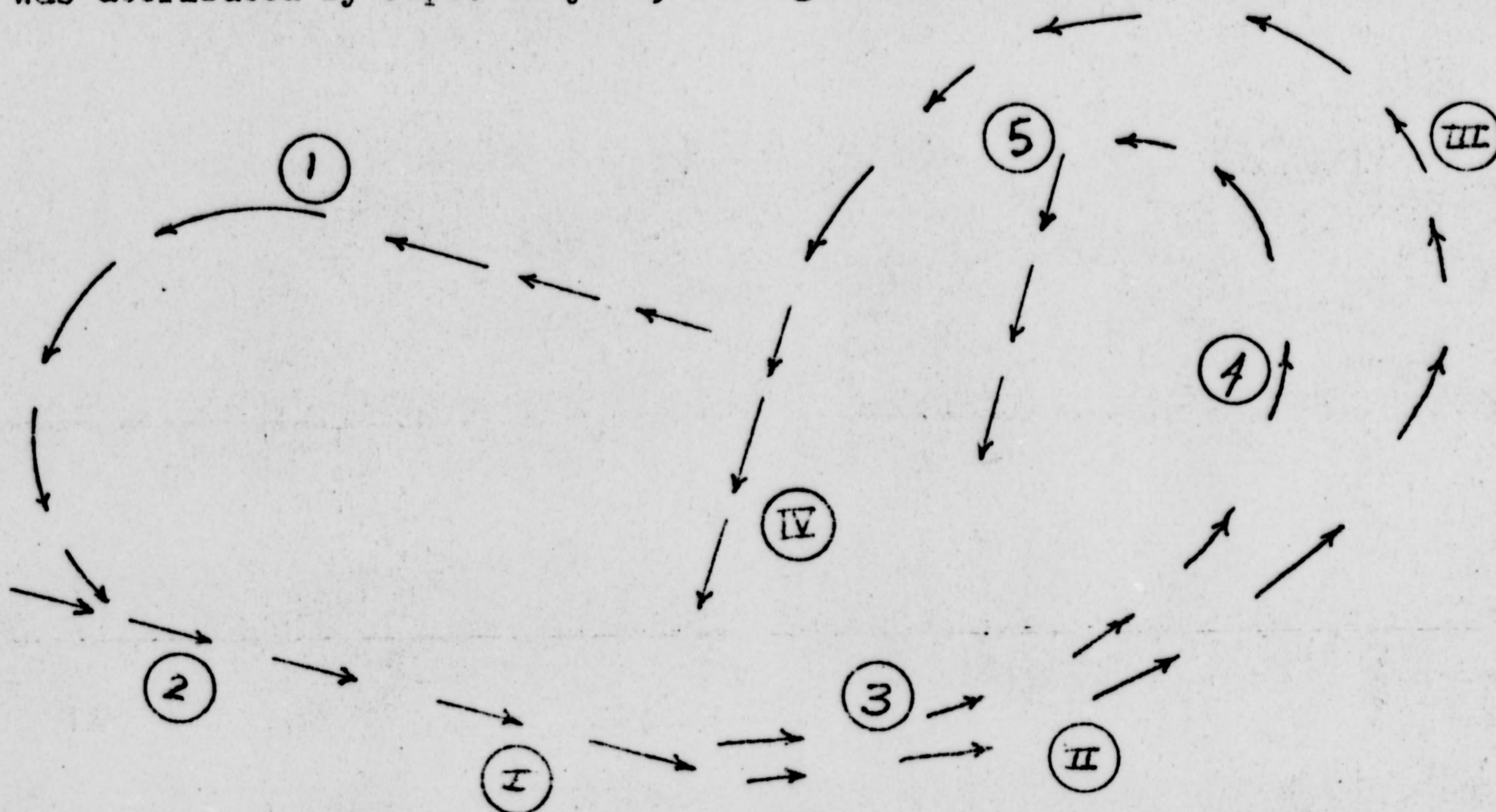
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(1) At 2150Z on 12 December 1951, Capt. Donald K. Slayton, observed an unidentified object five (5) miles southeast of Hastings, Minnesota. Capt. Slayton was cruising at 10,000', and had just pulled out of a loop and was heading back towards Wold-Chamberlain Airfield, when he first spotted a white object about one (1) mile out and 1,000' below his left wing tip.

(2) When the object was first spotted it appeared to resemble a kite, but the pilot assumed a kite would not normally be at this altitude. When the second observation was made, the object was almost even with and below the left wing tip and resembled a round white object. The rate of closure seemed exceptionally fast, but at this position the pilot assumed the object was a weather wind balloon riding down-wind. It appeared perfectly round, 18" to 2' in diameter, white or silver. The object gave an illusion of spinning, which at this stage was attributed by Capt. Slayton, to light diffusion.



Numbers - A/C
Roman Numerals - Object

(3) At point No (1), pilot first observed object, he made a left 180° turn which should have brought him straight into the object at point (2). At point (I) the object began to turn to the left and seemed to gain speed rapidly. The pilot turned with the object at about a 30° left bank. It was at this point the pilot became aware the object was not floating in space, but rather had accelerating and maneuvering abilities.

(4) The pilot kept closing in until he was at about an assumed distance of 500 yds. at point (3) - (II). At these points the object appeared to be two disks 18" to 2' in diameter and approximately 1' apart, spinning at a rapid rate. Disks appeared as shown on next page.

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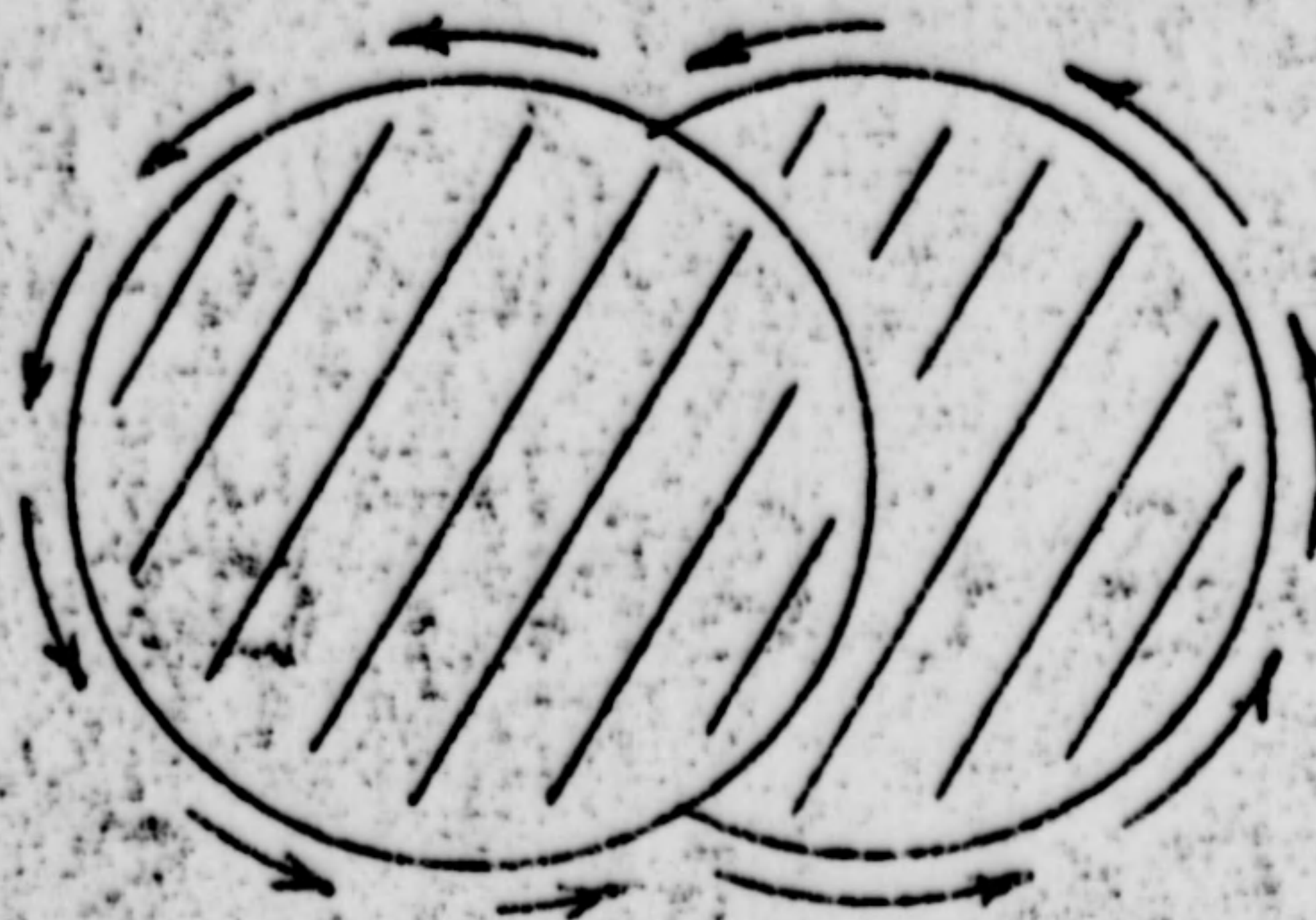
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(5) The object or objects gained speed from points (3) - (II) at a very rapid rate, and took on the appearance of a single object, and then gained speed very rapidly leaving point (II) and approaching point (III). Rotational effect appeared to be in a counter-clockwise direction at all times.

(6) Pilot when approaching point (4) started to turn with object at about a 270° left turn, the object picking up speed at all times. At point (4) - (III) the pilot had an estimated speed of about 280 mph. The pilot assumes the speed of the object at this point was about 380 or 400 mph.

(7) The pilot started to straighten out then snap back into position at point (5) When pilot went back into turn he lost sight of object at point (IV).

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 2

DATE: 12 Dec 51

TIME (Local): 2150Z

LOCATION: Hastings, Minn.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 3-4 Min.

SOUND: None

SPEED: 380-400 mph

ALTITUDE: 9,000'

HEADING: Unknown

SOURCE: USAF Pilot

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Pending

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: White object resembling a kite about 1000 ft. below a/c.