

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 March 1957	2. LOCATION Tampa, Florida		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other Prob Searchlight ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ CMT 21/0050Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION approx three minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE see below	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One large light--no solid part visible due to darkness. Object was orange to firey glow. Object moved north, then stopped. turned 180 dgr & went South rapidly. Object was seen visually and through binoculars for approximately three minutes.		11. COMMENTS This sighting was probably caused by searchlight activity in the area reflecting off clouds.	

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PP RJEDEN RJEDWP RJEPHQ RJEPNB ✓
DE RJESKB 2D
P 212030Z
FM COMDR 660TH ACWRON MACDILL AFB FLA
TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLO
RJESKB/COMDR 35TH ADIV DOBBINS AFB GA
RJEDWP/COMDR AIR TECH INT CNTR WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO
RJEPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INT HQ USAF WASH 25, D. C.
INFO RJEPNB/COMDR EADF STEWAJT AFB NY
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UNCLASSIFIED D/OPS 01461 PD ATTN EADF CIO PD

- 1. LARGE LIGHT NO SOLID PART VISIBLE DUE TO DARKNESS PD
- A. NOT DEFINITE OBSERVER SAID IT WAS MORE ROUND THAN ANYTHING ELSE PD
- B APPROXIMATELY SAME AS A/C LANDING LIGHTS
- C ORANGE TO FIREY GLOW
- D ONE
- E NONE
- F NONE
- G NONE
- H NONE

See comments of
reporting officer regarding
searchlights in the vicinity
* below.

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ATTC

1. NONE

2. NORTH THEN STOPPED -TURNED 180 AND WENT SOUTH RADIDLY

-A WAS OUTSIDE WITH FRIEND AND IT CAUGHT HIS ATTENTION AS BEING A BRIGHT
STAJ PD

B 10-15 DEGREES AND TO THE SOUTH PD

C VERY HIGH AND TO THE SOUTH PD

D STRAIGHT SLOW COURSE FROM THE SOUTH HOVERED (1 MIN APPROX) CLIMBED
TO THE NORTH VERY HIGH DARTED SOUTH OUT OF SIGHT

E WENT OUT OF SIGHT PD

F APPROX 3 MIN PD

3. GROUND VISUAL

A GROUND VISUAL

B NONE

C N/A

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B DUSK

5. 17 MILES N. W. MACDILL LAKE ELLEN TAMPA, FLA

6. MR. [REDACTED] UNKNOWN [REDACTED] TAMPA FLA PH [REDACTED]

THIS MAN SAYS HE WAS IN THE NAVY AS AN AVAITION MACHINIST FOR

6 YEARS AND FLEW MOST OF THE TIME PD

7. 30,000 FT 290 DEGREES 100 KNOTS HIGH BROKEN CIRUS

A VERY CLEAR NO CLOUDS IN SIGHT

B SURFACE W 4 60 280/15, 100 280/20, 1160 271/30 200 280/40,

C , 26,000 BROKEN SCATTERED

REMARK: WEATHER FORECASTER (M/SGT FREDERICK) AT MACDILL BASE
OPS STATED THAT A WX BALLOON WAS RELEASED AT TAMPA INT AIRPORT AT
1600 E AND THAT THE BALLOON WAS 12 TO 16 FEET IN DIAMETER AND THE
SETTING SUN COULD POSSIBLY MAKE IT APPEAR ORANGE . AT THE TIME OF THE
SIGHTING THE BALLOON HAD SUFF TIME TO REACH

THE JET STREAM THAT WAS PRESENT OVER MCDILT ET 30 TO 40,000 FT
280 DEGREES TO 100 DEGREES(THIS INFORMATION WAS TOLD TO OBSERVER AND
HE IS CERTAIN IT COULD NOT POSSIBLY BEEN A BAALLOON PD

D 15 MILES

E BROKEN CIRUS

F NONE

8. NONE

9. N/A

11. 1A/C SE OF OBJECT AND IT TURNED TOWARD IT

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11. LOG AIR 1833 M A C-46 WWS AIR/BORNE OF RUNWAY 22 JUST PRIOR TO
REPORT , AT TIME OF REPORT A/C WAS APPROXIMATELY SAME AJEA OF UFOB.
THIS INFO FROM BASE OPS A/C DESTINATION WAS WARNER ROBBINS . WE
CALLED WRB AND TALKED TO PILOTS.(FOR RESULTS SEE 21/0415Z ENTRY
IN DIRECTORS LOG) SGT RUDY AT BASE OPS CALLED DIFFERENT TOWERS IN TPA
AREA . ALL MEN REPORTED NEGATIVE SIGHTING PD MOVING ADVERTISING SEARCH
LITES WERE SEEN INTERSECTING A THIN CLOUD LAYER AT THE SAME TIME AND
PLACE PD THE BEST CORRELATION OF UFOB SIGHTING APPEARS TO BE OF THE
SEARCHLIGHT REFLECTION FROM THE CLOUDS PD

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On the basis of the above
info and correlated data
given - Encour:
Auto Searchlight
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11. TWO SE OF OBJECT AND IN LATERAL 10441 11

12. NAV

13. WOME

14. WOLE

15. BROKER CIBRE

16. 72 HINES

HE IS CERTAIN IN COME FOR ROSEBETTER BEEN A BAVTPOO BY

SEE RECHER TO FOR RECHER: THIS INFORMATION WAS LONG TO CERTAIN THE

THE SEE ALTHOR LANE ARE BAVTPOO OFF ALTHOR EL 02 10 10:00 EL

SIGHTING THE BAVTPOO WAS 11.15 TO 11.30

CHARTER THE COME BAVTPOO WAS IN THEWY CHARTER. 11.15 11.30 EL

1900 11.15 11.30 BAVTPOO WAS 12 10 10 11.15 11.30 EL

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