

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 3 December 1957		2. LOCATION WNW of Clinton, Tennessee		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 04/0105Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☒ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 22 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE descending	
				☒ Other weather RETURNS ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object, size of quarter, same return as a/c, disappeared in ground clutter.				11. COMMENTS The size of the return is indicative of the return from a storm center.	

DISPOSITION FORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (If any)

FILE NO.

SUBJECT

Request for Analysis, Radar UFO

TO AFCIN-4E1
ATTN: Mr. Bryant

FROM AFCIN-4E4

DATE 25 March 1978 COMMENT NO. 1
AFCIN-4E4/Capt Gregory/mdc/69216

1. In accordance with existing policies request the attached UFO report be reviewed with comment as to your findings submitted herein.

2. Attention is specifically invited to supplementary data with regard to the long duration of the blip and the unusual weather conditions that were existing in the area at that time.

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Henry A. Miley
HENRY A. MILEY
Chief, Air Sciences Division
AFCIN-4E4

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN United States		IR-5-57	
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
AREA REPORT CONCERNS New River, Tennessee		DATE OF REPORT 9 December 1957	
AGENCY OF ORIGIN 663d ACW Squadron Lake City Air Force Station Lake City, Tennessee		DATE OF INFORMATION 4 December 1957	
SOURCE OF INFORMATION Radar Observer		EVALUATION Not Evaluated	
PREPARING OFFICER 1st Lt., Buster E. Horton, Sr. Dir. 663d ACW Squadron			
REFERENCES (Control number, directives, previous report, etc., as applicable)			

SUBJECT

DEC 27 1957

"UFOB"

SUMMARY (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one sentence paragraph. List inclosures. Lower 1. In text of report on AF Form 112a.)

1. The information contained in the inclosed AF Form 112a is considered adequate since the information was derived from radar observers considered qualified in their operations duties.

2. This information was not evaluated by this station since there is no qualified intelligence officer assigned.

3. All radar operator personnel assigned to this unit have been briefed on procedures for obtaining and reporting intelligence information of this nature.

John R. Gibson
JOHN R. GIBSON
Major, USAF
Commander

AFCIN-4E-7 Comments/Conclusions: -

f. Inclosure #6: The evidence presented in this report indicates the possibility that radar reflections from clouds or rain storms caused the unexplained blips. Equipments which operate at S-band usually are more susceptible to weather phenomena than L-band equipments. It is assumed that the search equipment which did not pick up the reported blips was operating in the L-band.

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SUBJECT: Request for Analysis, Radar UFO

TO: AFCIN-4E4

FROM: AFCIN-4E1

DATE: 2 Apr 58 COMMENT NR. 2
AFCIN-4E1a/V. D. Bryant/jc
72131/Bldg 263/P D14

1. At first glance this report resembled what might be expected of the sighting of a weather balloon slowly descending to earth. However, the size of the return (big as a quarter) is more indicative of the return from a storm center. Since the weather was rainy, it is probable that what was seen was weather return.

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n/c

Edwin H. Hoffman
for GORDON C. HOFFMAN
Colonel, USAF
AFCIN-4E1 *may*

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663rd ACW Squadron

IR-5-57

1. Description of the object:

- a. Same as aircraft.
- b. Quarter.
- c. N/A.
- d. One.
- e. N/A.
- f. Continuous decrease in altitude.
- g. N/A.
- h. N/A.
- i. None.

2. Description of course of object:

a. HRI monitor noticed blip on HRI scope. Blip did not appear on search weapon. HRI monitor continued to observe blip until it disappeared in ground clutter.

b. 334° - 29 miles - 38,000.

c. 025° - 37 miles - 9,000.

d. Continuous decline in altitude.

e. Disappeared in ground clutter. ← Note

f. 22 minutes. ← time on scope

3. Manner of observation:

- a. Ground Electronic, AN/FPS-6 (HRI). ← Equipment
- b. None.
- c. N/A.

4. Time and date of sighting:

- a. 0105Z, 4 December 1957.
- b. Night.

Sgt. B. Check Terrain unit -
of radar unit -
See if mountains
or valleys
needed

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5. Location of observer: GJ-FG 4510.

6. Identifying information of all observers:

a. N/A.
b. A/2C Smith, W.P.D., Radar Operator, A/2C Melton, Radar Operator,
1st Lt., Horton, Senior Director, S/Sgt Mathews, Crew Chief, all of 663rd
ACW Squadron. All observers well qualified in their duty titles.

7. Weather and Winds:

- a. Intermittent rain turning colder with snow flurries.
- b. 260° - 100 miles -56° - 35,000.
- c. 12,000.
- d. 10 miles broken.
- e. six tenths to nine tenths.
- f. N/A.

Note 1
weather bad -
wind - rain - snow

8. Any other unusual activity: Snow flurries.

9. Interception or identification action taken: None.

10. Location of air traffic in the area: None.

11. Position title and comments: 1st Lt., Buster E. Horton, Senior Director;
no reasonable solution.

Buster E. Horton

BUSTER E. HORTON

1st Lt., USAF

Senior Director "A" Crew

12. None.

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Comment: From limited data
above, with adverse weather conditions
as indicated, probable cause of
long-standing blips is unidentified
due to temp. increase in weather.