

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 4 November 1957		2. LOCATION 4 Mi SE of Astoria, Mo.		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 04/2130Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE not given	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Egg shaped object, bright orange, very bright.				11. COMMENTS Without wind data, cannot properly evaluate. However, from descrip- tion could be balloon. Case listed as insufficient data.	

04/2130Z
1 witness

4 NOV

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FM COMDR 20TH AIR DIV

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC

RJEDFL/COMDR AIR TECHICRI. INTELLIGENCE CENTER

RJEPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTER USAF

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH JCADF INTERIM CHANGE 1 TO CONAD 55-1

THE FOLLOWING UFOB IS SUBMITTED:

A 1. EGG

2. SIZE DFA STORAGE BE.

3. BRIGHT ORANGE

4. 1

5. NA

6. NONE

7.

8. NONE

9. NONE

B. 1. PILOT WAS BELOW OVERCAST AND OBJECT WAS VERY BRIGHT

2. 23. 3000 FT FROM ABOUT 5 MI AWAY *in what direction*

4. NONE

5. PASSED OVER OBJECT ← *NOTE! Passed over object. should have got better look AT object.*

6. 10 MINUTES

C. 1. VISUAL OBSERVATION

2. NONE USED

3. DC-3 D-1359 270 HEADING 150 KTS SPEED ST. LOUIS, MO

D. 1. NOV 4, 2130Z-2140Z *2130-6 = 1530*

2. DAY

Nov 6 03 20 '57

POSS
balloon

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4 - 4X 20

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2. (, -

REPEATING LAST LINE

2. NA

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3.

No wind DATA GIVEN.

4. FAIR 7 MILES

5. OVERCAST

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J. 1. NONE

K. 1ST LT. JAMES PROWELL. 798 AC&W NO COMMENTS

L. NONE

BT

05/2355Z NOV RJEDKF

*with out the wind data, cannot
evaluate; however, the description
of the object is of a balloon.*

POSS balloon

MEMO ROUTING SLIP		NEVER USE FOR APPROVALS, DISAPPROVALS, CONCURRENCES, OR SIMILAR ACTIONS	
1 NAME OR TITLE	<i>Capt Gray</i>	INITIALS	CIRCULATE
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION		DATE	COORDINATION
2	<i>Memo to Self.</i>		FILE
	<i>Dictate tomorrow</i>		INFORMATION
3			NECESSARY ACTION
	<i>Telephone</i>		NOTE AND RETURN
4	<i>Report from investigators</i>		SEE ME
	<i>in the field.</i>		SIGNATURE
REMARKS			
<i>Report from investigation - field:</i> <i>1. Stokes Kentland was influenced by Lovelland, Tex. sighting.</i> <i>2. Appears to retell publicly.</i> <i>3. Passes himself off as engineer to Radio, TV & Press to whom he gave story 1st. - but is actually a technician.</i> <i>4. Probably saw conventional object, and</i>			
FROM NAME OR TITLE		DATE	
<i>made it appear similar to Lovelland case.</i>			
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION		TELEPHONE	
<i>5. Inconsistent in his story.</i>			

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JOINT MESSAGEFORM				SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED			
SPACE BELOW RESERVED FOR COMMUNICATION CENTER							
ORO GRANDE, NEW MEX INCIDENT 4 NOV 57 (See Part IV)							
PRECEDENCE		TYPE MSG (Check)			ACCOUNTING SYMBOL	ORIG. OR REFERS TO	CLASSIFICATION OF REFERENCE
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INFO PRIORITY				X			
FROM: COMDR ATIC TO: ACS/1, WASHINGTON, D.C. ATTN: AFCIN-XL MAJ BYRNES [REDACTED] L/FROM: AFCIN-4E4 CITE IC 41030 REFERENCE PREVIOUS MESSAGE IN EIGHT PARTS, DTD 8 NOVEMBER 1957. THIS IS ADDITIONAL INFO RE HIGHLY PUBLICIZED INCIDENTS. REF. PART I OF PREVIOUS MSG: INVESTIGATION OF ANOTHER SOURCE IN AREA WHO CLAIMS THAT HIS IGNITION STALLED AT TIME OF [REDACTED] SIGHTING, DISCLOSED THAT HIS DISTRIBUTOR ROTOR WAS CHANGED IN HIS TRUCK DAY BEFORE. FURTHER, STATEMENT FROM MECHANIC INDICATES THAT PIECE OF OLD ROTOR LATER FOUND WEDGED IN BETWEEN POINTS. REF. PART IV, [REDACTED] INCIDENT: HOSPITAL EXAMINATION REVEALS NO BURNS ON [REDACTED] UNDER EXAMINATION ADMITS THAT HE HAD EXPERIENCED RADIO FADE-OUT IN THAT AREA PREVIOUSLY. WITNESSES WHOM [REDACTED] CLAIMS TO HAVE JOTTED DOWN CANNOT BE FOUND AFTER DILIGENT SEARCH. [REDACTED] EVALUATED AS UNRELIABLE BY AF INVESTIGATORS.						SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS Flash Rept sent to Wash by Capt Gregory, upon request of Hadgimatis for any comment of press - became queries T57-30530	
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COMDR AFIC

REF PART IV, MILITARY PATROLS INCIDENTS: INVESTIGATION
MADE OF 3 OR 4 MEMBERS WHO OBSERVED UFOS AT SEPARATE
TIMES IN WHITE SANDS PROVING GROUNDS. FOLLOWING DISCLOSED:

- a. SOURCES AGES 17 to 21, QUITE IMPRESSIONABLE.
- b. INDICATED THAT NOT PARTICULARLY OBSERVANT OR ANALYTICAL.
- c. ALL MEMBERS HAD DISCUSSED PHENOMENA AMONG THEMSELVES,
WHICH PROBABLY ACCOUNTS FOR ALMOST IDENTICAL STORIES.
- d. THEY GAVE STORY FIRST TO LOCAL NEWSPAPERS.
- e. ASTRO PLOTS INDICATE VENUS AT ITS MAGNITUDE AT TIME,
PLACE AND DIRECTION OF FIRST PATROL'S OBSERVATION. MOON
IN GENERAL DIRECTION OF SECOND PATROL'S OBSERVATION, WITH
SCATTERED CLOUDS.

PASS ON TO MAJOR TACKER, SAFIS. CAPTAIN GREGORY COULD NOT
CONTACT MAJOR TACKER, MONTS OR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF
DEFENSE OFFICE, SATURDAY. INFORMATION GIVEN TO MISTER
HOWELL. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NEGATIVE GIVEN TO LIFE
MAGAZINE BY SOURCE. AISS DETACHMENT, NORTON AFB SAYS
PRINT WILL BE OBTAINED SOON. ASSUMPTION GIVEN TO MISTER
HOWELL NOW APPEARS VALID.

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THIS MESSAGE IN EIGHT PARTS. REFERENCE NUMEROUS PRESS QUERIES TO HEADQUARTERS USAF AND ATIC DURING LAST THREE DAYS REGARDING UFO INCIDENTS THROUGHOUT U.S. GIVEN WIDE PUBLICITY, AND YOUR REQUEST FOR IMMEDIATE CONCLUSIONS OR FINDINGS. PART I. KEARNEY, NEBRASKA "SPACE SHIP" INCIDENT. SOURCE, [REDACTED] CONSIDERED WHOLLY UNRELIABLE SOURCE. HAS WIDE CRIMINAL RECORD, THREE YEARS IN PENITENTIARY, AND HAS REFUSED TO TAKE LIE DETECTOR TESTS. LOCAL SHERIFF STATES HE CAN BREAK [REDACTED] STORY TO MAKE HIM PERSONALLY ADMIT STORY WAS A HOAX. BELIEVE PORTION OR ALL OF THIS RELEASED TO PRESS. THEREFORE, USAF RELEASE TO PUBLIC CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE. PART II. GULF OF MEXICO, COAST GUARD CUTTER "SABEGO" SIGHTING 200 MILES SOUTH OF NEW ORLEANS. FACTS SOMEWHAT							
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CONTRARY TO PRESS REPORTS. FROM LIMITED DATA IN OFFICIAL REPORT, REFERENCE TT MESSAGE CGC SEBAGO WPG 42, COPY YOUR HEADQUARTERS. FOLLOWING CONSIDERED OUR TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS:

- a. IMPRESSION THAT ONLY ONE OBJECT OBSERVED APPEARS ERRONEOUS. FOUR SEPARATE TARGETS INDICATED. 3 ON RADAR, ONE VISUALLY.
- b. EACH TIME SUCCEEDING TARGET PICKED UP IT WAS IN ALMOST DIRECT OPPOSITE DIRECTION FROM PRECEDING TARGET AND SOME DISTANCE AWAY.
- c. A TIME-DISTANCE PLOT INDICATES ONE TARGET RETURN HAD SPEED APPROXIMATELY 250 MPH, ANOTHER 660 MPH, SUGGESTING PROPELLER TYPE AND JET AIRCRAFT RESPECTIVELY.
- d. VISUALLY SIGHTING ONLY 3 SECONDS, BRILLIANT LIKE PLANET, MOVING WITH HIGH SPEED, BUT HORIZONTALLY, REPEAT HORIZONTALLY, AGAIN SUGGESTIVE OF AIRCRAFT.
- e. AREA OF INCIDENT IS SCENE OF MANY FLIGHTS AND OPERATIONS OF NAVY AND AIR FORCE. HOWEVER, WE CANNOT CHECK THE COUNTLESS POSSIBLE ORIGIN OF AIRCRAFT AND THEIR FLIGHT PLANS.
- f. ON BASIS OF ABOVE, MANEUVERS AND SPEEDS SUGGESTIVE OF CONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT FOR MOST PART. HOWEVER, THE SUDDEN APPEARANCE AND DISAPPEARANCE OF THE TARGETS COULD BE INDICATIVE OF SPURIOUS RETURNS (FALSE TARGETS). IN ANY EVENT, MORE THAN ONE RETURN IS INDICATED, CONTRARY TO

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PART III. LEVELLAND, TEXAS, "BLUE LIGHT" CASE. INFORMED BY COMMANDER, 1006TH AISS THAT INVESTIGATION PROCEEDING SATISFACTORILY. FURTHER DATA DISCLOSE FOLLOWING:

- a. CONTRARY TO KEYHOLE'S AND WASHINGTON PRESS REPORTS ONLY THREE, NOT NINE PERSONS WITNESSED INCIDENT.
- b. OBJECT OBSERVED FOR ONLY FEW SECONDS, AND NOT LENGTHY PERIOD AS IMPLIED BY PRESS.
- c. MIST, RAIN, THUNDERSTORMS AND LIGHTNING DISCHARGES IN SCENE OF INCIDENT, FACT NOT QUOTED BY NEWSPAPER RELEASES.
- d. THE FOLLOWING POSSIBILITIES, REPEAT POSSIBILITIES, BEING CHECKED, WHICH COULD RESULT IN UNUSUAL PHENOMENA OBSERVED PARTICULARLY UNDER DARKNESS, MIST AND RAIN: (1) BURNING GAS FROM OIL OPERATIONS IN THE AREA, REFLECTING OFF LOW CLOUD CEILING EXISTING AT THAT TIME, (2) DOWNED POWER LINE GIVING OFF SPARK DISPLAY IN CONTACT WITH WET GROUND, (3) ELECTRICAL DISCHARGE OR SIMILAR PHENOMENA LIKE ST. ELMO'S FIRE CAUSED BY RIGHT COMBINATION OF WEATHER AND OTHER CONDITIONS, AND (4) "BALL LIGHTNING" A RARE, BUT NEVERTHELESS, POSSIBILITY IN VIEW OF LIGHTING DISCHARGES IN VICINITY.

PART IV. SIGHTING AROUND WHITE SAND PROVING GROUND, NEW MEXICO AREA. INFORMED THAT MAJOR GENERAL LEIGHTON DAVIS, COMMANDER HAS SET UP INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO SIGHTINGS. REPORTED THAT PRINCIPAL [REDACTED] ENGINEER

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WITH THE MISSILE DEVELOPMENT CENTER, WHO MADE A STATEMENT TO ALAMOGORDO RADIO STATION REGARDING SUNBURN GIVEN OFF BY HEAT OF FLYING OBJECT THAT MADE A PASS NEAR HIS LOCATION, WAS TAKEN TO HOSPITAL FOR OBSERVATION.

PART V. REFERENCE DEMANDS OF [REDACTED] FOR RETURN OF HIS SAUCER FILM ALLEGEDLY WITHHELD BY THE AIR FORCE. MAYNER IS TELEVISION EDITOR OF TV STATION KQWT, CLEVELAND. HAS PUBLICLY ACCUSED AF OF THIS. FOLLOWING IS QUOTED FROM LETTER TO AFCIN-X, DATED 9 MARCH 1954. QUOTE 1. AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER HAS NO RECORD OF HAVING RECEIVED SUBJECT FILM FROM (MARINE) PRIVATE RALPH MAYNER. 2. LIFE MAGAZINE, IN RECENT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH ATIC, INDICATED THAT IT (FILM) HAD BEEN ORIGINALLY TURNED OVER TO A NAVAL BASE. IF THIS IS THE CASE, THE FILM WOULD HAVE REMAINED WITH NAVAL INTELLIGENCE. UNQUOTE. IT APPEARS THAT [REDACTED] DESIRES TO COMMERCIALIZE ON THE CURRENT "SAUCER SIGHTINGS" FUROR.

PART VI. REGARDING POSSIBLE DECLASSIFICATION AND RELEASE OF BRIEFING GIVEN TO MEMBER OF OFFICE OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, DR. ROBERTSON, REFERENCE IS MADE TO FORM AFHQ O-86 MESSAGE TO AFCIN-X1, DATED 18 OCTOBER 57, ATTENTION: MAJOR BYRNE ON SAME SUBJECT. IN BRIEF, THIS CENTER INTERPOSES NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE. HOWEVER, DECISION TO RELEASE LIES WITH AFCIN AND SAFIS.

PART VII. ATTENTION IS INVITED TO FACT THAT MEMBER OF

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NICAP WAS IMMEDIATELY DISPATCHED TO LEVELLAND TEXAS TO INVESTIGATE. SIGNIFICANT TO POINT OUT THAT ALTHOUGH THIS ORGANIZATION CONTINUOUSLY IMPLIES USAF NOT QUALIFIED TO INVESTIGATE, OR DO NOT RELEASE THEIR FINDINGS, IT HAS NOT MADE ANY STATEMENTS REGARDING ITS OWN FINDINGS OR CONCLUSIONS. DESIRABLE IF NICAP WOULD MAKE ITS FINDINGS KNOWN FIRST, THEN USAF COULD QUERY HOW ANALYSIS PERFORMED AND CONCLUSIONS DERIVED. IN ALL PROBABILITY NICAP WILL LET USAF MAKE FIRST STATEMENT, THEN WILL MAKE THE USUAL CHARGES. PART VIII. MAKING CHECK FOR INFORMATION REGARDING ATIC'S ENTRY INTO UFO PROGRAM AND EARLY HISTORY REGARDING DOCUMENTS WHICH BROUGHT THIS ABOUT.

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