

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 19 Oct 59		2. LOCATION Over Plainville, Kansas		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other <u>UNIDENTIFIED</u> ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>20/0325Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1. 20 secs 2. 30 secs		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one			
		9. COURSE E Ethen S			
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Bright light, like a star size of Venus, approaching head on, ywllowish white. Light faded when evasive action was taken. Light reappeared & disappeared heading South.				11. COMMENTS Info is not sufficient to allow a definite conclusion. Sighting remain unidentified. Cause could have been two meteors, lights fm another a/c, or even the reflection of ground light	

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ACTION: CIN

INFO : OOP, SAFS

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FM HQ LOWRY

TO RJWFALB/AIR DEFENSE COMMAND

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UNCLAS FROM OS 9187J UFO 15A(1) BRIGHT LIGHTS LIKE A STAR SIZE
OF VINUS APPROACHING HEADON

(2) SIZE OF A PEA STAR GAINED IN SIZE AS APPROACHED

(3) YELLOWISH WHITE

(4) ONE

(5) N/A

(6) FLIGHT ONLY NO OTHER FEATURE DISCERNABLE

(7) NONE

(8) NONE

(9) LIGHT FADED WHEN EVASIVE ACTION WAS TAKEN REAPPEARED

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AGAIN AND DISAPPEARED OVER HORIZON

B(1) THE APPEARENCE OF LIGHT AND NO STARS OR LIGHT AT THIS
ELEVATION

(2) BELOW THE HORIZON 5 DEGREES BELOW AIRCRAFT HORIZON

(3) AT THE SAME ELEVATION THEN CHANGED COURSE FURTHER TO THE
GEFT OF THE NOSE

(4) STRAIGHT AND LEVEL ON A HEADING OF 085 DEGREES AT FIRST
SIGHTING THEN 180 DEGREES

(5) FADED OUT

(6) 20 SECONDS FIRST SIGHTING 30 SECONDS SECOND SIGHTING

C(1) AIRBORNE VISUAL

(2) NONE

(3) T-33, 53-5535, 40,000 FEET, 220 DEGREES ON J 10V 390 TAS
LOWRY

D(1) 20 OCT 0325Z

(2) NIGHT, MOON BEHIND

E GROUND SPEED 350, 7 MINUTES EAST OF HILL CTTY VOR ONNJ 10V
F(1) N/A

(2) [REDACTED] CAPTAIN, [REDACTED] UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
ACADEMY, INSTRUCTOR OF ENGLISH, RELIABCE.

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G. CEILING AND VISIBILITY UNLIMITED, WINDS 270 DEGREES, 40 KNOTS
40,000 FEET.

(1) NOT OBSERVED

(2) 6,000 160/10; 10,000 180/10; 1600 230/10; 20,000 230/15;

30,000 240/20; 50,000 270/55; 60,000 300/25

(3) CLEAR

(4) 15 MILES

(5) NONE

(6) NONE

(7) 1.6 DEGREES CENTIGRADE PER 1,00 FEET

H. NONE

I. TURNED TO AVOID COLLISION COURSE

J. NONE

K. CAPTAIN, AIR OPERATIONS OFFICER, CAUSE UNKNOWN

I. NONE

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JOINT MESSAGEFORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

UNCLASSIFIED

SPACE BELOW RESERVED FOR COMMUNICATION CENTER

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PRECEDENCE	TYPE MSG (Check)			ACCOUNTING SYMBOL	ORIG. OR REFERS TO	CLASSIFICATION OF REFERENCE
ACTION	ROUTINE	BOOK	MULTI	SINGLE		
INFO				X	AF	OS 9187J
FROM:						UNCLAS

ATIC, W-P AFB

TO: LOWRY AFB, COLO

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

/UNCLAS/ FROM: AFCIN-4E4g 10-2145-E

YOUR MSG OS 9187J, DTD 20 OCT 59, REPORTING THE SIGHTING OF AN UFO. IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER PERTINENT INFO, REQ THE FOLLOWING INFO BE FWD THIS CENTER: WAS THE SECOND LIGHT THE SAME ONE OBSERVED PREVIOUSLY, OR WERE THEY TWO DIFFERENT LIGHTS? ON WHAT HEADING DID THE FIRST OBJ DISAPPEAR? WHAT WAS THE ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF THE LIGHT EACH TIME IT WAS SIGHTED? WHEN EVASIVE ACTION WAS TAKEN, DID OBSERVERS EYES REMAIN ON THE LIGHT? IN WHAT DIRECTION, AND TO WHAT EXTENT, WAS EVASIVE ACTION TAKEN?

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MONTH	YEAR
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SYMBOL	AFCIN-4E4g 10-2145-E			SIGNATURE	LOUIS J. HARRELL	
TYPED NAME AND TITLE (If required)	Major Robert J. Friend			CAPTAIN, USAF		
PHONE	69216	PAGE	1	ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER		
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SAME AS THE FIRST, BUT NO VERIFICATION POSSIBLE. NO REASON TO BELIEVE THE TWO LIGHTS WERE NOT FROM SAME SOURCE. FIRST OBJECT FADED OUT ABRUPTLY ON SAME HEADING AS WHEN FIRST OBSERVED, APPROXIMATELY 35 DEGREES. ELEVATION OF LIGHT ON FIRST OCCASION OF SIGHTING WAS APPROXIMATELY 5 DEGREES BELOW HORIZON ON APPROXIMATE READING OF 130 DEGREES AT A RELATIVE BEARING FROM NOSE OF AIRCRAFT OF 350 DEGREES. ON SECOND SIGHTING LIGHT APPEARED AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME ELEVATION AT A RELATIVE BEARING FROM AIRCRAFT NOSE OF APPROXIMATELY 345 DEGREE. THE LIGHT THEN MOVED ON AN APPARENT 130 DEGREE HEADING AND MOVED QUITE RAPIDLY UNTIL FADING RAPIDLY OUT AT A POINT ON APPROXIMATELY 320 DEGREES, RELATIVE BEARING FROM AIRCRAFT. TRUE HORIZON WAS NOT VISIBLE AND ELEVATION JUDGEMENT WAS MADE USING ESTIMATED HORIZON LINE ON WINDSHIELD. EVASIVE ACTION CONSISTED OF A MODERATELY RAPID RIGHT TURN ON INSTRUMENTS BEGUN BY PILOT IN REAR COCKPIT. AS TURN WAS BEGUN THE PILOT IN FRONT REPORTED THAT THE LIGHT HAD ABRUPTLY FADED OUT. AIRCRAFT WAS LEVELED AND ORIGINAL COURSE RESUMED. IN LESS THAN A MINUTE THE LIGHT WAS SEEN AGAIN ON AN APPARENT SOUTHERLY HEADING.

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UNCLAS FROM OS 9525 K. REFERENCE MESSAGE AFCIN-4E4G-12-2145-E
THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS FURNISHED:
CORRECTIONS. PAR 15A(9). LIGHT FADED WHEN EVASIVE ACTION WAS
TAKEN. REAPPEARED AGAIN AND DISAPPEARED HEADING SOUTH. PAR 15B(3).
AT THE SAME ELEVATION, THEN CONTINUED COURSE FURTHER TO THE LEFT
OF THE NOSE. PAR 15B(4). STRAIGHT AND LEVEL ON A HEADING OF 085
DEGREES AT FIRST SIGHTING, THEN ON 2ND SIGHTING, ¹⁸⁰ 91P DEGREES. PAR
15B(5). ²⁰ WP SECONDS 1ST SIGHTING 32 SECONDS 2ND SIGHTING, BOTH
PILOTS WERE STARTLED AT APPEARANCE OF LIGHT AND ACTUAL LENGTH OF
TIME OF SIGHTING MAY HAVE BEEN SHORTER. PAR 15C(5). T-33, ⁵³⁻⁵⁵³⁵ TEATTET

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²⁷⁰ 4000 FEET, 10P DEGREES ON J 12V 390 TAS, LOWRY. PAR 15I. TURNED
TO AVOID POSSIBLE COLLISION COURSE WITH RAPIDLY APPROACHING OBJECT.

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Location PLAINVILLE, KANSAS

Date 19 OCT (1925 HOURS) Hour (2) 20 / 0325 Z

WX CLEAR -

Description LIGHTS - MOVING AT HIGH
SPEED.

Direction of Motion EASTWARD AND THEN SOUTH.

Satellite: (AFCIN-4F3, Phone 69219)

Astronomical Phenomena (Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc) THE POSSIBILITY
EXISTS THAT THIS OBJECT WAS A METEOR.

Radar Analysis (AFCIN-4E1) N/A.

Natural Phenomena (Ball Lightning, etc) N/A.

Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc. POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER
AIRCRAFT.

Other

Evaluation of Source Reliability PROBABLY GOOD -

Analysis and Conclusions: THE INFORMATION IS NOT SUFFICIENT
TO ALLOW A CONCLUSION AS TO THE SPECIFIC
NATURE OF THIS OBJECT. IT COULD HAVE BEEN
A METEOR, AIRCRAFT OR EVEN A NEAR
ON THE GROUND OBJECT COUPLED WITH AIRCRAFT.
ANGULAR AND LINEAR MOVEMENT CAUSED THE
SENSATION OF AN OBJECT. THE CAUSE OF
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