

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE Nov or Dec 59	2. LOCATION Clarkston, Michigan		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☒ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0700Z GMT _____	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No	6. SOURCE Civilian		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 - 2 hrs	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE N to S	☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING White, egg-shaped obj, size of grapefruit, four times brighter light than any star, rear of obj left a trail of light.		11. COMMENTS The obj sighted probably was a weather balloon. This rpt was not submitted until 6 or 7 months after the sighting and then the info was limited.	

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RETURN TO

Director
Aerospace Studies
ATTN: Archives Branch
Maxwell AFB, Ala

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HEADQUARTERS
SELFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE
AND
1ST FIGHTER WING (AIR DEFENSE)(ADC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
SELFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE, MICHIGAN



26 MAY 1960

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 1WOOP

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object (UFO): Sighted 0200 Hours November or December 1959 (Date Unk), at [REDACTED], Clarkston, Michigan

TO: Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. In accordance with AFR 200-2 the attached file concerning an unidentified flying object allegedly seen and photographed by Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] with contents contained herein is submitted.

2. Due to the ambiguities involved concerning the date and time of the sighting, detailed analysis of this report, at this level, is extremely difficult; however, the only real time clue found under the weather and winds section of the report was pursued and revealed the following information:

a. The first snowfall for the area concerned was listed as a trace only and recorded on 18 November 1959. The weather was clear, temperature 27 degrees and winds WSW 4K.

b. The first snowfall for the year that remained over night was recorded on 28 November 1959. The recorded weather at time of sighting reads high clouds 2/10 sky coverage, temperature 27 degrees and winds NNW 6K. This is the most probable date of the sighting and based on this precept the following information was revealed.

(1) Aircraft of a known type and design are eliminated due to the length of time observed.

(2) The possibility that a weather balloon may have been sighted was investigated with results as follows:

a. The meteorology section located at Flint, Michigan Airport Station releases two (2) weather balloons daily at 0700 EST and 1800 EST. These balloons ascend at a rate of 1000 FPM to an average altitude of 80,000 feet. The balloons normally expand and reach a diameter of thirty (30) feet then burst, however, on 28 November the balloon did not burst. It reached an altitude of 80,000 feet and developed a slow leak. At this point the recording run was considered complete and discontinued.

b. The sun set at 1712 EST.

c. The balloon reached sunlight between 40 and 50 thousand feet.

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d. 90% of all balloons released by the Flint Meteorology Station burst and fall within a five (5) mile radius of Clarkston which is 20NM ESE of the point of release.

e. The exact ascent azimuth the balloon followed on the date in question is unknown since the records are retained for 60 days only.

3. In view of the foregoing, it is believed that this object was most likely to have been a weather balloon.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Richard M. Lade mclh

F. E. CLANCY
Major, USAF
Administrative Officer

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
25TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
SELFIDGE AIR FORCE BASE, MICHIGAN

REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

25D 24-0-192

MAY 1 1 1960

SUBJECT:

(U) UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT (UFO): SIGHTED 0200 HOURS
NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER 1959 (DATE UNK), A [REDACTED]
RD., CLARKSTON, MICHIGAN

TO:

COMMANDER
1ST FIGHTER WG
ATTN: DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS
SELFIDGE AFB

1. ON 29 APR 1960, ONE [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] RD., CLARKSTON, MICHIGAN, TELEPHONED A RESPONSIBLE
OFFICIAL, OSI DISTRICT NR 25, TO ADVISE THAT SHE AND
HER HUSBAND HAD OBSERVED AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
AT 0200 HOURS IN LATE NOVEMBER OR EARLY DECEMBER 1959
AND HAD TAKEN A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE OBJECT.

2. ACCORDING TO INFORMATION RECEIVED, THE FOLLOWING IS
FURNISHED PURSUANT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF AFR 200-2:

DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

- A. SHAPE - "EGG SHAPE"
- B. SIZE - "GRAPEFRUIT SIZE"
- C. COLOR - WHITE
- D. NUMBER - ONE (1)
- E. FORMATION - N/A
- F. DISCERNIBLE FEATURES - FOUR (4) TIMES BRIGHTER
LIGHT THAN ANY STAR.
- G. REAR OF OBJECT - LEFT TRAIL OF LIGHT.
- H. SOUND - NONE
- I. OTHER PERTINENT FEATURES - NONE

CONTINUED DESCRIPTION:

- A. WHAT CAUSED OBSERVER TO NOTICE OBJECT - BRIGHT
LIGHT.
 - B. ANGLE OF ELEVATION OF OBJECT - APPROXIMATELY 45°
TO HORIZON.
 - C. ANGLE OF ELEVATION UPON DISAPPEARANCE - SAME AS B.
 - D. FLIGHT PATH - NORTH TO SOUTH THROUGH 60° ARC.
 - E. MANNER OF DISAPPEARANCE - FADED OUT.
 - F. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT - ONE (1) TO TWO (2) HOURS.
- [REDACTED]

MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

- A. OBSERVED WITH - GROUND VISUAL.
- B. OPTICAL AIDS - NONE
- C. SIGHTED WHILE AIRBORNE - N/A

TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

- A. ZULU TIME AT SIGHTING - 0700 ON A NIGHT IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER 1959 (DATE UNK).
- B. LIGHT CONDITION - NIGHT, STARS SHOWING.

LOCATION OF OBSERVER:

[REDACTED] RD. - 8 MILES NORTH OF PONTIAC, MICHIGAN
CLARKSTON, MICHIGAN

IDENTITY OF OBSERVER:

CIVILIAN

MR. & MRS. [REDACTED], AGE (UNK)

[REDACTED] RD.

CLARKSTON, MICHIGAN

OCCUPATION - MRS. [REDACTED], DRUG-STORE CLERK AND HOUSEWIFE
MR. [REDACTED], MATERIAL CONTROL CLERK IN
FACTORY

WEATHER AND WINDS:

CLEAR WEATHER, CRISP, COLD, LITTLE WIND AND FIRST SNOW
ON GROUND.

- A. VISIBILITY - UNLIMITED
- B. CLOUD COVER - LITTLE TO NONE

METEOROLOGICAL ACTIVITIES TO ACCOUNT FOR SIGHTING:

NONE

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:

PICTURE, 35MM SLIDE, IN COLOR

3. MRS. [REDACTED] OFFERED THE COLOR SLIDE PHOTOGRAPH WHICH
WAS ACCEPTED AND A NEGATIVE COPY MADE. THE ORIGINAL HAS
BEEN RETURNED TO MRS. [REDACTED] AND THE NEGATIVE COPY IS
ATTACHED.

Stanley V. Szapfel
STANLEY V. SZAPFEL
Colonel, USAF
Commander
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PHOTO

COPY TO: DIR OSI, W/O ATCH

[REDACTED]

This Folder Includes

ONE (1) 8" X 10"

photo.

November or December 1959 Clarkston, Michigan

