

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 12 February 1957		2. LOCATION 10 Mi S of Ottumwa, Iowa		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☒ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2100 GMT 13/0300Z		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 Civilian Airlines		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5-6 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE appeared to W		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING A/C almost collided with round, white object size of basketball at 7000 ft.			11. COMMENTS WX balloon station located at Des Moines, Iowa. UFO reported SE, and almost exact bearing (310-320) from this station. Wind directions at UFO altitude (310) almost coincide. A/C undoubtedly came across balloon.		

- A. ROUND
- B. BASKETBALL
- C. WHITE
- D. 7 1

REPT.
Check thoroughly

- E. N/A
- F. BRIGHT LIGHT, SOLID AND LARGE
- G. NONE REPORTED

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H. NONE REPORTED

I. ACFT ALTERED COURSE TO MISS OBJECT. IT SEEMED THAT OBJECT ALSO ALTERED ITS COURSE. AIR BECAME TURBUVENT.

2. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT

A. LARGE WHITE LIGHT ON COLLISION COURSE.

B. ON SAME LEVEL OF FLIGHT PATH OF ACFT WHICH WAS AT 7000 MSL.

C. 270 DEGREES *observed in the west*

D. CONTINUED WESTERLY DIRECTION NO UNUSUAL ACTIONS NOTED. *Ballon's path - to west*

E. DISAPPEARED FROM SITE.

F. FIVE TO SIX MINUTES. *length of time in sight!*

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

A. AIR TO AIR VISUAL

B. EYES

C. BEEHCRAFT BONANZA, NC2728V, UPPP MSL, PEP DEGREES, QTP KTS

4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

A. 130300Z

B. NIGHT

*see below for
7000 ft altitude
wind/direction
at approx. this
altitude.*

0300 - 0900

1. TIME

2. DATE

3. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

4. BEECHCRAFT BOEING MC3158A 10000 HGT. 100 DEGREES 010 HRS

5. TYPE

6. VIS TO VIS AIRCRAFT

7. NUMBER OF OBSERVATION

8. TIME TO SIX MINUTES

9. DISAPPEARED FROM SIGHT

10. CONTINUED WESTWARD DIRECTION NO IMMEDIATE ACTIONS NOTED

11. 510 DEGREES

12. ON SAME TRACK OF FLIGHT PATH OF ACFT WHICH WAS AT 1000 HGT.

13. THREE MILE FLIGHT ON COLLISION COURSE

14. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT

15. WGT. VISIBLE 112 COURSE. VIS BECAME UNUSUAL

16. ACFT VISIBLE COURSE TO 1122 OBJECT. IT REEMERGED 1123

ATTC

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Witness

WPG083 YMC053 11 FEB 73 10000 HGT. 100 DEGREES 010 HRS

PP RJEDEN RJEDKF RJEDWP RJEPHQ

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P 130500Z

FM HQ LOWRY AFB COLO

TO RJEDEN/ADC ENT AFB CTLOSPRINGS COLO

RJEDWP/WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEPHQ/HQ USAF WASHDC

RJEDKF/20TH AIR DIVISION GRANDVIEW AFB MO

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TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE

7. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT

THIS MESSAGE RELEASED
SUBJECT TO CORRECTION

CIRVIS

5. LOCATION OF OBSERVER

• 10 MILES SOUTH OF OTTUMWA IOWA

6. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBSERVERS:

Note: This is 75 miles SW
of Des Moines, WA
Balloon Landing site

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CIVILIAN, ~~REDACTED~~ AGE MISSING, YWO WND AVE S E

7. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTINGS:

A. CLEAR

B. SURFACE WINDS 270 DEGREES AT 88KTS.,
30 KTS, ~~QPPPP~~ ^{6000 310} ~~EQP~~ DEGREES AT 40 KTS.

C. NONE

D. 15 PLUS

E. NONE

F. NONE

8. NONE

9. NONE

10. NONE REPORTED

11. LOWRY FLIGHT SERVICE OPS OFFICER NO COMMENT

12. NONE

BT

13/0510Z FEB RJWFAM

629 2ND

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6000

YPPPP

MSL EST

310

DEGREES AT

310° 40k

Winds agree

DES MOINES

OTTUMWA

Almost exact
bearing of Des
Moines, WA location
with respect to
blaze it.

Prob. Balloons

No op for In. Report
required