

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 24 May, 1960		2. LOCATION Murfreesboro, Tennessee		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 _____ GMT 25/0115Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 6 Minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One into 6		9. COURSE Easterly	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Smooth object, somewhat like a disc, size of a star, very bright blue like Venus observed approaching observer. It got bigger and then after 5 minutes, object disappeared and was replaced by 6 or 7 small lights like a constellation. These faded out after about one minute.				11. COMMENTS Description of sighting conforms exactly to the description of a balloon in flight and then bursting. The windsand direction of flight of the object are identical, as is the duration of the sighting and the distance travelled by the object prior to it's disappearance. Case listed as a balloon observation.	

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SEWART AIR FORCE BASE
and
839th AIR BASE GROUP (TAC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
Sewart Air Force Base, Tennessee



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: BDO

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Report

24 MAY 1960

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

1. In accordance with Paragraph 15, AFR 200-2, the following information is submitted. Subparagraphs are numbered to correspond with the related comments in the referenced regulation:

a. Description of the Object:

- (1) Smooth, like a planet; somewhat like a disc.
- (2) Size of a star in Big Dipper constellation.
- (3) Very bright blue star, like Venus.
- (4) One.
- (5) NA.
- (6) Like a very bright blue star, but too early in the evening to account for a star. Smooth, not blinking.
- (7) No tail or trail.
- (8) No sound.
- (9) Not any.

b. Description of Course of Object:

- (1) Observed this bright object in the sky with naked eye.
- (2) Overhead.
- (3) Overhead to 5 degrees East.
- (4) Observed object with naked eye. Sent son for hand telescope. Watched object grow larger as if approaching. First impression of distance away that of a star in vicinity of Arcturus. Object grew larger and appeared to flash brighter from within. Central object faded out after five minutes; replaced by seven or eight small lights like a constellation of small stars. These faded out in one minute.
- (5) Faded out in place.
- (6) Central object, 5 minutes; succeeding group of small objects, 1 minute.

c. Manner of Observation:

- (1) Ground visual.
- (2) Simple telescope, $1\frac{1}{2}$ " in diameter, 15 power.
- (3) NA.

d. Time and Date of Sighting:

- (1) 0115Z, 25 May 1960.
- (2) Dusk.

e. Location of Observers: City of Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

f. Identifying Information on Observer:

(1) Civilian. [REDACTED], Age 35, [REDACTED] Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Registered engineer. Assistant professor of electrical and engineering subjects at Middle Tennessee State College, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Interested in astronomy five years. Considered very reliable.

g. Weather and Winds:

- (1) Clear and at dusk.
- (2) Surface: Calm.
 - 6,000 : 280 at 10 knots
 - 10,000 : 310 at 30 knots
 - 16,000 : 320 at 30 knots
 - 20,000 : 320 at 30 knots
 - 30,000 : 310 at 25 knots
 - 50,000 : 290 at 40 knots
 - 60,000 : 270 at 5 knots
 - 80,000 : (Not available)
- (3) No ceiling.
- (4) 15 miles.
- (5) High thin scattered.
- (6) None.
- (7) Plus 18° at surface to 65° at 53,000 feet.

h. None.

i. None.

j. None.

k. George J. Nied, Lt Colonel, USAF, Base Director of Operations. This is believed to be natural phenomena and is reported only because of the qualifications of the observer.

l. None.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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