

UFOB INDEX CARD

1. DATE 28 December 1955		2. LOCATION Wichita, Kansas		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 28/2400Z Dec 55		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION One (1) Minute		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One (1)			
				9. COURSE NW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Red light which appeared to be revolving around object giving it a round appearance and the size of a nickel held at arm's length.				11. COMMENTS Concur in the opinion of the preparing officer that the sighting was probably caused by an aircraft.	

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COUNTRY United States		REPORT NO. 4602-0103-55-55	DATE (DD-MMM-YY) 1-2-56
SUBJECT UFO			
AREA OF INTEREST Wichita, Kansas		FROM (Agency, Wing, The 1st Air Force, Section, 35201, Combat Group, Training Wing, McConnell AFB)	
DATE OF REPORT 5 January 1956	DATE OF INFORMATION 28 December 1955	EVALUATION T-2	
PREPARED BY (Name) Walter J. Koch, Major, USAF		COPIES None	
REFERENCES (Cite any previous reports, orders, or communications) AFR 200-2 and AFR 200-15			
SUMMARY (Summarize in 100 words or less the information reported. Do not include information from sources.)			

SOURCES

On 5 January 1956, Mr. [REDACTED] reported sighting an unidentified flying object in the vicinity of George Washington Boulevard and Henry Street in Wichita, Kansas. The sighting occurred on 28 December 1955. Object was also seen by his son.

Object was observed for approximately one (1) minute in good weather. Object was seen at dusk.

There was only one object. It had a light which apparently revolved around the object, giving it a round appearance. Its size compared to a nickel at arm's length, made no sound, and had no tail, trails or contrails.

Object flew slowly away from source, then ascended vertically at a high rate of speed, then returned toward source, then again change direction and disappeared.

Very little significance is attached, because observation was made six (6) days prior to reporting.

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1. Description of object.

- Shape: unknown, however, the light which revolved around object gave it a round appearance.
- Size: compared with a nickel at arm's length.
- Color: very dark.
- Number: one (1).
- Formation: N/A.
- Discernible features and details: negative.
- Trail, wake, and exhaust: negative.
- Sound: negative.
- Other features: object had a round light with a reddish glow which either revolved around the object, or the object itself was revolving.

2. Description of course of object.

- Source went to back door to close venetian blinds. She happened to glance out the window.
- Angle of elevation and azimuth at first observation: approximately 20 degrees elevation; azimuth, 225 degrees.
- Angle of elevation and azimuth at disappearance: approximately 80 degrees elevation; azimuth, 315 degrees.
- Flight path and maneuver: object appeared in the southwest. It moved away from source, toward the southwest slowly. Then it shot up vertically, moving at a very high rate of speed. After the ascent, object changed direction, heading now northeast. Object then came closest to source. Later, it again changed direction and headed northwest out of sight.
- Manner of disappearance: flew out of sight over rooftop.
- Duration of observation: approximately one (1) minute.

3. Manner of observation.

- Type: ground-visual.
- Optical aids used: none.
- Airborne sightings: N/A.

4. Time and date of sighting.

- Zulu time-date group: 232400Z.
- Light conditions: dark.

5. Location of observer: 37°40'N 97°17'W.

6. Identifying information of all observers.

- Name: [REDACTED] Age: 37; Mailing address: [REDACTED] Wichita, Kansas; Occupation: housewife.
- Name: [REDACTED] Age: 13; Mailing address: [REDACTED] Wichita, Kansas; Occupation: student.

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7. Weather conditions and winds aloft at time and place of sighting.

- Observer's account of weather: partly cloudy with clear visibility.
- Report from nearest weather detachment of wind direction and velocity in degrees and knots: at 1725 hrs CST, surface winds 135° at 23 knots with gusts to 33kts at 1500 hrs CST, 7,000 ft, 030° at 25k; 10,000 ft, 010° at 10k; 16,000 ft, 310° at 15k; 20,000 ft, 190° at 60k; 25,000 ft, 200° at 85k.

At 1828 hrs CST, surface winds 135° at 19 knots with gusts to 28k; at 2100 hrs CST, 7,000 ft, 020° at 15k; 10,000 ft, 010° at 15k; 16,000 ft, 000° at 15k; 20,000 ft, 030° at 20k; 25,000 ft, 020° at 10k.
- Ceiling: at 2100 CST, 20,000 ft.
- Visibility: at 1500 CST and 2100 CST, 15 miles.
- Cloud cover: at 1800 CST, clear-banks.
- Thunderstorms: negative.

8. Meteorological and astronomical activity: negative.

9. Identification action taken: Negative.

10. Location of any air-traffic in area at time of sighting: at 1725 CST a B-29 landed at McCormick AFB, at 1812 CST a C-46 landed at the same base.

11. Position title and comments of preparing officer: Acting Wing Intelligence Officer. Inasmuch as no unidentified object was sighted by the C-4 unit at McCormick AFB or the G-1 unit at Hutchinson IAS, and inasmuch as the Wichita Municipal Airport is located to the southwest of the observed position, the unidentified object sighted conceivably could have been an aircraft maneuvering to enter the Wichita Municipal Airport landing pattern.

12. Physical evidence: N/A.

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COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Concur in probability that sighting was an aircraft.

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