

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 Jan 58		2. LOCATION 10 Mi W of Oxford, N.C.		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical Jupiter ☒ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 20/0500Z to 0630Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian & Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 hr 30 Mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE circling & rising	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Rnd white light, size of car light or basketball. Would come down & go back up w/circling motion.				11. COMMENTS Characteristics of an astronokical sighting are present. Planet Jupiter was in the rptd position & is considered as the obj of the sighting.	

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23/0245Z JAN RJEPJM

Astro Check: (see 2 B above)

If observer
observed bodies
in general East direction,

the following bright stars
were approx 25°
above horizon:

SIRIUS

BETELGEUSE

ALDABERAN

Comment:

1. Check with local unit for general
weather conditions in that area indicates
slight haze.

2. This, as has often been shown, has tendency
to magnify bright bodies - planets like
Venus, or bright stars.

3. In view of inability to determine exact
bearing of object (2 B above), will confer
with reporting officer, prelim. analysis.
Prob. ASTRO

E. N/A

F. N/A

(3) A. GROUND VIS

B. NONE

C. NONE

(4) A. 20/2720Z

B. NIGHT

(5) ONE MILE NORTH EAST OF OXFORD N.C.

(6) A. MR [REDACTED], MILK TRUCK DRIVER AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] OXFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT, OXFORD N.C.

B. NO MILITARY OBSERVERS

(7) A. CLEAR AND GOOD

B. CALM, 6000-270/15, 10000 290/20, 16000 290/40, 20000

290/40, 20000 290/70, 30000 280/30.

Local WX Group - Says slight
haze in that area and up to the
Atlantic Seaboard. (Definition of
'good wx' varies with inhabitants.)

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C. CLEAR

D. 10 MILES

E. NONE

F. NONE

(8) N/A

(9) NONE

(10) ONE A/C IN AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING

(11) GERALD J MARENICH 1ST LT, INTERCEPTOR DIRECTOR

(12) THE OBJECT WAS IDENTIFIED AS A STAR UPON THE ARRIVAL

Time of Sighting:

0700Z-5 = 2:00 AM Local

EST

PP RJEPHQ RJEDDN RJEDSQ

DE RJEPJM 3L

P 202031Z

FM COMDR 632ND ACWRON

TO RJEDDN/COMDR ADC

RJEPJM/COMDR 35TH AIR DIV DEF

RJEDSQ/COMDR AIR TECH INTELLIGENCE CENTER

RJEPHQ/CIR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF

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UNCLASSIFIED FROM 632ND ACWRON-OPR 1-30.

UFOB REPORT.

(1) (A) ROUND ✓

B. CARLIGHT OR BASKETBALL

C. WHITE ✓

D. ONE

E. N/A

F. BRIGHT LIGHT ✓

G. NO TRAILS OR EXHAUST ✓

H. NONE

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I. NONE

(2) A. THE LIGHT ✓

B. 25 DEGREES, ABOVE HORIZON AT 360 DEGREES

CALLER
STINSON
08182
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JAN 21 00 16 '58

1 } 4E4
2 }
3 }

44X20

(44)

a complete circle!
in other words -
a complete circle
back to where
he was facing!!

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4 E4
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DETACHMENT FOUR
4716TH GROUND OBSERVER SQUADRON
United States Air Force
USO Building, 302 Morris Street
Durham, North Carolina
prob
ASTRO
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4716-4 GOS

22 January 1958

SUBJECT: UFOB

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
ATTN: Director of Intelligence
Ent AF Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Inclosed UFOB report is forwarded for your information and
any action deemed necessary by your headquarters.

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UFOB Rpt (Dupl)

Frank W. Byrnes
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Captain, USAF
Commander

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4 FEB 1958

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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6. Identifying information on all observer(s):

a. Civilian:

NAME	AGE	MAILING ADDRESS	OCCUPATION
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See attached sheet

B. Military:

NAME	GRADE	ORGANIZATION	DUTY	ESTIMATE OF RELIABILITY
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[REDACTED]	T/Sgt	Det # [REDACTED]	Filter Center Operations	Good
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7. Weather and winds aloft conditions at time and place of sightings:

a. Observer(s) account of weather conditions: CAVU

b. Report from nearest AWS or US Weather Bureau Office of wind direction and velocity in degrees and knots at: Surface 027/10; 6000 027/15; 10,000 029/20; 16,000 029/40; 20,000 029/40; 30,000 290/70; 50,000 280/70; and 80,000 280/30.

c. Ceiling Unlimited d. Visibility: Ten (10) Miles

e. Amount of cloud cover: None f. Thunderstorms in area and quadrant in which located: None

8. Any other unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting: None

9. Interception or identification action taken (such action may be taken whenever feasible, complying with existing air defense directives): Forwarded to Radar Site (Bathbox)

10. Location of any air traffic in the area at time of sighting: N/A

11. Position title and comments of the preparing officer, including his preliminary analysis of the possible cause of the sighting(s): N/A

12. Existence of physical evidence, such as materials and photographs:

N/A

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

1. A brief description of the object(s):

- a. Shape: Round b. Size: (Compare with known object): Car Light or Basketball c. Color: White Light d. Number 1
- e. Formation (if more than one): N/A
- f. Any discernible features or details: Comes down goes back up bright on ground
- g. Tail, trail, or exhaust, including size of same compared to size of object(s): N/A
- h. Sound (If heard, describe sound): N/A
- i. Other pertinent or unusual features: Bright light hovering one hundred feet over road.

2. Description of course of object(s): Circling - Up, Down

- a. What first called the attention of observer(s) to the object(s):
██████████ said it came close to the road and he had to stop. It was so bright.
- b. Angle of elevation and azimuth of the object(s) when first observed: Above Road c. Angle of elevation and azimuth of object(s) upon disappearance: N/A d. Description of flight path and maneuvers of object(s): Circling and increasing in altitude
- e. Manner of disappearance of object(s): N/A
- f. Length of time in sight: 0500 Z to 0630 Z

3. Manner of observation: Ground-visual

- a. Use on or any combination of the following items: (Ground-visual, ground-electronic, air-electronic. If electronic, specify type of radar: N/A
- b. Statement as to optical aids (telescopes, binoculars, and so forth) used and description thereof: N/A
- c. If the sighting is made while airborne, give type aircraft, identification number, altitude, heading, speed, and home station: N/A

4. Time and date of sighting: 2200 EST to 0430 EST 20 Jan 58

- a. Zulu time-date group of sighting: 0500 20 Jan 58
- b. Light conditions (use one of the following terms): Night, day, dawn, dusk: Night

5. Locations of observer(s). Exact latitude and longitude of each observer, or Georef position, or position with reference to a known landmark:
Mike Golf 1419

Mr. F. V. Hughes

Route #2, Virgilina, Virginia

Mr. [redacted] employee for Pine State Dairy, Oxford, N.C. sighted the object around 1255 EST. He stated, "an illuminated object came down and lighted up the road approximately one hundred yards in front of him and one hundred feet off of the ground."

He stopped his milk truck, got out and watched the object move from his left to the right about five or six miles before it came to a halt. He then went into Oxford, N.C. and reported the incident to patrolman [redacted]

Patrolman [redacted] Department, Oxford, N.C.

Officers [redacted] and [redacted] reported the illuminated object was 400 to 500 yards above the Oxford radio tower and moving towards Henderson, N.C., at 0100 hours EST it stopped, then moved around in a spinning motion. The officers stated that it appeared to move about one or two feet at a time, then it moved back toward them slowly while spinning.

The officers state that they had to make their rounds down town and would observe the object later. Upon arriving again upon the scene it was high and still moving west to east.

Sergeant [redacted], Oxford, N.C.

Sergeant [redacted] stated that he observed the object roughly seven or eight hundred feet off of the ground.

Charles [redacted] Durham, N.C.

Mr. [redacted], who was notified by Sergeant [redacted] of the Oxford Police, stated that he interviewed many persons on the scene who had observed the object. He stated that he was only a bright star in the east.

Mr. [redacted] and [redacted] WTVD-TV Durham, N.C.

Mr. [redacted] and Mr. [redacted] concurred with Mr. [redacted]

In the opinion of this organization, object sighted was the planet Jupiter.

See our past files of similar reports - also see "balloon data files". Looking Wx balloon with night-traffic light attached (Vandalia Wx office gave the Air Science Division a demonstration last October of a Wx balloon released at night with a light. Bounced up and down, floated over a paddock - that didn't want into a ditch from surprise)