

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>21 Oct 59</u>		2. LOCATION <u>Warsaw, N.E.</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Inversion Reflection</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>21/1000Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE <u>Civilian</u>			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>30 mins</u>		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>four</u>			
		9. COURSE <u>stationary</u>			
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Four star-shaped bright lights, size of a half dollar, white & red. Two formed as a pair, the other two scattered. Red color appeared as a tail appearing & disappearing.				11. COMMENTS Atmospheric conditions were such as to cause a superior mirage. Soundings indicated that there was a sharp inversion at the 4,000 ft level. Source unknown however lights attributed to a superior mirage due to the inversion.	

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/UNCLAS/FROM DP 4724 X SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT, THE FOLLOWING
REPORT IS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 15, AFR 200-2: WRIGHT-
PATTERSON ATTN: ATIC, HQ USAF ATTN: AFCIN, SECT OF THE AF ATTN: SAFIS.

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECTS:

(1) SHAPE - BRIGHT LIGHT, STAR SHAPE

(2) SIZE - HALF DOLLAR

(3) COLOR - WHITE AND RED.

(4) NUMBER - 4

(5) FORMATION - 2 AS A PAIR, 2 OTHERS

SCATTERED

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(6) DETAILS - NONE DISTINGUISHED.

(7) RED COLOR APPEARED AS A TAIL OR EXHAUST
APPEARED AND DISAPPEARED, ALTERNATELY

(8) NO SOUND.

(9) NO OTHER FEATURES.

B. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECTS' COURSE:

(1) BRIGHT LIGHT.

(2) DIRECTLY OVERHEAD

(3) VEERED 45 DEGREES SOUTH DISAPPEARING IN POSITION
WITH DAYLIGHT.

(4) STATIONARY DURING PERIOD OBSERVED, EXCEPT FOR
ONE DIRECT MOVEMENT SOUTH.

(5) DISAPPEARED IN POSITION AT DAYLIGHT.

(6) 30 MINUTES.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) GROUND - VISUAL.

(2) NO OPTICAL AIDS USED

(3) SIGHTED FROM GROUND.

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) 21 1000Z OCT 59.

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(2) NIGHT TO DAWN.

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS:

WARSAW, NEW YORK - 42 DEGREES, 40 MINUTES NORTH,
78 DEGREES 09 MINUTES WEST.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER:

(1) [REDACTED] AGE 43, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WARSAW, NEW YORK.

RACE-HORSE TRAINER - RELIABLE.

(2) MILITARY - NONE.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS:

(1) SCATTERED CLOUDS.

(2) FROM DETACHMENT 5, 12TH WEATHER SQUADRON,
NIAGARA FALLS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

SURFACE	CALM	34 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT
6,000 FEET	300 DEGREES/10 KNOTS	31 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT
10,000 FEET	300 DEGREES/30 KNOTS	26 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT
16,000 FEET	290 DEGREES/50 KNOTS	5 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT
20,000 FEET	290 DEGREES/50 KNOTS	10 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT
30,000 FEET	290 DEGREES/70 KNOTS	50 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT
50,000 FEET	290 DEGREES/65 KNOTS	76 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT

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80,000 FEET 290 DEGREES/40 KNOTS 65 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT (APPROXIMATELY)

(3) CEILING - FROM 0520 - 0540 EAST 3500'.

NO CEILING DURING REST OF PERIOD.

(4) VISIBILITY - 7 MILES.

(5) SCATTERED TO BROKEN.

(6) NO THUNDERSTORMS

(7) SEE G(2) ABOVE.

H. AIR WEATHER SERVICE PERSONNEL BELIEVE THE ATMOSPHERIC CONDITIONS WERE SUCH AS TO CAUSE A SUPERIOR MIRAGE. UPPER AIR SOUNDINGS AT 0700 EAST REVEALED A SHARP TEMPERATURE INVERSION OCCURRED AT THE 4000 FEET LEVEL.

I. NO ACTION TAKEN SINCE SKIES WERE CLEAR AND NO EVIDENCE WAS AVAILABLE AT TIME REPORT WAS RECEIVED AT 1000 HOURS EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME.

J. 15TH FIGHTER GROUP, NIAGARA FALLS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AND BUFFALO MUNICIPAL AIRPORT REPORT NO SCHEDULED FLIGHTS IN AREA AT STATED TIME.

K. PREPARING OFFICER: DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL AND ACTION INFORMATION OFFICER, 15TH FIGHTER GROUP,

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NIAGARA FALLS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT. FROM
DISCUSSION WITH THE INDIVIDUAL REPORTING THE
INCIDENT AND COMMENTS OF THE LOCAL WEATHER
SERVICE PERSONNEL THE SIGHTING IS ATTRIBUTED
TO METEOROLOGICAL AND ATMOSPHERIC CAUSES.

L. NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE EXISTS.

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