

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 22 March 1957	2. LOCATION Center Sandwich, New Hamp		12. CONCLUSIONS ☒ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 22/2300Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar Surveyors transit & BX ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilians (about 50)		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 40 mins to 1 hour	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE stationary to NE rising	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One round object, pink to red, seen stationary in the Northeast. Object hovered in one area continuously for approximately 40 minutes to one hour. Object disappeared by fading out.		11. COMMENTS Description, duration and the fact that one Source thought the obj was a balloon, indicate that this sighting was caused by a weather balloon.	

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REFERENCES (BAIR Subject, previous reports, etc., as applicable)		SRI NO. ACTIVE		
None				
SUBJECT (Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects)				
Unidentified Flying Object				
SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies)				
Inclosed is an unidentified flying object report. Observation of UFOB was by approximately fifty (50) people in the town of Center Sandwich, New Hampshire. The principal observers were Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED], Mr. [REDACTED], Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] and their son [REDACTED] and Major [REDACTED], USAF, Retired, postmaster of Center Sandwich.				
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1. Description of object:

- a. Shape: Round
- b. Size: Larger than a B-47 aircraft.
- c. Color: Pink to red.
- d. Number: One object seen by all observers except Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] who claim a second object joined the first momentarily, then both rose to great heights and disappeared.
- e. Formation: N/A
- f. Features: Three illuminating lights equally spaced around the object.
- g. No tail, trail or exhaust.
- h. Sound: None

2. Description and course of object:

- a. Observers attention first drawn to object while casually looking at the sky.
- b. Angle of observation: High in the sky in a northeast direction from the observers.
- c. Angle of elevation and azimuth of object upon disappearance: Same as above.
- d. Description of flight path and maneuvers of object: Hovered in one area continuously for approximately 40 minutes to one hour. Mr. [REDACTED] observed the object through a surveyor's transit for approximately 25 minutes. During this time the object hovered between 357° and 020° magnetic.
- e. Manner of disappearance of object: Rose high in the sky and disappeared.
- f. Length of time in sight: Forty minutes to one hour.

3. Manner of Observation:

- a. Ground visual
- b. Optical aids: Surveyor's transit and binoculars.
- c. Airborne sightings: N/A

4. Time and date of sighting:

- a. 2300 Zulu to 2400 Zulu, 22 March 1957.
- b. Light conditions: Twilight

5. Locations of observers: Center Sandwich, New Hampshire.

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6. Identifying information of all observers:

a. Civilian: Mr. [REDACTED] Center Sandwich, manager of a lumber mill; Mrs. [REDACTED] Center Sandwich, housewife; Mr. [REDACTED] Center Sandwich, realtor; Mr. [REDACTED] RFD 1, Center Harbor, occupation unknown; Mrs. [REDACTED] RFD 1, Center Harbor, housewife; [REDACTED] RFD 1, Center Harbor, high school student.

b. Military: Major [REDACTED] USAF, Retired, Center Sandwich, postmaster.

7. Weather and winds aloft, conditions at time and place of sightings:

a. Observers account of weather conditions: Clear, visibility good.

b. Report from nearest AWS or US Weather Bureau: Surface wind N/NW at 7 knots. Surface temperature 48°F. Wind at 6,000 feet 20°/20 knots; wind at 10,000 feet 20°/25 knots; wind at 16,000 feet 320°/30 knots; wind at 30,000 feet 280°/35 knots; wind at 50,000 feet 280°/25 knots.

c. Ceiling: 25,000 feet.

d. Visibility: 30 to 40 miles.

e. Amount of cloud cover: 5/8 thin cirrus.

f. Thunderstorms in area: None

8. Unusual activity: None

9. Interception or identification action taken: None

10. Air traffic: One F-86P prior to sighting.

11. Position title and comments of preparing officer: The control room at PAFB received a call from Mr. [REDACTED] between 1900 and 1910 hours on 22 March 1957. The investigation team composed of Capt Anthony, Capt Blue, and M/Sgt Sayer arrived in Center Sandwich, N.H. at 0630 hours on 23 March 1957, and remained for approximately four (4) hours. Although the total number of people who saw the object was approximately fifty (50), (this estimate given by Mr. [REDACTED]) the statements of 15 people interviewed are similar, therefore only the names of the principal observers are included in this report. Mr. [REDACTED] who observed the object through a transit is of the opinion that it was a weather balloon. All other persons who observed the object have no opinion as to what it was, other than a strange object in the sky. [REDACTED] supposedly took four (4) photographs of the object. When developed by the Photo Lab at PAFB, the film was completely blank. During the period the team investigated the incident no unusual or strange objects were visible in the sky.

12. Existence of physical evidence: None

Paul's balloon

PAUL J. ANTHONY, Capt, USAF
Investigating Officer

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