

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 4 January 1957		2. LOCATION Wadena, Minnesota		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☒ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0730 - 0800 GMT 04/1330Z 1400Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION 7 X 50 Binos ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian - rest home caretakers		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE overhead to East	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Multi-colored, "X" draped object observed apparently overhead (?) for almost 20 minutes. Appeared to have yawing motion (would have if observed through binoculars at night). Source claims humming sound. Obj disappeared to East.				11. COMMENTS Sighting has characteristics of balloon observation	

4 JAN / 0730Z

040157-1

Multi

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4 JAN 57 15 25

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3 4XLA

(710)

WPH194W WPD175 YMB071NGA043

PP RJEDEN RJEDWP RJEPHQ

DE RJEDNG 18

P 041730Z

FM COMDR 31ST ADIV ST PAUL MINN

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJEDWP/COMDR AIR TECH INTEL CEN WPAFB OHIO

RJEPHQ/COMDR DIR OF INTEL HQ USAF WASHDC

BT

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UFOB IAW AFR 200-2

1. A. SHAPED LIKE LETTER X OR CHILDS JACK ←
- B. SILVER DOLLAR ←
- C. MULTI COLORED ←
- D. ONE
- E. N/A
- F. LIKE LETTER X OR CHILDS JACK
- G. N/A
- H. A HUMMING SOUND WAS HEARD BY A MR [REDACTED], [REDACTED] AT SHADY LANES REST HOME, WADENA, MINNESOTA

I. N/A

2. A. YAWING MOTION
- B. 090-5A-10A
- C. DISAPPEARED 090 DEGREES
- D. YAWED 9 DEGREE ARC ←
- E. UP AND FADED IN EAST
- F. APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES ←

3. A. GROUND VISUAL AND FIELD GLASSES

B. BINOCULARS 71 / 50

C. N/A

4. A. 0730Z 0800Z 4 JAN 57

B. NIGHT

5. A. WADENA, MINNESOTA, 739TH ACW SQUADRON

X

Note: state
discovered
47+50
minutes

elevations?
Directly overhead

Note

1/2 hour in sight

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5. A. WADENA, MINNESOTA, 739TH ACW SQUADRON

6. A. ~~REDACTED~~S, CARETAKER, ~~REDACTED~~, WADENA, MINNESOTA

B. 1/LT IVAN WEISS, DIRECTOR, 739TH ACW SQUADRON, WADENA, MINN

7. A. ALEXANDER 1200 SCATTERED VISIBILITY 15

B. LEVEL DIRECTION KNOTS

SURFACE WNW 11

6500 N 20

10,000 NW 15

16,000

20,000

30,000

50,000

80,000

C. NO CEILING

D. CLEAR

E. N/A

8. A. N/A

9. A. N/A

10. A. N/A

11. A. DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, 31ST AIR DIVISION. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT SIGHTING WAS IN ALL PROBABILITY A STAR OF UNUSUAL BRIGHTNESS AND SIZE. HOWEVER FOR THE PERIOD REPORTED NO BALLOONS OR PLANES WERE RELEASED OR FLYING. CHECK WAS MADE WITH WESSONS BALLOON RESEARCH AND GENERAL MILLS INC. ALSO CAA FACILITIES WERE CHECKED. NEGATIVE REPORTS WERE RECEIVED.

BT 04/1757Z

1. Hummingbird (9)
2. X shape (?)
3. 20-30 min in sight
4. Dually overheard
Almanac + star charts indicate MARS directly overhead between 0700-0800 clock.
Prof. ASTRO
GTH

WRN121 WPF002 YDA184MN

RR RJEDNG RJEDWP

DE RJEDEN 147

R 082030Z

FM COMDR 4602D AISS ENT AFB COLO

TO RJEDNG/COMDR 765TH ACW SQ FINLAND AFS MINN

INFO RJEDWP/COMDR AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WPAFB OHIO

BT

/UNCLAS/AISOC 015 PD REF UFOB SIGHTED IN YOUR AREA ON 05/0600Z JAN
57 AND REPORTED BY LOWRY FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER PD FLIGHT SERVICE
STATED THAT INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO YOUR ORGANIZATION PD REQUEST
ANY INFORMATION YOU HAVE ON CITY AND STATE IN WHICH SIGHTING WAS
MADE PD NO INFORMATION EXISTS ON THIS MATTER AT LOWRY FLIGHT SERVICE
PD REQUEST INFO REPLY TO COMDR AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
PD END

BT

08/2120Z JAN RJEDEN

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Info di
4602
9 JAN 57 10 33

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2} 3 4XL a
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SECTION 4602D AISS ENT AFB COLO

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08:35

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Info. by from
4602

WPHC18 WPC389 YDE326TNGA93KKG11 JAN 57 09 01

RR RJEDEN RJEDWP

DE RJEDNG 23F

R 102215Z

FM COMDR 756TH ACW SQDN, MINNAPOLIS MINNESOTA

TO RJEDEN/COMDR 462ND AISS ENT AFB COLO

INFO RJEDWP/COMDR ATIC WRIGHT PATERSON AFB OHIO

BT

/U N C L A S S I F I E D/756-15-A-23 REFERENCE YOUR MESSAGE AISOC 015

DATED 3 JAN 57. UFOB NOT SIGHTED IN OUR AREA. UFOB SIGHTED IN AREA OF
739TH ACW SQDN., WADENA MINNESOTA. INFO ON UFOB CALLED TO CONTROL
CENTER AT MINNEAPOLIS MINNESOTA WHO IN TURN CALLED OUR SITE TO BE ON
LOOKOUT FOR OBAECT BUT WAS NOT DETECTED BY OUR SQUADRON. FOR FURTHER
INFO SUGGEST YOU CONTACT CONTROL CENTER OR 739TH ACW SQUADRON.

BT

10/2315Z JAN RJEDNG

Hold for more info

RECEIVED
JAN 11 1957

ATIC
JAN 11

08:40

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2}

3-4X2a

Handwritten signature

ATIC

22 JAN 57 10 18

THL 3 WPD 43 YDA 4 HMA 31

RR RJEDNS RJEDUP

DE RJEDEN 294

R 21233

FM CONDR 43 AND AISS INT AFB COLG

TO RJEDNC/CONDR 739 ACW ST WADENY AFB MINN

INFO RJEDUP/CONDR AIR TECH INTLEL CENT WRIGHT PATT AFB OHIO

BT

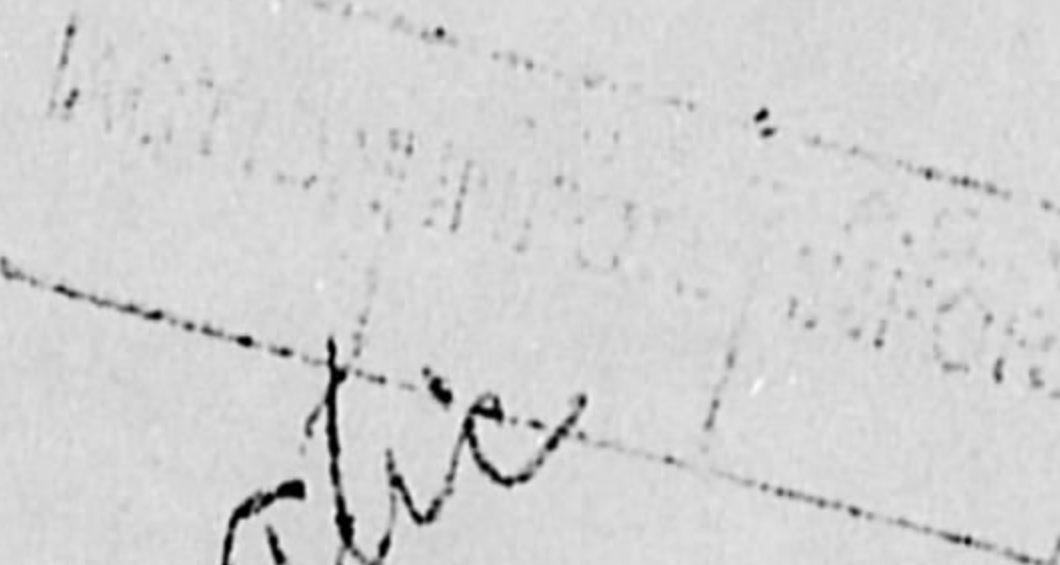
UNCLAS/AISOC 052 PD REFERENCE MY MESSAGE AITOC 22 DTC 11/2 5 "

JAN 57 PD IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 4D AND SC CHN AFR 222-2

REQUEST EXPEDITIONARY REPLY PD END

BT

01/23/57 JAN RJEDEN



22 JAN 57

08:04

1} 4E4

2}

3-4X2a

AD

739th AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING SQUADRON (ADC)

UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WADENA AIR FORCE STATION
WADENA, MINNESOTA



OPS

22 January 1957

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

1. In reference to AISS message AISOC 028, dated 11 January 1957,
subject: UFOB Sighted In Our Area, the requested information copy is
attached and submitted.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

1 Inc.
Info on UFOB

Thomas A. Kustelski, Capt.
THOMAS A KUSTELSKI
1st Lt., USAF
Adjutant

2. STATEMENT AS TO OPTICAL AIDS (TELESCOPES, BINOCULARS, AND SO FORTH) USED AND DESCRIPTION THEREOF.

Used Binoculars

3. IF THE SIGHTING IS MADE WHILE AIR-BOAT, GIVE TYPE AIRCRAFT, IDENTIFICATION NUMBER, ALTITUDE, HEADING, SPEED AND HOME STATION.

N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

1. ZULU TIME-DATE GROUP OF SIGHTING:

14/0730Z January 1957

2. LIGHT CONDITIONS (USE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TERMS): NIGHT, DAY, DAWN, DUSK.

Night

- E. LOCATIONS OF OBSERVERS: EXACT LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE OF EACH OBSERVER, OR GROUND POSITION, OR POSITION WITH REFERENCE TO A KNOWN LANDMARK.

- F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBSERVER(S):

1. CIVILIAN --- NAME, AGE, MAILING ADDRESS, OCCUPATION AND ESTIMATE OF RELIABILITY.

2. MILITARY --- NAME GRADE, ORGANIZATION, DUTY, AND ESTIMATE OF RELIABILITY.

Ivan R. Weiss, 1st Lt., USAF, 739th ACW Squadron, Controller

- G. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING:

1. OBSERVERS ACCOUNT OF WEATHER CONDITIONS.

2. ^{Clear} REPORT FROM NEAREST AWS OR U. S. WEATHER BUREAU OFFICE OF WIND DIRECTION AND VELOCITY IN DEGREES AND KNOTS AT SURFACE 6,000', 10,000', 16,000', 20,000', 30,000', 50,000', AND 80,000', IF AVAILABLE.

3. ^{5,000-310/20, 10,000-320/15, 15,000-300/15, 20,000-330/20, 30,000-280/25, 50,000-310/30. Others not available.} CLOUDS.

None

4. AMOUNT OF CLOUD COVER.

None

5. THUNDERSTORMS IN AREA AND QUADRANT IN WHICH LOCATED.

None

- H. ANY OTHER UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OR OBSERVATION, METEOROLOGICAL, ASTRONOMICAL, OR OTHERWISE, WHICH MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR THE SIGHTING.

- I. ^{None} EXISTENCE OF ANY PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF THE SIGHTING SUCH AS TRACKS AND PHOTOGRAPHS.

- J. ^{None} INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN.

- K. ^{None} LOCATION OF ANY AIR TRAFFIC IN THE AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING.

- L. ^{None} POSITION TITLE AND COMMENTS OF THE PREPARING OFFICER, INCLUDING HIS PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF THE POSSIBLE CAUSE OF THE SIGHTING.

Ivan R. Weiss, 1st Lt., USAF, Controller

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS SHOULD BE ASKED OF THE OBSERVER OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT. THIS FORM WILL THEN BE TURNED OVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT(S):

1. WHAT WAS THE SHAPE OF THE OBJECT(S)?
Crossed bars with luminous balls on ends
2. SIZE COMPARED TO A KNOWN OBJECT (USE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TERMS: HEAD OF A PIN, PEA, DIE, NICKEL, QUARTER, HALF DOLLAR, SILVER DOLLAR, BASE BALL, GRAPEFRUIT, OR BASKETBALL) HELD IN THE HAND AT ABOUT ARMS LENGTH.
Compared to Silver Dollar
3. WAS THE OBJECT COLORED? WHAT COLOR?
Multi-colored
4. HOW MANY OBJECTS WERE SIGHTED?
One
5. WERE THEY FLYING IN ANY PARTICULAR FORMATION? IF SO, GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF FORMATION?
None
6. ANY DISCERNIBLE FEATURES OR DETAILS?
Looked like child's jack--revolved
7. TAIL, TRAIL, OR EXHAUST, INCLUDING SIZE OF SAME COMPARED TO SIZE OF OBJECT(S).
None
8. SOUND? IF HEARD, DESCRIBE SOUND.
None
9. OTHER PERTINENT OR UNUSUAL FEATURES.
None

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT(S):

1. WHAT FIRST CALLED YOUR ATTENTION TO THE OBJECT(S)?
Michael (P-29) Controller called; said he had observed a UFOB
2. ANGLE OF ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF THE OBJECT(S) WHEN FIRST OBSERVED?
090 degrees at 5,000 to 10,000 ft
3. ANGLE OF ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF OBJECT(S) UPON DISAPPEARANCE?
090 degrees at 10,000 feet
4. DESCRIPTION OF FLIGHT PATH AND MANEUVERS OF OBJECT(S).
Yawing erratically
5. MANNER OF DISAPPEARANCE OF OBJECT(S)?
Flew out of sight
6. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT?
20 minutes

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

1. USE ONE OR ANY COMBINATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: GROUND-VISUAL, AIR-VISUAL, GROUND-ELECTRONIC, AIR-ELECTRONIC. (IF ELECTRONIC, SPECIFY TYPE OR RADAR.)
Ground Visual