

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 11 Jul 58	2. LOCATION Etain AFB, France		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 11/2127Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar Binoculars/tried too late ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 25 secs	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE SSW to NE	☒ Other <u>Sputnik</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Egg-shaped obj, size of grapefruit, white, w/interval of light blinking on & off. Obj traveled straight & level, blinked off to the North & never came on again.			11. COMMENTS Confirmed as Sputnik III.

AFCIN-4E4g
24 July 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Captain Miatech - AFCIN-4F3a

SUBJECT: General Orbital-Track Checks for Air Sciences Division.

1. This office has received a number of UFO reports from GOC posts in the Green Bay, Northern Wisconsin, Michigan and Minnesota areas. A cursory check discloses that these are primarily staffed with high school students now on vacation and elderly people with time on their hands. Their reliability is obvious. However, would appreciate if a check for Satellite be made on the basis of the following observed in that area:

- a. Time: Between 2120 to 2140 hours (local).
- b. Date: 12 July 1958.
- c. General direction: SSW to ENE.
- d. UFO appearance: Very small, white and round.

2. Just received UFO report from Air Attache, France - there were four military observers. Basic data:

- a. Place: NE France (50 N - 4 E). ✓
- b. Time: 2127 Z (GMT for that area considered 0. Therefore, local time same.)
- c. Date: 11 July 1958.
- d. General direction: 180 - 190 degrees to 4050 degrees. estimate, i. e. generally SW to NE.
- e. Appearance: Round, white. In sight approximately one minute.

3. Your comments and results of your computations may be hand written directly on this memorandum. Would appreciate it if you would give us a call.

1. Confirmed
2. No doubt
was S. J. White
GEORGE T. GREGORY
Captain, USAF

11/2127 Z Jul

1 Witness

12/2 1410 Z Jul

SUSPECTED DUPLICATE OF MESSAGE
PREVIOUSLY RELEASED. CHECK
BEFORE TAKING ACTION.

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To	O.D.-GUARD
No.	33131
Time	11:27
Date	11/21/58
By	EC

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PP RJEDDN RJEDSQ

ZFD RJFMSX

HJB25TWA331

PP RJEDDN RJEDSQ RJEZHQ

DE RJFMHW 3A

P 131500Z

FM COMDR TFW 49

TO RJEDDN/COMDR ADC

RJEDSQ/COMDR ATIC

RJEZHQ/ACS INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF

RJEZHQ/OIS HQ USAF

INFO RJFPLD/DCADV ATTN DIR AIR INTELL

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UNCLASS FROM 49WO-I 7-253. (UFO) IN COMPLIANCE WITH AFR

200-2, 5 FEB 58, THE FOLLOWING UFO REPORTS ARE SUBMITTED. A. DESCRIP-

TION OF OBJECT: (1) EGG SHAPED (2) GRAPFRUIT. (3) WHITE. (4) ONE.

ILUBM

XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX (5) N/A (6) MOVING FAST REGULAR

XXX.) (7) INTERVAL OF LIGHT BLINKING ON AND OFF
XXX.) (7) NONE. (8) NONE. (9) ALTITUDE ABOVE X

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT: (1) WENT OUT TO TAKE A WEATHER

OBSERVATION AND SAW IT MOVING. (12) ABOUT 80 DEGREES ANGLE OF ELEVA-

TION 133 DEGREES AZIMUTH. (3) ABOUT 40 DEGREES ANGLE OF ELEVATION

40 DEGREES ASIMUTH. (4) STRAIGHT AND LEVEL. (5) BLINKED OFF TO THE

NORTH AND NEVER CAME ON AGAIN. (6) NO MORE THAN 25 SECONDS

This report by

Note: Object travelled generally from SSW to NE
(see wind directions x below)

11 July 58

GMT "0" in 1958

Loc 2127:

at 10:27 PM

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C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION: (1) GROUND VISUAL. (2) NONE BINOCULARS
TRIED BUT OBJECT GONE. (3) N/A. D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) 112127Z JULY 1958. (2) NIGHT. E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: CONTROL
TOWER ETAIN AIR BASE FRANCE, [REDACTED] IDENTIFYING INFORMA-
TION ON OBSERVER: (2) [REDACTED]

31ST WEATHER SQUADRON, APO87, WEATHER OBSERVER AND BELIEVED TO BE

RELIABLE. G: WEATHER AND WINDS-ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE

OF SIGHTING. (1) 4000 SCATTERED, HIGH THIN OVERCAST, VISIBILITY SIX
MILES WITH HAZE. VISIBILITY TO THE NORTH FOUR MILES. (2) AWS REPORTS

THE FOLLOWING WIND VELOCITIES AND DIRECTIONS:

ALTITUDE	DIRECTION/SPEED
5000 FT	230/15
10000 FT	240/20
15000 FT	240/25
20000 FT	240/35
25000 FT	240/40
30000 FT	220/50
35000 FT	220/50
40000 FT	240/45
45000 FT	250/30

Weather conditions
definitely not conducive
for good observations
particularly at
night!

conditions at that
time?

N36

all
winds
from SW

to NE - general

direction of days & observer

Why no mention of
balloon releases or
tracks in area ???!

NORTH

best observer

GENERAL

COURSE

SW to NE

EAST

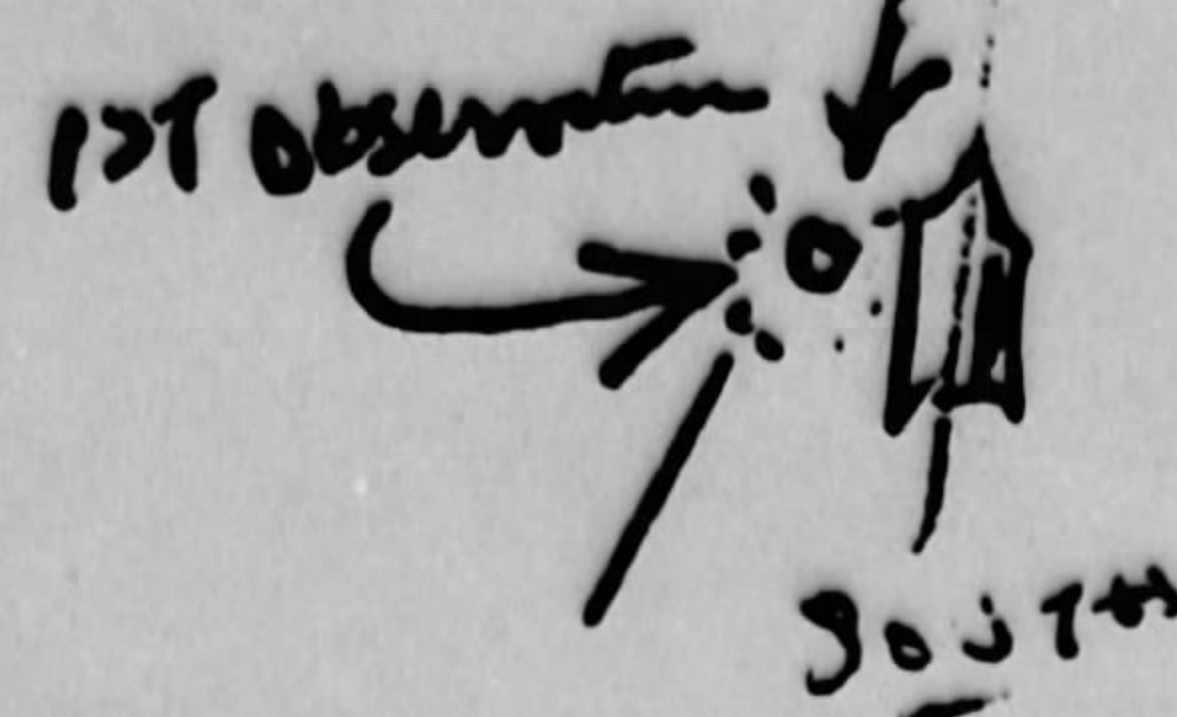
WEST

observer

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50000 FT 250/25

55000 FT	270 / 20
60000 FT	230 / 12
65000 FT	NOT REPORTED
70000 FT	140 / 12
80000 FT	160 / 12



(3) SEE PARAGRAPH G(1). (4) SEE PARAGRAPH G(1). (5) SEE PARAGRAPH G(1). (6) NONE. H: NONE I. NONE. [REDACTED] CONTROL WAS CONTACTED AND REPORTED NO AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA AND NO RADAR CONTACT WITH A FOREIGN OBJECT. K: COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER (CAPTAIN [REDACTED] JR WING INTELLIGENCE OFFICER). IN ADDITION TO AIRMAN [REDACTED] AIRMAN FIRST [REDACTED] AND AIRMAN SECOND CLASS [REDACTED] (TOWER OPERATORS) MADE ESSENTIALLY THE SAME OBSERVATIONS. NO CONCLUSIONS CAN BE DRAWN BY THE PREPARING OFFICER EXCEPT THAT THE UFO SIGHTED BY INDIVIDUALS ON TWO SUCCESSIVE DAYS AND OBSERVED AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME BEARS A LIMITED VERIFICATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF UFO. SECOND REPORT: A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

(1) ROUND IN APPEARANCE. (2) MORE THE SIZE OF A BASKET BALL. (3) FLUORESCENT (WHITE). (4) ONE. (5) N/A. (6) NONE. (7) NONE. (8) NONE. (9) LIGHT CAME ON AND OFF APPROXIMATELY SEVEN OR EIGHT TIMES.

Sgt. O'Brien:
 This is highly suggestive of one of the satellites - has all satellite characteristics and was moving at about the exact flight path of Sputnik. Check with Computer and Astronomers people. My orbital tracks are too old!
 STG

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B: DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT: (1) WIFE SIGHTED OBJECT FIRST AND CALLED HIS ATTENTION TO IT. (2) 45 DEGREES ANGLE OF ELEVATION 220 DEGREES AZIMUTH. (3) 45 DEGREES ANGLE OF ELEVATION 40 DEGREES AZIMUTH. (4) STRAIGHT AND LEVEL COURSE. (5) FADED FROM SIGHT *Time - sight* GRADUALLY TO THE NORTHEAST. (6) TWO AND ONE HALF MINUTES. C: MANNER OF OBSERVATION: (1) GROUND VISUAL. (2) NONE. (3) N/A. D: TIME

A: DATE OF SIGHTING: (1) 122140Z JULY 1958. (2) NIGHT. E: LOCATION
 OF OBSERVER: CHAMBLEY AIR BASE FRANCE 4902N 0553E. F: IDENTIFYING
 INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS: (2) BRIDENDOLPH JUSTIN D. STAFF SGT 49
 COMM SQUADRON APO 37 DUTY-CRYPTO OPERATOR AND BELIEVED TO BE RELIABLE
 G: WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING
 (1) CLEAR NO CLOUDS. (2) ETAIN WEATHER REPORT FOR SURROUNDING AREA
 BY ETAIN AWS.

ALTITUDE	DIRECTION/SPEED	ALTITUDE	DIRECTION/SPEED
5000 FT	220/15	35000	250/30
10000 FT	230/20	40000	260/20
15000 FT	230/20	45000	270/15
20000 FT	230/30	50000	240/10
25000 FT	240/35	55000	240/10
30000 FT	250/30	60000	240/15

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70000	230/10
80000	170/15

(3) HIGH BROKEN. (4) NINE MILES. (5) .6-.8 (6) NONE. H: NONE.
 I: NONE. [REDACTED] CONTROL WAS CONTACTED AND REPORTED NO AIRCRAFT
 IN THE AREA AND REPORTED NO RADAR CONTACT WITH THE OBJECT: K: SEE
 PARAGRAPH K, PRECEEDING REPORT. L: NONE

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13/1530Z JUL RJFMHW

Comment re sighting No. 1:

Date: 12 July 1958	)	13/0220 - 0240 July
Hours: 2120 - 2140 local	)	88 W. 4500 (Covers area to the North
Place: Area near Greenbay, Wisc.)		and West also)

a. 0240 Z on 13 July 1958 (Sputnik III rocket) was
over Lake Huron at 135 miles altitude.

Using general observation point of 45 degrees N - 90 degrees West the satellite (1958 Δ_I) of Sputnik III followed the rocket portion by about 8 minutes at this particular time. It's orbit was about 115 miles to the West of the rocket's orbit but still pretty much in the visibility range, i.e. (visible at 45 degrees N and 75 degrees - 80 degrees W) upper half of lower Michigan. Although the direction of motion is consistent with that of Sputnik III, neither component seems to have been sufficiently ~~low~~ off the eastern horizon to ^{be} seen in the area described.

Comment re sighting No. 2:

Date: 11 July 1958
Time: 2127 Z
Place: NE France (50 N 4 E)

1958 Δ_I (rocket) should have been in the vicinity of the sighting area (50 degrees N, 4 degrees E) at 2117 Z on 11 July at an altitude of 165 miles traveling in a direction of 25 degrees.

Captain G. Miatech
Astronautics Branch

General winds and velocities

for 1100h - 1200h contact is primary

Afternoon, 12 July 58

From Sgt. Jordan

Little W. P.

h P - 1100

Phone - 50122

✓ 8 -	300 -	at 16 knots
✓ 6 -	310 -	20
✓ 10 -	310 -	30 ← use this -
✓ 16 -	320 -	the average.
20 -	300 -	30 knots
		33004

Scattered clouds 1/10ths

Visibility generally clear

WINDS From NW

30 miles
SHERIDAN
Buffalo
43 miles
UFO LOCATION

At 33 MPTG → balloon would be right in the area reported

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 12 Jul 58	2. LOCATION 13 Mi SW of Buffalo, Wyoming		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 0635MST GMT 12/1335Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Binoculars ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not given	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE stationary	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Parachute or balloon like obj, stationary.		11. COMMENTS Altho very limited info, description is of a balloon.	

Analysis - Comments: 0635Z

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To	5543
No.	01
Time	0635Z
Date	12 JULY 58
By	KE

Multi

- ① Very meager rept - only that a balloon - like object observed through binoculars at around 6:30 in the evening.
- ② Check with U.S. Weather Bureau Schedule shows balloon released Northwest of this location at approx 5:30 PM (Shenandoah, Wyo).
- ③ Buffalo, Wyo. is 30 miles SE of Shenandoah Wx unit
- ④ Location of UFO sighting (see below) is 43 miles from Wx unit releasing balloon
- ⑤ Check with 6th Wx Gp for winds in that area: 4E4
3-5

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RA135

V SGP683

FF RJEDEN RJEDSO

DE RJWZGU 1A

P 13154

FM COMER 74TH

TO RJWZGU/COMER 29TH AFIWDET

RJEDEN/COMER ALC

RJEDSO/COMER AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB

RJEZHQ/DIR OF INT HQ USAF WASH

BT

/UNCLASSIFIED/CIN. 454 ATTN. DIRECTOR OF INT. UFOB.

1. DESCRIPTION: PARACHUTE BALLOON LINE.

2. OBJECT WAS NOT MOVING

3. OBJECT OBSERVED THROUGH FIELD GLASSES.

4. SIGHTED 12 JULY 58 AT 0635 MST 13 MILES SW OF BUFFALO WYO. GEROT
PG 1411.

5. SIGHTED BY [REDACTED] ANCH, BUFFALO WYO.

PHONE NUMBER [REDACTED] OBJECT ALSO OBSERVED BY 15 YEAR OLD WHO
WAS WITH [REDACTED]

6. WEATHER WAS CLEAR AT THE TIME OF SIGHTING.

7. CASPER FILTER CENTER RECEIVED AT 0710 MST.

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13/1320Z JUL RJWZGU

Place: Buffalo, Wyoming
Date: 12 July 58
Time: 0635 MST

Winds, were 4-4/12
Therefore blowing from NW - ESE

Check: This name sounds very familiar

Although very limited data - everything points to Buffalo