

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 15 Sep 60		2. LOCATION Ironton, Ohio		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Jupiter ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 16/0300Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION ---		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE ---	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING UFO sighted to the W of Ironton. Looked like a bright star rotating in a clockwise direction and then in a counter-clockwise direction. While rotating the UFO increased speed and a burst of light could be seen behind it.				11. COMMENTS Witness was looking in a direction coincident with the planet Jupiter at the time of the sighting. The planet was at a magnitude of -1.8 and was just on the horizon.	

U F O ANALYSIS SHEET

DATE 15 SEPT 60 LOCATION IRONTON OHIO

DATE TIME GROUP LOCAL 2200 GMT 16/0300

PHOTO YES NO ✓ PHYSICAL SPECIMEN YES NO ✓

SOURCE MILITARY CIVILIAN ✓ TYPE OF OBSERVATION VISUAL

LENGTH OF OBSERVATION NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1 COURSE

SATELLITE: IN ORBIT: VERIFY YES: NO: DECAY:

ASTRONOMICAL PHENOMENA

METEOR

STAR OR PLANET POSSIBLY JUPITER

OTHER

AIRCRAFT

BALLOON

INSUFFICIENT DATA

OTHER

REFLECTION INVERSION PRESENT PHOTO ANALYSIS

SUN DOG LENTICULAR CLOUD PHYSICAL SPECIMEN ANALYSIS

BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING:

UFO SIGHTING AT 2200 IN DIRECTION OF WEST FROM IRONTON, OHIO. UFO LOOKED LIKE A BRIGHT STAR ROTATING IN A CLOCKWISE DIRECTION AND THEN IN A COUNTERCLOCKWISE DIRECTION. WHILE ROTATING COUNTERCLOCKWISE THE UFO INCREASED SPEED TREMENDOUSLY AND A BURST OF LIGHT COULD BE SEEN BEHIND IT.

EVALUATION: CASE CATEGORY: ATMOSPHERIC REFRACTION

CONCLUSION: THE WITNESS WAS LOOKING IN A DIRECTION COINCIDENT WITH THAT OF THE PLANET JUPITER, AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING. THE PLANET WAS AT A MAGNITUDE OF -1.8 AND WAS JUST ON THE HORIZON. IT IS CONCLUDED THAT THE ATTENTION OF THE WITNESS WAS ATTRACTED BY THE PLANET AND ~~THE~~ A SECONDARY LIGHT SOURCE RETAINED HIS ATTENTION AFTER THE PLANET SET.

AFCIN-4X2

Extract from Duty Officer's Report

AFCIN-4E2 (Major Friend)

The following, extracted from Capt Picardat's Report dated 15 Sep 60, is quoted for your information:

2130 - Received telephone call on UFO from Maj Messenger at AF Comd. Post. UFO discussed is reported in message from Ramey AFB, Cite Nr. DCOI 4377. Col. Johnson at Ramey will try to identify UFO and notify SAC Comd Post. As of 16 Sep, 0600 no identification made, per Maj Messenger.

0030 - Received the following collect UFO call from Mr [REDACTED] in Ironton, Ohio. Call Nr. [REDACTED]. Individual claimed to have tried contacted interested personnel since 2230 including his local CAP, but to no avail.

"UFO sighted at 2200 in direction of Ohio River from Ironton, Ohio at about a location of 2 o'clock in the sky. UFO looks like a bright star rotating in a clockwise direction and then in a counterclockwise motion. Occasionally will go to right or left but will return to original pattern. While in a counterclockwise rotation the UFO will increase speed tremendously and a gust of light could be seen behind it. UFO still seen at time of call. In addition, a Mr [REDACTED], a radio announcer at station WIRO in Ironton observed the UFO with Mr [REDACTED]."

Local checks with the following were made:

1. Patterson Field
2. AACS
3. RAPCON
4. WX Balloon Release

Nothing.

AACS reported receiving a call from Indianapolis asking about a similar UFO which was heard over a radiostation near Charleston, W. Va. (Ironton is about 50 miles away).

0600 - Received a call from AF Comd Post on a UFO, which is as follows: UFO sighted by a SAC A/c from near Memphis, Tenn. Object 100 to 150 miles south at 1000Z 16 Sep. Large bright ball, 50 to 60 feet in dia. rose from ground to about 60,000 feet and disappeared. AF believes this to be a sighting the Atlas missile fired at 1000Z from the Cape.

AFCIN-4X2, Extract from Duty Officer's Report, (Cont'd)

0710 - UFO sighted by SAC B-47 Nr. N16 Flying from Shreveport, La.
to Lufkin, Texas. Sighted in an easterly direction at 1000Z.
Appeared like a large explosion. Call from AF Comd Post.

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