

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>21-22 Jan 55</u>		2. LOCATION <u>Hutchinson, Kansas</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS ☒ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>1635, 1715, 2000</u> GMT _____		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE <u>Civilian & Military</u>		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>20 minutes</u>		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS		9. COURSE <u>South to North</u>	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Bright white lights. One bright red light. Abreast formation. No sound, nor exhaust. At first appeared to be hovering then gained rapid speed. Daylight observation reported objects bright silver.				11. COMMENTS Identified by 4602nd as project barber shop. (Balloon launching)	

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CNO UNCL REPLY OR REF IF THE DTG IS QUOTED
C-1 PRIORITY [REDACTED]
FROM COMDR 793 ACW SQ HUTCHINSON NAS KANS
TO COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO SPRINGS
COMDR ATIC WPAFB
DIR OF INTEL HQ USAF WASH DC

IAW *2-18* GROUP 4
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after 12 years
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UFOB RPT UFOB. THIS IS THE DUPLICATE OF A NAVY REPORT. 1. LIGHTS.
A. NEGATIVE. B. NICKEL. C. 4 WHITE, 1 RED. D. 5. E. STRING FORMATION
400 YDS INTERVAL. F. CAA RPT CAA TOWER OPERATORS OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED
TO BE AIRCRAFT POSITION LIGHTS. G. NEGATIVE. H. NEGATIVE. I.
POSITION OF LIGHTS WERE AS FOLLOWS: ORIGINAL, 2 WHITE 1 RED AND
2 WHITE, THEN CHANGING POSITIONS WITH RED TAKING LEAD THEN BEGAN
MOVING VERY SLOWLY UNTIL PURSUED THEN VERY RAPID ACCELERATION.
2. STRAIGHT LINE COURSE EVADING HUTCHINSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT. A.
LIGHTS. B. ANGLE, 30 DEGREES AT 180 DEGREES
AXIMUTH. C. ANGLE, 45 DEGREES AT 010 DEGREES AXIMUTH.
D. APPEARED TO BE SUSPENDED SOUGH-EAST OF STATION FOR 10 MINS
THEN ASSUMED STRING FORMATION TRAVELING STRAIGHT LINE COURSE EVADING
HUTCHINSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT. E. BLENDED WITH STARS. F. 20 MINS.

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3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION: A. GROUND VISUAL AND AIR VISUAL. B. 7 BY 50 BAUSCH AND LAMB BINOCULARS. C. NAVY, P2V, 22447, 4000 FT, 090 DEGREES, 150 KNOTS, HUTCHINSON NAVAL AIR STATION. 4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING: A. 220200Z. B. NIGHT. 5. HUTCHINSON NAVAL AIR STATION CONTROL TOWER AND CAA CONTROL TOWER MUNICIPAL AIRPORT HUTCHINSON.

6. IDENTIFYING I

INFO OF ALL OBSERVERS: A. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CAA CONTROL TOWER OPR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CONTROL TOWER OPR L T [REDACTED] 607 WEST

[REDACTED] ATU RPT ATU

601, FLIGHT INSTR, HUTCHINSON NAS, VERY RELIABLE.

LT, ATU 601, FLIGHT INSTR, HNAS, VERY RELIABLE.

LT, ATU 600, FLIGHT INSTR, HNAS, VERY RELIABLE.

LT, ATU 600, FLIGHT INSTR, HNAS, VERY RELIABLE.

ALC, CONTROL TOWER OPR, HNAS, VERY RELIABLE. BRAUER, G R,

AC1, CONTROL TOWER OPR, HNAS, VERY RELIABLE. 7. WEATHER AND WINDS.

A. CLEAR WITH 15 MILES VISIBILITY. B. NEGATIVE. C. UNLIMITED.

D. 15 MILES. E. NEGATIVE. F. NEGATIVE. 8. NEGATIVE. 9. INTERCEPTION

ATTEMPTED BY P2V AIRCRAFT, UNABLE CONTACT. 10. 2 AIRCRAFT TRAFFIC

PATTERN. 11. SENIOR DIRECTOR, NEGATIVE BY REASON OF HEARSAY EVIDENCE.

12. NEGATIVE. NO RADAR CONTACT MADE AT ANYTIME WITH OBJECTS.

THIS SIGHTING MADE BY U S NAVY PERSONNEL AND REPORTED BY THEM TO

LOWRY MILITARY FLIGHT SERVICE AND ARTC RPT ARTC

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TO USAFSS LIAISON OFFICE WASH DC
COMDR EADF STEWART AFB NY
COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO
SSO ATIC WPAFB OHIO
INFO COMMANDANT 8TH DISTRICT NAVAL
COM US NAV AIR BASES OF 9TH NAV DISTRICT
CH OF NAV AIR ADVANCED TRAINING COMMAND
COM EASTERN SEA FRONTIER
DIR OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE
FLY OB RPT. THIS ORIG NAV REPT AND AMPLIFYING REPT ON COMMANDER
793 ACVRON HUTCH 220700Z TO COMAIRDEFCOM ENT AFB COLO SPRINGS,
COMDR AIR TECH INTEL CEN WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB, DIR INTEL HDQTRS USAF,
COMDR 33RD AIR DIV TINKER AFB, A. 4 BRIGHT WHITE LIGHT, 1 BRIGHT
RED LIGHT WITH RED LIGHT IN CEN, TOTAL 5 LIGHTS APPEARED BRIGHTER
AND LARGER THAN ANY LIGHTS IN THE AREA, UNDET SHAPE AND SIZE,
LINE ABREAST FORMATION APPROX 3500 FT LOCATED 10 TO 15 MI SOUTH
SOUTHWEST NAS HUTCH, INITIAL MOV NEGLIGIBLE APPEARED TO BE HOVERING,
LATER COMMENCED MOV TOWARD NORTH IN COL FORMATION SLIGHT RIGHT
ECHELON PAST NAS HUTCH 3 MI TO EAST AT MOD SPD ESTIMATE 100 KTS,
ALT EST 4000 FT, CONT ON NORTHERLY HDG CLIMBING RAPIDLY AND OPENING
DISTANCE AT RAPID RATE, LIGHTS BECAME INDISTINGUISHABLE, NO TRAIL OR
EXHAUST OBSERVED AND NO SOUND HEARD BY GND OBSRS. B. INITIAL SIGHTING

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BY GND OBSRS 211635, 211715, 212000, 220230, ALL TIMES LOCAL.
DAYLIGHT OBSRS RPT OBJTS BRIGHT SILVER AND GAVE THE IMPRESSION OF
HIGHLY POLISHED SURFACES REFLECTING SUNRAYS ACFT OBSERVATION 212000
TO 212015. C. INITIAL OBSERVATION GND AND ACFT VISUAL. TYPE ACFT
P2V. ALTITUDE 2700 TO 4000 FT. SPD 150 KTS TO 185 KTS. NO ELECTRONIC
EQUIPMENT CONTACT BY ACFT OR 793RD ACW RON. D. INITIAL OBSERVATION
FROM NAS HUTCH. AIR OBSERVATION 5 MILES SOUTH NAS HUTCH TO 8 MILES
NORTH CITY OF HUTCH. INITIAL LOCATION OBJECTS APPROX 15 MILES SOUTH
SOUTHWEST. FINAL OBSERVATION DISAPPEARING TO NORTH AT HIGH ALT AND
HIGH SPD. 220230 OBSERVATION FROM SOUTHEAST SECTION CITY HUTCH BY
GND OBSER 4 LIGHTS HIGH ALT SLOW SPD. E. CIV [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] CAA CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR, [REDACTED] CONTROL
TOWER OPERATOR, [REDACTED] CON TOWER OPR,
[REDACTED] GUARD KANSAS STATE INSTITUTE CR REFORM, RELIABILITY
UNDETERMINED, MIL [REDACTED] ASST TNG OFFICER, [REDACTED]
LT USN, FLT INSTR ATU 601, [REDACTED] LT USN, FLT INSTR ATU 601,
[REDACTED] LT USN, FLT INSTR ATU 601, [REDACTED] USN,
CON TOWER OPR HNAS, [REDACTED] AC1, CONT TOWER OPR HNAS, [REDACTED]
LT USN, ORDNANCE OFFICER HNAS, [REDACTED] JG USN, FLT INSTR ATU 601,
[REDACTED] LT JG USN, STUDENT AVIATOR ATU 600. ALL MIL PERS VERY
RELIABLE. [REDACTED] WX, CAVU, WINDS WESTERLY NORTH WESTERLY 15 TO 35 KTS

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SURFACE AND 4000 FT, UPPER WINDS NOT AVAIL. G. METEROLOGICAL DATA
AND OTHER COND ACCTG FOR SIGHTING NONE. H. EXISTENCE PHYSICAL
EVIDENCE SIGHTING NONE. I. P2V ATTEMPTED INTERCEPTION 212005 UNABLE
TO INTERCEPT. TRACKED ON HDG 010 DEG MAGNETIC APPROX 10 MINS.
ELECTRONIC INTERCEPT BY 793RD ACW ROM UNSUCCESSFUL. J. 2 P2V IN
NAS HUTCH TFC PATTERN AT TIME OF 212000 SIGHTING

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Forwarded to ATIC DUTY OFFICER
AT 0710Z ADVISE HOLD FOR PICK-UP
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TO JEDEN/COMMANDER AIR DEFENSE COMMAND ENT AIR FORCE BASE COLORADO
SPRINGS COLORADO

JWFRD/ COMMANDER 34TH AIR DIVISION KIRTLAND AIR FORCE BASE
ALBUQUERQUE NEW MEXICO

JEDWP/COMMANDER IAR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON
AIR FORCE BASE OHIO

JEPHQ/ DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS USAF WASHINGTON 25 DC.

JWFKT/COMDR CMCONNELL AFB KANS

JEPHQ/SEC DEF. WASH. DC.

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UFOB (1) (A) UNKNOWN (B) UNKNOWN (C

:) UNKNOWN (D) FIVE (E)

TRAIL-00 YARDS APART (F) NONE (G) NONE (H) NONE (I) FOUR OBJECTS

DISPLAYED WHITE LIGHTS ONE DISPLAYED RED LIGHT (2) (A) OBSERVED

LIGHTS TO S.E. OF AIRDROME (B) THIRTY FIVE DEGREES ABOVE HORIZION

SOUTH OF AIRDROME (C) FIFTY DEGREES ABOVE 010 DEGREES AZMUTH

(D) PASSED DUE NORTH THEN BEERED TO NORTHEAST THEN TO THE NORTH

(E) DISAPEARED OUT OF SIGHT (F) APPROX 22 MINUTES (3) GROUND-

VISUAL AIR VISUAL (B) BINOCULARS TYPE 7X50 (C) P2V NAVY 22447

4000FT MSL 090 DEGREES 150 KNOTS NAVAL AIR STATION HUTCHINSON,

KANSAS (4) (A) 220300Z (B) DARK (5) FOUR PERSONS IN CONTROL TOWER

NAVAL AIR STATION HUTCHINSON, KANSAS, TWO PERSONS IN AIRCRAFT

FLYING OVER NAS HUTCHINSON , KANSAS (6) 1. [REDACTED] A1C

OPERATIONS DEPT NAS HUTCHINSON, KANSAS CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR

2. [REDACTED] ACC OPNS. DEPT NAS HUTCHINSON, KANSAS

CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR 3. [REDACTED] LT. ATU 000 NAS

HUTCHINSON, KANSAS FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR 4. [REDACTED] LT.

ATU 000 NAS HUTCHINSON, KANSAS FLT INSTR 5. [REDACTED]

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OPERATIONS DEPT NAS HUTCHINSON, KANSAS CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR
2 [REDACTED] ACC OPNS. DEPT NAS HUTCHINSON, KANSAS
CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR 3 [REDACTED] LT. ATU 600 NAS
HUTCHINSON, KANSAS FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR 4 [REDACTED] LT.
ATU 600 NAS HUTCHINSON, KANSAS FLT INSTR. 5 [REDACTED]
LT. ATU 601 NAS HUTCHINSON, KANSAS FLT INSTR. 6. [REDACTED] LT. COMDR.
ATU 601 NAS HUTCHINSON, KANSAS FLT INSTR. (7) (A) CLEAR 15 MILES
VISIBILITY (?) SURFACE N.W. 15 6000FT. 310/25 10,000 310/32
16,000FT. 300/35 20,000FT. 290/30 30,000FT. 270/40 50,000FT.
UNAVAILABLE 80,000FT. UNAVAILABLE
(C) NONE (D) 15 MILES (E) NTNE (F) NONE (8) NONE (9) AIRCRAFT
FLYING IN LOCAL AREA (NAVY P2V) GAVE CHASE BUT REPORTED UNABLE TO
OVERTAKE OR IDENTIFY OBJECT (10) AIRCRAFT LISTED IN (9) ABOVE
(11) OPERATIONS OFFICER ON DUTY LOWRY FLIGHT SERVICE NO COMMENTS
(12) NONE

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FM CONDR 4602D AISS ENT AFB COLO

TO CONDR ATIC WPAFB OHIO

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UNCLASSIFIED/AISOP 072 PD REF REPORTED SIGHTING AT HUTCHINSON CMM

KANSAS 220300Z PD SIGHTING CONFIRMED BY 4602D AISS PERSONNEL AS

BEING PROJECT BARBER SHOP PD END

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INFO:		REFERS TO MESSAGE:			
ATIAE-2-84E		IDENTIFICATION		CLASSIFICATION	
Reference sighting Hutchinson, Kansas, 21-22 January. Request definition and/or brief description of Project Barber Shop.					
COORDINATION:					
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11 ISOP 117 PD UR MSS ATAE DASH TWO DASH EIGHT FOUR DASH E PD SIGHTING

11 HUTCHINSON CMM KANSAS 21 DASH 22 JAN WAS IDENTIFIED AS BALLOON PD END

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