

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>15 Aug 52</u>		2. LOCATION <u>Selfridge AFB, Mich.</u>		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 _____ GMT <u>0339</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE <u>Airman</u>			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>20 minutes</u>		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>2</u>		9. COURSE <u>E</u>	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING <u>Brilliant lavender. Objects seen singly 8 to 10 minutes apart.</u>				11. COMMENTS <u>Jet a/c in the vicinity. 112 to follow. 1 disappeared beyond horizon.</u>	

PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE <i>15 Aug '52</i>	2. LOCATION <i>Selkridge AFB, Mich</i>	3. TIME Local: Zebra: <i>0350Z</i>
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND? ☒ Yes ☐ No		
☐ Naked Eye ☐ Binoculars ☐ Telescope ☐ Theodolite		
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ By One Set ☐ By Two Sets ☐ By Three Sets		
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ A/C Observed Object ☐ Interception Attempted ☐ No Intercept Attempted		
7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ A/C Scrambled ☐ Visual Contact Made ☐ A/I Contact Made ☐ No Contact Made		
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
☐ Normal ☒ Violent		
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT: ☐ Blinking ☒ Steady		
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT: ☐ 1-15 Seconds ☐ 1-5 Minutes ☒ Over 10 Minutes		
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address)		
<i>Hq. 10th Air Force Selkridge AFB, Mich</i>		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED? <i>no</i>		
13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE?	☐ Yes ☐ No	
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac)		
☒ Night ☐ Day ☐ Sunrise ☐ Sunset		

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA?	☒ Yes ☐ No	
☐ One Aircraft ☒ More Than One Aircraft		
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION?	☐ Yes ☒ No	

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA? <i>16, June 52</i> ☐ Yes ☒ No						
22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE: _____ Minutes						
23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:						
	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting
				Yes	No	
a.	<i>Dayton, O</i>	<i>Rawin</i>	<i>A.W.S.</i>	<i>Unk.</i>		
b.	<i>Columbus, O</i>	<i>Pibal</i>	<i>USDA Weather B.</i>	<i>"</i>		
c.	<i>Toledo, O</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>		
d.						

(attach overlay)

V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE: ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Unreliable ☐ Extremely Doubtful ☐ Hoax	22. DETAILS OF REPORT: ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Insufficient to Evaluate
23. FINAL EVALUATION: ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☒ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other: _____ ☐ Insufficient Data For Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
24. COMMENTS:	

PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA S(T

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION		2. TIME OF OBSERVATION		3. STATION OBSERVING	
4. WINDS ALOFT:					
ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0			25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000			50,000		
6,000			55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000			75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		
5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? (If yes, at what altitude? _____)			☐ Yes ☐ No		
6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? (If yes, at what quadrant? _____)			☐ Yes ☐ No		
7. CLOUD COVER:				8. VISIBILITY WAS	
_____ tenths at _____ feet.		_____ tenths at _____ feet.		_____ MILES.	
_____ tenths at _____ feet.		_____ tenths at _____ feet.			
9. COMMENTS:					
<i>M. info.</i>					

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TO JEPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASHINGTON 25 D C

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INFO JEPQW/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ CONAC MITCHEL AFB NY

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8 DASH 52 CMA REF PAR 7C CMA AFL 200 DASH 5 CMA THE FOLG INFO IS SEM

CLN PART I PD TWO BRILLIANT LAVENDER OBJECTS SMCLN APPEARED TO BE SIZE

OF NORTH STAR SMCLN NO EXHAUST SMCLN NO TRAIL SMCLN NO SOUND SMCLN

UNKNOWN PROPULSION SMCLN TREMENDOUS RATE OF SPEED SMCLN FIRST OBJECT

DISAPPEARED BEYOND HORIZON SMCLN SECOND OBJECT DISAPPEARED IN DISTANCE

SMCLN OBJECTS SIGHTED SINGLY 8 TO 10 MINUTES APART PD PART II PD

150339Z TO 150359Z PD PART III PD VISUAL FROM GROUND PD PART IV PD

OBSERVERS LOCATED SELFRIDGE AFB MICHINE OF SIGHTING FACING

NORTHEAST SMCLN 4536N 8250W SMCLN FIRST OBJECT APPEARED FROM NORTHWEST

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TRAVELLED EAST SMCLN ALTITUDE OF STARS PD PART V PD A/2C

~~REDACTED~~ CMA A/2C ~~REDACTED~~ CMA A/1C ~~REDACTED~~ OF HQ

~~REDACTED~~ AF SMCLN RELIABILITY UNKNOWN PD PART VI PD WEA CLN

VISIBILITY 7 MILES CMA SURFACE WINDS GENERALLY 190 DEGREES AVERAGE 7

KNOTS PD PART VII PD NEGATIVE PD PART VIII PD NEGATIVE PD PART IX PD

NEGATIVE PD PART X PD JET ACFT IN VICINITY PD AF FORM 112 REPT TO FOLLOW

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Reporting of Information on Unidentified Flying Objects

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Director of Intelligence, Hq Tenth AF

19 Aug 52

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2ND LT GEORGE H. JANCZEWSKI

A/2C

SELFPRIDGE AFB, MICHIGAN

AFOIN-C/CC-2, 19 Dec 51 and AFL 200-5; AFXOI 1822

This report contains information on unidentified flying objects as observed by AIRMAN SECOND CLASS [REDACTED]; AIRMAN SECOND CLASS [REDACTED] and AIRMAN FIRST CLASS [REDACTED] AIR FORCE, SELFPRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE, MICHIGAN on 15 August 1952.

APPROVED:

M. M. Zein

Lt Col. USAF

Assistant Deputy for Operations

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1. A/2C VIENNA'S signed statement
2. A/2C STEINBERG'S signed statement
3. A/1C SMITH'S signed statement
4. Sketch of observations

D/I, USAF - original

ATIC, Wright-Patterson AFB - 1 cy

D/I, ADC - 1 cy

D/I, ConAC - 1 cy

D/I, Tenth AF - 1 cy

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1. At 150345, AIRMAN SECOND CLASS [REDACTED] and AIRMAN SECOND CLASS [REDACTED] were standing at the east side of Selfridge Air Force Base, near Lake St. Clair, when they observed a lavender colored light, approximately the size of the North Star, appear west of their position approximately twenty (20) degrees above the horizon and travel in a northeasterly direction. The light seemed to ascend as it travelled this course and zig-zag from left to right. Both airmen agreed that the light was approximately two (2) miles distant from their position but since it appeared to be at a great altitude, an accurate estimate of the distance was impossible.

2. AIRMEN [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] said that the light travelled to a position which appeared to be over the "JET BAR" located on Highway M-29, at the north-eastern end of SELFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE, in less than two (2) minutes and hung motionless in the sky for a few seconds. The light then headed east and disappeared beyond the horizon. There was no trail or sound and since the object appeared to be at such a high altitude, neither observer could estimate the speed. The light was observed for two (2) minutes.

3. Both observers continued to watch the sky and at 150349, another light of lavender color, approximately the size of the North Star, having no trail or sound, appeared from the west, approximately twenty (20) degrees above the horizon, also travelling in a northeasterly direction. The light ascended while zig-zagging at a tremendous speed until it seemed to be at the altitude of the stars and then stopped in the vicinity of the "JET BAR" for approximately one (1) minute. The very brilliant, lavender color of the light was in direct contrast with the stars. It then continued to move eastward in a horizontal path until it reached a position ninety (90) degrees above the horizon where it stopped again.

4. At 150355, AIRMEN [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] notified AIRMAN FIRST CLASS [REDACTED] and two (2) other airmen. They watched the motionless light for about one (1) minute.

5. AIRMEN [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] then reported their observations to the TENTH AIR FORCE STAFF DUTY OFFICER, CAPTAIN [REDACTED], who returned with them to watch the light which, however, was no longer visible. According to AIRMAN [REDACTED], the light moved to a position of approximately 30 degrees above the horizon in a period of five (5) or six (6) minutes and grew dimmer as it disappeared from sight at 150400. This light was observed for ten (10) minutes.

TENTH AIR FORCE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE COMMENTS:

1. a. AIRMAN [REDACTED] has served twenty-two (22) months on active duty; has no aircraft experience and is considered usually reliable.

b. AIRMAN [REDACTED] has served thirty-one (31) months on active duty; has no aircraft experience and is considered usually reliable.

c. AIRMAN [REDACTED] has seven (7) years active duty service. He is a Senior Aircraft Hydraulic Mechanic and is considered usually reliable.

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2. According to the 61st FIGHTER-INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON, SELFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE, MICHIGAN, F-94 aircraft were in the vicinity at the time of the sightings.

3. A check conducted by this Directorate revealed that DETACHMENT 12-4, 12th WEATHER SQUADRON, SELFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE, MICHIGAN, released a Rawinsonde at 150300Z, August 1952.

4. The 61st ACGW SQUADRON, SELFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE, MICHIGAN, indicated no unusual radar observations.

5. Weather and winds at time of sighting:

a. Weather:

(1) Visibility - 7 miles, clear

(2) Clouds - negative

b. Winds:

(1) Surface - 190°/07 knots

(2) 5,000' - 230°/12 knots

(3) 10,000' - 240°/12 knots

(4) 15,000' - 260°/15 knots

(5) 20,000' - 300°/22 knots

(6) 25,000' - 300°/25 knots

(7) 30,000' - 280°/70 knots

(8) 40,000' - 270°/00 knots

(9) 45,000' - 310°/75 knots

6. The undersigned officer evaluates the sightings as a Rawinsonde.

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2nd Lt. USAF

Director of Intelligence

15 August 1952

About 2240 hours, on the evening of 14 August 1952, I and a friend, A/2C [REDACTED], were standing by Barracks T-347 facing the lake. I noticed a light due west coming east and brought it to [REDACTED] attention who verified the object. It was as bright as the North Star and it zig-zagged slightly to the left and right as it continued to come east. It paused for several seconds and then headed back on a northwest course and disappeared over the horizon in the vicinity of the Jet Bar. All this took about two (2) minutes. We then waited and watched in the same direction in anticipation of another one. Another approached at approximately 2249 hours following the same angle as the first. It was from the direction of due west and coming east. However, this one continued to rise and continue east. It paused two (2) times for one (1) and five (5) minutes, respectively. When it paused the second time, we called A/1C [REDACTED] who was passing, to watch the object. This was at approximately 2255 hours.

After calling A/1C [REDACTED] and I reported the incident to the Staff Duty Officer of Hq Tenth AF. He came back with us to see the object. However, by that time (2300), it had faded from view. The Staff Duty Officer stayed until approximately 2310 and then returned to his office. I left approximately five (5) minutes later.

At the time of the sighting, the sky was very clear. The object made no sound, and when it paused for the five (5) minute period, it resembled a bright star. I had one (1) bottle of beer at approximately 1930.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
A/2C
[REDACTED]

15 August 1952

On the night of 14 August 1952, at approximately 2240 hours, A/2C [redacted] and I were standing behind Barracks 347, near the sea wall talking when [redacted] noticed a bright object and brought my attention to it. It seemed to come from the general direction of the Radar Station, which was west of our location. At that time it was at a fairly reasonably low altitude and then started climbing over the direction of the Jet Bar. While on this course, it had maneuvers all of its own. It zig-zagged back and forth with a quick movement horizontally but still staying on the same course. It then obtained a pretty good height over the Jet Bar, hesitated a few seconds, and dropped earthward over the Jet Bar until it disappeared from view.

We watched awhile longer and at 2249 hours another bright object of the very same nature, following the very same course, came from the same direction, zig-zagging also, only this time it did not drop, but kept climbing at a tremendous height and speed right up among the stars and stopped, completely motionless for about one (1) or two (2) minutes just past the Jet Bar. It then started moving again with the same actions as before, very bright, distinctive from any star. It stopped at twelve (12) o'clock, straight up, and became motionless among the stars at which time [redacted] and I called over three (3) other airmen. One was A/1C [redacted], the other two (2) were unknown to me. The five (5) of us watched it for about one (1) minute, during which time it remained motionless. It was then that [redacted] and I went to get the Staff Duty Officer.

The three of us then returned about 2300 hours and A/1C [redacted] was still watching it, only by that time it had moved from its position to five (5) o'clock where we lost track of it. The Staff Duty Officer left, telling us to come over and make a report in the morning.

He had been gone about five (5) minutes when we heard a F-94 make a quick warm-up and take off immediately. The F-94 had its After-burner going and it climbed straight up at a pretty high altitude and followed the same course as the object had taken. He circled twice and then landed. I don't know if the Staff Duty Officer notified them or not.

The reasons I don't think this was a star or any type aircraft are:

1. It acted like it had a mind of its own, zig-zagging and suspending itself in mid-air for a period of time.
2. When it moved at such a great height as the stars, it moved with incredible speed, far more than any known aircraft. It was impossible to even estimate its rate of speed.

3. It had a rather lavender color at times, then at times crystal white, like the North Star, only much brighter and sometimes closer.

4. It had no sound or any visible trail.

A/20 [REDACTED] left the scene around 2315 hours. A/10 [REDACTED] and I sat there about 45 minutes to an hour longer but saw no more.

I had not been drinking that night.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
A/20
[REDACTED]

15 August 1952

At 2255 hours, 14 August 1952, I had just finished work and was on my way to my barracks when an A/1C and A/2C called to me to observe a moving object in the sky.

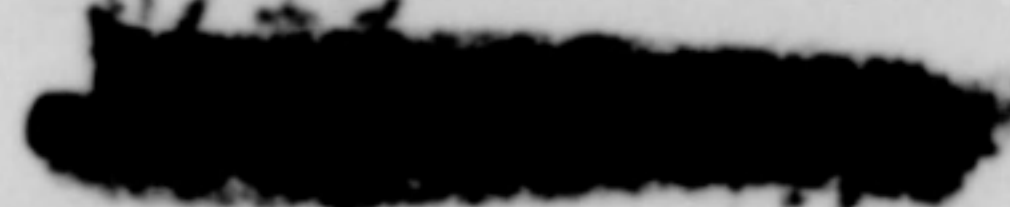
They were standing, facing towards the lake, between buildings 347 and 348. At about a twelve o'clock position, I immediately picked up the moving object which somewhat resembled a star and to the eye it seemed to be about the same distance in altitude. It was much larger than the average star and cast off a light of lavender color. About half a minute after I first saw the object, it came to a complete stop and was motionless for about a minute. It then started moving again, leaving no trail, in a zig-zag manner but at the same time moving from the twelve o'clock position to about a two o'clock position. There again it came to a complete stop and just seemed to hang among the stars for almost a minute.

At this time, or just before, the two (2) airmen who called my attention to this object went to notify the night Duty Officer. When he arrived at the scene, the object had moved in a north-eastern direction to about five o'clock and to the eye it seemed to have grown much dimmer. Shortly after the arrival of the Duty Officer, the object disappeared completely.

This object travelled from a twelve o'clock position (where I first observed it) to a five o'clock position in a period of five or six minutes. During the movement of this object, I saw it pass between me and a star for just a few seconds. The star was completely blocked from view.

There was no sound coming from this moving object and I feel sure that it was not a plane of any kind because of the zig-zag movements and its stopping completely and just remaining motionless.

This statement is true and as I had just finished work for the night I had not been drinking. Because of the altitude this object seemed to be at and the distance it travelled, I am certain that it was travelling many times faster than our Jet aircraft can go.


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Part of 1st Group
Part of 2nd Group

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