

PROJECT 1073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 9 Sep 55		2. LOCATION Rock Garden, Tenn		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other UNIDENTIFIED ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☒ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>09/1800Z</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 10-15 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE N-NE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Almost square, brownish, obj appeared to be solid and moving in circular motion at slow speed and moved off to NE.				11. COMMENTS UNIDENTIFIED	

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FM OIC FLT 2-B 4602D AISS MCGHEE TYSON APRT KNOXVILLE TENN

TO RJEDEN/COMDR 4602D AISS ENT AFB COLOSPRGS COLO

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RJEDWP/COMDR AIR TECH INTELL CNTR WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEPHQ/DIR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASHINGTONDC

RJEPNE/COMDR EADF STEWART AFB NY

RJESKE/COMDR 35TH ADD DOBINS AFB GA

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/UNCLASSIFIED/AIS2B 142 PD UFOB THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED IN
COMPLIANCE WITH PAR 7 AFR 200-2 CMM DTE 12 AUG 54 PD

1.

A. ALMOST SQUARE

B. LARGE BEACHBALL

C. BROWNISH

D. ONE

E. N/A

F. NONE

G. NONE

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2701N-4EA
4 " 4X2a

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H NONE

I OBJECT APPARED TO BE SOLID AND MOVING IN CIRCULAR MOTION MOVING FROM NORTH TO NORTHEAST SLOW SPEED AND MOVED OFF TO NORTHEAST BEHIND TREES AND OVER HORIZON

2.

A OBSERVER WAS SITTING IN YARD AND NOTICED OBJECT IN SKY

B OBJECT UP ABOUT 45 DEGREES

C OBJECT UP ONLY ABOUT 80 DEGREES GOING BEHIND TREES

D OBJECT MOVING SLOWLY FROM NOTRH TO NORTHEAST

E OUT OF LINE OF VISION DUE TO TREES AND HORUZON

F APRX 10 TO 15 MINUTES

3.

A GROUND VISUAL

E MONOCULARS OBSERVER HAD TIME TO GET BINOCULARS FROM HOUSE AND OBSERVE

C N/A

4.

A 091800 SEP 55

B DAY

5.

A ROCK GARDEN ALCOA TENNESSEE EAST OF MCGHEE TYSON MUN APRT TENN

6.

A MRS [REDACTED] S 31 YRS OLK [REDACTED] TENN

HOUSEWIFE

B N/A

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A BRIGHT SUN CLEAR HOT NO CLOUDS NO WIND

B SURFACE 5K FM 300 DEG

6000 10K FM 300 DEG

10000 6 K FM 060 DEG

16000 8 K FM 040 DEG

20000 7 K FM 040 DEG

30000 7K FM 030 DEG

50000 NOT AVAILABLE

80000 NOT AVAILABEL

C CLEAR

D 9 MILES

E NONE CLEAR

F NEGATIVE

I. NONE

9. NONE IN AREA OF SIGHTING

10. FIVE AIRCRAFT IN AREA OF SIGHTING

11. THERE WERE FIVE KNOWN AIRCRAFT IN IMMEDIATE AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING
TWO MILITARY PILOTS OVSERVED NOTHING THEEE AIRLINES HAVING AIRCRAFT
IN AIR AT TIME OF SIGHTING WERE CALLED BUT REPORTED NEGATIVE OBSERVATION
WEATHER CONDITIONS WERE CLEAR WITH GOOD VISIBILITY NO WEATHER BALLOON
RELEASED IN IMMEDIATE AREA FOR THREE HOURS PREVIOUS TO OR FOLLOWING
SIGHTING NO OBSERVATIONS RECORDED ON RADAR NO OBSERVATIONS CALLED
INTO KNOXVILLE FILTER CENTER LITTLE EVIDENCE ON WHICH TO BASE ANY
CONCLUSION

12. N/A

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COUNTRY USA	REPORT NO. 2B-UFOB-4-55	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT UFOB		
AREA REPORTED ON ALCOA, TENNESSEE	FROM (Agency) FLIGHT 2-B, 4602D AISS	
DATE OF REPORT 12 September 1955	DATE OF INFORMATION 9 September 1955 & 12 Sep 55	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) JAMES N KULPAN, 1st Lt, USAF	SOURCE Mrs [REDACTED] and others	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) Sq Guide 200-2 dtd Mar 55, TT AIS2B 142		
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.)		

I. CONTENTS:

PART ONE: Description of sighting by Mrs [REDACTED] Alcoa, Tennessee. Mrs [REDACTED] is 31 years old and is a housewife.

PART TWO: Description of sighting by Mrs [REDACTED] Tennessee. Mrs [REDACTED] is 33 years old and is a housewife.

PART THREE: Supplementary Investigative Efforts

PART FOUR: Comments of Preparing Officer

II. SUMMARY: UFOB first sighted by Mrs [REDACTED] on Friday, 9 Sep 55 at 1800Z in Rock Gardens residential area of Alcoa, Tennessee East of [REDACTED] Man Apt, Tenn (GJGF 0144). GEOREF of sighting was GJGF 0244. Mrs [REDACTED] pointed out object to Mrs [REDACTED] a neighbor, as they sat on lawn together. Information contained in this report was obtained from the persons observing the object and from an investigation conducted to determine the possible cause of sighting.

III. INVESTIGATORS: 1ST LT JAMES N KULPAN, AO3017263
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I. SOURCE: Mrs [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Age: 31

Occupation: Housewife

Education: Graduated from High School

Qualifications: No formal training. Ordinary Housewife.

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was completely thorough with her description as far as she could remember. SOURCE very cooperative and of average intelligence. SOURCE changed shape of object once, therefore reliability of details questionable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE and Mrs [REDACTED] were sitting in front yard on [REDACTED], Alcoa, Tennessee (GJGF 0244). SOURCE observed object at 091800Z Sep 55 in air coming from the North and pointed it out to Mrs [REDACTED]. SOURCE then went into house for binoculars. Object came from north and moved in circular motion. Almost overhead object turned eastward, speeded up and headed north behind trees and out of sight. Object was in sight from ten to fifteen minutes but because of difficulty in finding binoculars it was observed for only a short time through the binoculars as it was leaving. SOURCE first stated object was almost square, colored brown and about the size of a large beach ball held at arms length. Object larger than basketball and not as large as an ordinary automobile tire held at arms length. Later SOURCE gave same story about size and color but stated object was solid and pointed like a rocket and had small stubby wings. Jets from McGhee-Tyson Mun Aprt (GJGF 0144) were taking off and no sound heard from object. SOURCE had no ideas what object might have been or what caused it.

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I. SOURCE: Mrs. [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED] e
Age: 33
Occupation: Housewife
Education: Graduated from high school
Qualifications: No formal training. Ordinary housewife

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE cooperative and of average intelligence. SOURCE did not remember size or shape well enough to describe thoroughly.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE and Mrs. [REDACTED] were together at time of sighting. Mrs. [REDACTED] story is same as Mrs. [REDACTED] I. (See section I, Part one)

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. A check with the McGhee-Tyson Weather Station was made by Flight 2-B, 4602d AISS and the following information was received: As of 091500Z Sep 55 there were no clouds or wind. Bright sunny day with visibility of nine (9) miles. Winds were: surface 5K fm 300 deg, 6000 ft 10K fm 300 deg, 10000 ft 6K fm 060 deg, 16000 ft 8K fm 040 deg, 20000 ft 7K fm 040 deg, 30000 ft 7K fm 030 deg, 50000 and 80000 ft not available. As of 092100Z Sep 55 the weather station reported still there were no clouds. The day was still bright and sunny with a visibility of nine (9) miles.
2. A check with the McGhee-Tyson flight flight service revealed three airplanes from commercial airlines were in air at time of sighting. Airlines called but reported negative observations.
3. The astronomer at the University of Tennessee has no regular reporting channels for information and therefore had no information.
4. Knoxville Filter Center reported negative reports from observers.
5. The 663d AC & W Sq in Lake City, Tennessee was contacted and reported negative tracks in area of spotting.
6. Pilots from McGhee-Tyson Mun Aprt who were taking off at time of spotting were contacted and reported negative sightings.
7. Base intelligence officer reported negative.
8. The Asheville Weather Station in Asheville, North Carolina (GJHF 2735) was contacted and they stated they do not send up weather balloons.
9. Mr. [REDACTED] Meteorologist at the Weather Bureau Airport Station in Nashville, Tennessee (GJDD 1210) was contacted and he indicated that a weather balloon was released from his station at 1500Z on the date of spotting. Spotting occurred at 1800Z which is only a lapse of three hours for the balloon to travel approximately 175 miles.
10. Maxwell Flight Service in Montgomery, Alabama (FJDD 1015) was contacted. Captain Buswell, Operations Officer, reported no experimental aircraft in air that day and that no flight plans were filed for flights to be in the area of spotting.

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COMMENTS of Preparing Officer Continued:

fact that SOURCE changed her description of the object from being almost square in the preliminary investigation to being pointed like a rocket and having stubby wings in the follow-up investigation, and one can only wonder about the reliability of this report.

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COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

1. Due to the change of description of the object from "almost square and about the size of a beachball held at arms length" to "pointed like a rocket with small stubby wings", it is the opinion of this headquarters that the witness can be considered unreliable.

2. In view of the above, it can be assumed that the SOURCE is probably in error in other statements such as the duration of the sighting. It is the opinion of this headquarters that the SOURCE possibly misinterpreted one or more of the aircraft known to be in the area at the time of the sighting.

James

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COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. Immediately upon receipt of this report all available military and civilian organizations were called for additional information and/or identification. No further information was obtained and no identification was made.

2. There were two military and three civilian aircraft in the immediate vicinity at the approximate time of the sighting. Negative reports were made regarding the object.

3. Negative information was received from the local astronomer regarding astronomical phenomena. Negative information was received from the Knoxville Filter Center and the 663d AC & W Sq regarding additional reports or observations of the object. Negative information was received from Maxwell Flight Service, and negative information was received from the two base fighter squadron intelligence units.

4. The weather stations at Nashville and Knoxville, Tennessee and Asheville, North Carolina were contacted. The stations at Nashville and Knoxville sent balloons up at 1500Z but the station at Asheville does not send balloons aloft. It was the opinion of the personnel at Nashville that their balloon was not responsible for the sighting because the rate of ascent of the balloon is approximately 1000 ft per minute. Due to the distance between Nashville and Alcoa, the balloon would have been well out of sight vertically even if the winds had taken it in that direction. The winds at Nashville at the time of the balloon release were such that they conceivably could have carried the balloon in this general direction. The personnel at the Knoxville weather station stated that they did not feel the Nashville balloon or their own could have been responsible for the sighting due to the rapid rate of ascent of the balloons. They also sent one aloft at 1500Z.

5. This sighting seemed to suggest some type of aircraft or balloon. It was observed for ten to fifteen minutes and therefore had a very slow rate of speed. However, all information received regarding such a possibility was negative. The possibility that the object could have been one of the two military jet aircraft (F-86D) in the air at the time was ruled out by SOURCE when she stated that she could not tell whether or not the object made any noise because jets were taking off at the time. Those two were the only jets aloft at the time, and they were going up on a routine training flight. It is highly improbable that one of the three civilian airlines aircraft was responsible for the sighting because they came directly into the Municipal Airport without being in the air in the immediate vicinity for more than five minutes. They did not change their courses radically as suggested by SOURCE. They were also very low when passing over Alcoa. Balloons from local weather stations must be ruled out on the basis of information received from the personnel at the stations.

6. The preparing officer has no opinions regarding this UFOB unless it was some other type balloon about which we have no information and which would rise at a different rate of speed than weather balloons, or possibly reach a pre-determined altitude and remain there as it moved horizontally across country. It is interesting to note, however, that in spite of the large size of the object and in spite of a long duration of the observation, no other reports of a ground sighting were made. Neither were any observations made by personnel in the airborne aircraft in the immediate area at the time of the sighting. Nothing showed up on radar screens and the possibility of its being a weather balloon has been ruled out by weather personnel. Add this to the