

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 7 Jul 59		2. LOCATION Surfside Pier, S.C.		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 08/0120Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☒ Was Aircraft Refueling ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☐ No		6. SOURCE Civilian		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3-4 mins 20 mins intervals		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 2	9. COURSE S to N	☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Circle of six lights w/a seventh light trailing behind the circle - big as a hula hoop held at arm's length. The six lights were a dull yellow - center light brilliant blue-green.			11. COMMENTS There is no reason to doubt that the witnesses observed refueling operations.		

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HQUSAF WASH DC; ATIC WPAFB OHIO; EADF STEWART AFB NY; 354 TAC FTR
WG MBAFB SC: UFO: A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECTS: (1) SHAPE - A DRAWING
AND TWO HOME-MADE SLIDES OF THE TWO OBJECTS SIGHTED ARE BEING
FORWARDED TO ADC ENT AFB. THEY WERE MADE BY THE MAN WHO REPORTED
SIGHTING THEM. HE DESCRIBES EACH OBJECT AS A CIRCLE OF SIX LIGHTS
WITH A SEVENTH LIGHT TRAINING BEHIND THE CIRCLE. (2) SIZE- IT WAS
AS BIG AS A HULA HOOP, IF THE HULA HOOP WAS HELD AT ARMS LENGTH.
HIS WIFE, ALSO A WITNESS, WHEN INTERVIEWED SEPARATELY AND WITHOUT
KNOWLEDGE OF HIS DESCRIPTION, DESCRIBED IT AS BEING AS LARGE AS A

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GRAPEFRUIT. SHE PROTESTED, HOWEVER, THAT SHE HAS LITTLE CONCEPT OF RELATIVE SIZES. (3) COLOR - THE SIX LIGHTS ON THE PERIMETER OF THE CIRCULAR PHENOMENON WERE DESCRIBED AS BEING A DULLISH YELLOW AND STAR-COLORED. WITHIN THE CENTER OF THE MOVING CIRCLE WAS A BRILLIANT, BLuish-GREEN LIGHT AND SLIGHTLY TO THE RIGHT OF THAT LIGHT, STILL WITHIN THE CIRCLE, WAS A SECOND REDDISH LIGHT. THE LIGHT WHICH TRAILED THE OBJECT WAS A DULL ORANGE. HE ALSO DESCRIBED IT AS LOOKING LIKE A FLYING CHRISTMAS TREE AS IT APPROACHED. (WHEN OVERHEAD, ITS CIRCULAR SHAPE WAS APPARENT.) (4) NUMBER-- TWO OBJECTS. (5) FORMATION-- BOTH TRAVELLED VERY CLOSE TOGETHER AND REMAINED IN A CONSTANT POSITION RELATIVE TO EACH OTHER DURING THE SIGHTINGS. THE SECOND OBJECT WAS BESIDE AND SLIGHTLY TO THE REAR OF THE OF THE LEADING ONE. (6) OBSERVER SAYS HE COULD DISTINGUISH NOTHING BUT THE LIGHTS. HE AVERRED THAT HE DID NOT SEE ANYTHING RESEMBLING AN EXHAUST FLAME. HE EXPLAINED THAT FOR LACK OF A BETTER TERM, HE CALLED THE LAST TRAILING LIGHT A TAIL. (7) SOUND-NO SOUND WHATSOEVER. OBSERVER WAS POSITIVE ABOUT THIS. B. (1) DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECTS. HE WAS STANDING ON BEACH WITH RELATIVES AND FRIENDS WHEN SOMEONE POINTED OUT LIGHTS AND ATTRIBUTED THEM TO A HELICOPTER. (2) FIRST SIGHTED AT AN ANGLE OF BETWEEN 40

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AND 50 DEGREES RELATIVE TO THE OBSERVER AS IT CAOME UP THE BEACH FROM THE SOUTH. A. OBJECTS MADE FOUR PASSES OVER THE OBSERVERS, ALL ON APPROXIMATELY THE SAME COURSE. FIRST PASS MADE AT ESTIMATE HEIGHT

FOURTH PASS MADE AT ALTITUDE SOMEWHERE BETWEEN TWO AND FOUR MILES.
(3) DISAPPEARED OUT OF SIGHT EACH TIME TRAVELLING TOWARD THE NORTH
WEST. ALTITUDE SAME AS NOTED IN A. ABOVE. (4) OBJECTS APPROACHED
FROM SOUTH , CAME UP BEACH AND PASSED OVER AND IN FRONT OF OBSERVERS.
NO CHANGE IN LIGHT CONFIGURATION DURING THE FIRST THREE PASSES. ON
FOURTH PASS, HOWEVER, THE OBSERVER STATES HE SAW AN EXPLOSION-LIKE
FLASH AND THE CONFIGURATION HANGED TO FOUR SMALLER, SOLID CIRCLES
OF LIGHT. IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE EXPLOSION (NO SOUND) THE ORIGINAL
CONFIGURATION WAS NOT VISIBLE -- INSTEAD, ONLY THE FOUR CIRCLES.
THE CIRCLES SEEMED TO HOVER MOTIONLESSLY IN A SQUARE PATTERN. THEN
SUDDENLY TWO ACCELERATED ALMOST INSTANTANEOUSLY AND ZOOMED OVER
THEIR HEADS INLAND AT AN ENORMOUS RATE OF SPEED. THE TWO REMAINING
CIRCLES RETURNED TO THE CONFIGURATION WHICH BY NOW WAS AGAIN VISIBLE.
THAT ALL HAPPENED SO RAPILY THAT THE OBSERVER CANNOT BE SURE WHETHER
THIS OCCURANCE TOOK PLACE IN TOTO AND SEPARATELY WITH THE SECOND
OBJECT -- OR WHETHER THE OCCURENCE WAS A COMPOSITE ACTION OF THE

GROUND-VISUAL (2) HE AND OTHER WITNESSES VIEWED OBJECTS THROUGH A PAIR OF 8X25 POWER BINOCULARS. D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING. (1) FIRST SIGHTING 2515 ZULU 7 JULY 1959. FINAL DISAPPEARANCE APPROXIMATELY 2620 ZULU 7 JULY 1959. (2) NIGHT. E. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS -- THE OBSERVERS WERE STANDING ON THE BEACH APPROXIMATELY ONE MILE SOUTHWEST OF THE SURFSIDE PIER AND TWO MILES NORTHEAST OF THE GARDEN CITY PIER. WITH THEIR BINOCULARS THEY COULD SEE THE LIGHTS OF THE OCEAN FOREST HOTEL IN THE MYRTLE BEACH AREA 10 MILES AWAY TO THE NORTH. THEY WERE STANDING IN FRONT OF A COTTAGE CALLED THE "SO-FINE" AT TIME OF SIGHTING. THIS COTTAGE IS OWNED BY THE

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~~REDACTED~~ R. F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS -- (1) DR. ~~REDACTED~~, AGE 41, ~~REDACTED~~

~~REDACTED~~, BATESBURG, S.C. OCCUPATION

MEDICAL DOCTOR. A. ESTIMATED RELIABILITY -- DR. ~~REDACTED~~ WAS THE OBSERVER WHO NOTIFIED SHAW AFB OF THE SIGHTING ON 13 JULY, 1959. HE WAS INTERVIEWED BY INVESTIGATING OFFICER ON 14 JULY, 1959 AT HIS OFFICE IN BATESBURG, S.C. THE INVESTIGATING OFFICER BELIEVES THAT DR. ~~REDACTED~~ HONESTLY SAW SOMETHING WHICH HE COULD NOT IDENTIFY. HE IS A SUCCESSFUL DOCTOR IN HIS COMMUNITY AND DID NOT IMPRESS THE INVESTIGATING OFFICER AS THE TYPE WHO CRAVES SENSATIONALISM AND EGO-INFLATING ATTENTION. HE IS A MATURE, SOBER MAN OF HIGH INTELLIGENCE WITH A QUICK, ACCURATE MIND. HE SHOWED THE INVESTIGATING OFFICER A CAPILLARY PIPETTE FOR SEPARATING HEMOGLOBIN FROM WHOLE BLOOD WHICH

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TWO. (5) THE TWO SOLID LIGHT CIRCLES WHICH LEFT THE CONFIGURATION DISAPPEARED OVER ROOFTOPS AND TREES ON THE HORIZON, INLAND. THEY DID NOT EXTINGUSH, HE SAYS, LIKE A FALLING STAR. THEY PROCEEDED OUT OF VIEW AT AN ENORMOUS RATE OF SPEED. THE TWO OBJECTS ORIGINALLY SEEN MADE THEIR FOURTH PASS OVER THE OBSERVERS, PERFORMED MANEUVER DESCRIBED IN 4 AND HEADED TOWARD THE NORTHWEST AND OUT ON SIGHT EVENTUALLY. (6) EACH SIGHTING LASTED FROM 3-4 MINUTES AND OCCURRED AT APPROXIMATELY 20-MINUTE INTERVALS. ALL FOUR PASSES TOOK PLACE IN A LITTLE OVER ONE HOUR. C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION (1)

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SAME AS THAT OF DR. [REDACTED] POOLK, AGE 17, DOUGHTER OF
MAID, A STUDENT, ADDRESS AME AS THAT OF [REDACTED] E. MRS.

[REDACTED], ELDERLY MOTHER-IN-LAW OF DR. [REDACTED] SMAE ADDRESS AS
DR. [REDACTED] F. MRS. [REDACTED], AGE 43, WIFE OF [REDACTED] ADDRESS

SAME AS HUSBAND. G. WEATHER AND WINDS-ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME
AND PLACE OF SIGHTNINGS -- (1) OBSERVER'S ACCOUNT--HE SAID IT WAS
CLEAR BUT A LITTLE GUSTY. (2) WEATHER REPORT FOR PERIOD OF
SIGHTING. DATA TAKEN FROM U.S. WEATHER BUREAU OFFICE FORCAST AS IT
WAS GIVEN TO THE MYRTLE BEACH AFB AIR WEATHER SERVICE. A. SURFACE
WINDS FROM NORTHEAST AT 4 KNOTS; 6000 FEET AT 040 DEGREES, 15 KNOTS;

STATED THAT HE DID NOT MENTION SIGHTING TO THE PRESS BECAUSE OF ITS
SENSATIONAL NATURE, AND HE HESITATED ALMOST A WEEK BEFORE REPORTING
IT TO SHAW BECAUSE HE DIDN'T WANT TO RISK BEING CONSIDERED A CRANK.

(2) OTHER WITNESSES: A. MR. [REDACTED], JR., [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LEXINGTON, S. C., B. MRS. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] HIS WIFE

[REDACTED] C. [REDACTED] ADDRESS [REDACTED]

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10,000 FEET AT 050 DEGREES, 25 KNOTS; 16,000 FEET AT 040 DEGREES, 40 NOTS; 20,000 FEET AT 040 DEGREES, 40 KNOTS; 30,000 FEET AT 360 DEGREES, 20 KNOTS; 60,000 FEET AT 050 DEGREES, 15 KNOTS. (3) CEILING-- 1500FEET, SCATTERED, GIGH SCATTERED. (4) VISIBILITY 15 MILES. (5) CLOUD COVER -- TWO TNTHS. (6) THUNDERSTORMS IN AREA-- DURING THIS PERIOD THERE WAS NO THUNDERSTORM ACTIVITY IN THE AREA. HURRICANE CINDY WAS 150-170 NAUTICAL MILES EAST SOUTH EAST OF ~~██████████~~ AT ~~██████████~~ ZULU. H. NO INTERCEPTION ACTIVITY UNDERTAKEN BY ADC. I. AIRCRAFT IN AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING -- THE 354TH TACTICAL FIGHTER WING INTELLIGENCE SECTION AT MYRTLE BEACH AFB REPORTS THAT AT 2500 ZULU, EIGHT F-100 AIRCRAFT BEGAN PERFORMING REFUELING MISSIONS WITH TWO KB-50 TANKERS AT 28,000 FEET IN AREA W-177. THEY ALSO REPORT THAT ONE HELICOPTER WAS PERFORMING STANDBY SEARCHAND RESCUE FOR THE REFUELING MISSION AT THE TIME. THE OBSERVERS REPORTED SEEING A HELICOPTER FLYING ALONG THE BEACH AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING. THE 727TH AC&W SQ AT MYRTLE BEACH AFB SAY THAT THEY HAVE NO RECORD ON UNUSUAL ACTIVITY ON THAT DATE. J. COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER -- THE PREPARING OFFICER IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE OBJECTS SIGHTED WERE THE TWO KB-50 TANKERS REFUELING THE F-100 AIRCRAFT. THE OBSERVER WHO REPORTED THE SIGHTING, WHEN QUERIED,

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REPLIED THAT HE HAD NEVER SEEN AN AERIAL REFUELING.

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