

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE December 1957		2. LOCATION Rector, Arkansas		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 02/0545Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE W by SW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round, white object, larger than a star. Object was slowly descending; as it neared the earth its brightness faded to a reddish or orange glow and became invisible. As light changed from its brightness to a reddish glow, it was observed that there seemed to be some sort of explosive material causing this change in color. Object appeared to burn out.				11. COMMENTS Azimuth & elevation not given making it impossible to properly evaluate this sighting. Object possibly astronomical object setting.	

02/0545Z

1 Witness

HEADQUARTERS
461ST BOMBARDMENT WING, TACTICAL
United States Air Force
Blytheville Air Force Base, Arkansas

2 Dec 57 1711
Rector, Ark

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12 DEC 1957

SUBJECT: UFOB

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

1. The following information received this headquarters on 10 December 1957 is submitted in accordance with AFR 200-2, 12 August 1954.

a. Report Format used as prescribed by AFR 200-2.

(1) Description of the object:

(a) Round

(b) Size was larger than a star

(c) White

(d) One

(e) N/A

(f) Light made by object was outstanding from all other visible lights in the sky.

(g) N/A

(h) N/A

(i) Object was slowly descending to earth; as it neared the earth its brightness faded to a reddish or orange glow and became invisible. As light changed from its brightness to a reddish glow, it was observed that there seemed to be some sort of explosive material or fuel causing this change in color.

(2) Description of course of object:

(a) through (c) N/A *NO ELEVATION or AZIMUTH GIVEN!*

(d) West by Southwest

(e) Object appeared to burn out.

(f) Twenty (20) minutes

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(3) Manner of observation:

(a) Ground-visual.

(b) N/A

(c) N/A

(4) Time and date of sighting:

(a) 020545Z December 1957 0545-6 = 2345-

(b) Night

(5) Location of Observer: Route #2, Rector, Arkansas

(6) Identifying information of Observer:

(a) Sidney Dortch

(b) N/A

(7) Weather and winds-aloft conditions at time and place of sightings:

(a) Unknown

(b) Winds, direction and velocity:

6,000'	- 270°/35K W
10,000'	- 280°/30K W
16,000'	- 280°/30K W
20,000'	- 280°/40K W
30,000'	- 280°/65K W

(c) Ceiling: unlimited

(d) Visibility: Clear, 10-15 miles on surface

(e) Amount of cloud cover: no clouds

(f) N/A

(8) through (12) N/A.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Clyde W. Gray

CLAYD W. GRAY
Captain, USAF
Assistant Adjutant

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Comdr, 9th AF

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Headquarters, Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado

TO: Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: AFCIN 4E4,
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

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