

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 28 Sep 60		2. LOCATION Urbana, Illinois		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☒ Probably Astronomical Meteor ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 29/0120Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15-20 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE NNE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object shaped like a star and about the size of a star, white with a pulsating dull-red light trailing behind. No sound. No trail.				11. COMMENTS The witness reports that the object was about the size and shape of a star. That it was pulsating and was dull red. Even though no tail or trail existed and the object was in view for 15-20 sec. It was probably a meteor.	

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CHANUTE TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTER (ATC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
CHANUTE AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: OSD

30 SEP 1960

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting

TO: ATIC (AFCIN-4E2)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

The attached investigating officer's report of UFO Sighting is forwarded in accordance with AFR 200-2.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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Chief, Operations Services Division

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5. Time and Date of Sighting:

a. 0120Z 29 September 1960

b. Night

6. Location of Observer:

40°07'N 88°15'W - University of Illinois Campus

7. Identifying Information on Observer:

a. Civilian, [REDACTED], Urbana, Illinois, age - 22. Observer is a graduate student in Civil Engineering at the University of Illinois.

8. See Attachment for weather and winds aloft at time of observation.

9. Comments of Preparing Officer - Mr. [REDACTED] was earnest in his reporting of this sighting. He could be considered as an above average source for observations in this type of sighting. He could not compare it to any of the known satellites other than the speed compared to Echo I.


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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois

REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

TDA-4 (Major Coolidge) 4125

30 September 1960

SUBJECT:

Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)

TO: Operations Services Division (OSD)

1. General:

a. On 29 September 1960, [REDACTED], from the Champaign-Urbana Courier, reported that he had received a phone call reporting a U.F.O. Subsequent investigation revealed the following:

2. Description of Object:

a. The object was shaped like a star and was about the size of a star.

b. It was white with a pulsating dull-red light trailing behind it.

c. There was only one object.

d. It has no discernible features.

e. There was no trail of exhaust.

f. There was no sound.

3. Description of the Course of the Object:

a. Observer stuck his head out of the car window to look up to see if the sky was cloudy and observed the object directly overhead.

b. Observer watched object cross sky to the north/north east and disappear beyond the horizon.

c. Object was visible for an estimated 15 to 20 seconds or about three times the speed of Echo I.

4. Manner of Observation:

a. Ground - visual

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

TDA-4 (Major Coolidge) 4125

30 September 1960

SUBJECT:

Meteorological Conditions at Chanute AFB, Illinois, 0120Z,
29 September 1960

TO: Operations Service Division (OSD)

1. The Meteorological Conditions taken from maps and charts
for Chanute AFB, Illinois.

a. Wind Direction, Speed and Temperatures at Altitudes:

<u>Winds</u>		<u>Temperature</u>
SFC	030/5	64 Degrees
5 M	050/10	+10
10 M	310/05	+3
15 M	300/10	-6
20 M	300/15	-16
30 M	230/60	-40
50 M	240/25	-61

b. Weather at Champaign, Illinois

Sky	Clear
Vis	15 Miles
Temp	65 Degrees F.
Dew Point	49 Degrees F.
SFC Winds	N-8

c. Stability at Chanute AFB Parallel to Standard- Lapse Rate
5-6 Degrees Centigrade - warmer -


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