

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 9 Mar 61	2. LOCATION Chanute AFB, Illinois		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1800 GMT 100000Z	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 Military		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Misinterpretation of Other familiar objects
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2-5 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE SW - W - E	☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round, bright white ob- ject, size of basketball. Pulled up gradually, straight and level. Disappeared behind build- ing. Various maneuvers.		11. COMMENTS Low, fast moving scud, bright stars shining through the overcast, ex- tensive air traffic and irregular holding flight path of one C-47 probably all contributed to sighting.	

1961 MAR 11 CO 26

1
2
3-4E2 (info)
4-4x2 a

NNNNKK

RD010

CZCSQE709ZCYVC208

PP RJEDSQ

DE RJEDNU 96 -

ZNR

P 102200Z

FM CHANUTE TECH TNG CEN ATC CHANUTE AFB ILL

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJEDSQ/ATIC WPAFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/HQ USAF WASH 25 DC

RJEZHQ/SEC OFVAF WASH 25 DC

BT

UNCLAS OSD 56C AFCIN SAFIS SUBJECT UFO SIGHTING.

UFO SIGHTING REPORTED THIS BASE BY FIVE MILITARY MEMBERS. AT

0030Z 10 MARCH 61. INVESTIGATION REVEALS SATISFACTORY EXPLANATION

OF PHENOMENA. LETTER REPORT TO FOLLOW IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR

200-2 AND 2A. IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUIRED.

BT

10/2242Z MAR RJEDNU

TELEPHONED.
TO LT MEMPHIS
NO. 71222
TIME 180023Z
Date 11/11/60
By: 96

RECEIVED

16 MAR 61 10 30

ATIC

RE165

CZCSQE658ZCNUA812

RR RJEDSQ

DE RJEDNU 82

ZNR

R 151700Z

FM CHANUTE TECH TNG CEN ATC CHANUTE AFB ILL

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJEDSQ/ATIC WPAFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/HQ USAF WASH D C

RJEZHQ/OSAF WASH D C

BT

UNCLAS OSD 58C. SECTION ONE OF TWO ACTION SAFS AND AFCIN

HQ USAF REFERENCY MY UNCLASSIFIED PRIORITY MESSAGE SUBJECT: UFO

10 MARCH 61. FOLLOWING REPORT SUBMITTED IAW PAR 15 AFR 200-2:

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT

OBSERVER -1	2	3	4
(1) WATERMELON	MELON	ROUND	SPOTLIGHT
(2) GRAPEFRUIT	BASKETBALL	PEA	BASKETBALL
(3) BRIGHT WHITE	BRIGHT WHITE	SILVER BLUE	WHITE
(4) ONE	ONE	ONE	ONE
(5) N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

1961 MAR 15 23 39

(50)

174 E2 (UFO)
3-4X 2A

1961 MAR 16 13 07

MAIL ROOM

PAGE TWO RJEDNU 82

(6) NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
(7) NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
(8) NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE
(9) LIKE T-33	NONE	NONE	NONE

LANDING LIGHT

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

(1) FIRST OBSERVER: CASUALL NOTICED OBJECT WHILE LOOKING OUT NORTH GATEHOUSE WINDOW.

SECOND OBSERVER: FIRST OBSERVER CALLED HIS ATTENTION TO OBJECT FROM SAME LOCATION.

THIRD OBSERVER: CASUALL OBSERVED OBJECT FROM DOORWAY OF EAST GATEHOUSE.

FOURTH OBSERVER: WAS TELEPHONED AT WEST GATEHOUSE BY THIRD OBSERVER.

(2) STATIONARY, BANKED DESCENDING

2500' TO 3000' MSL 2300' TO 2000' MSL 2500' MSL

DESCENDING

500' TO 300' MSL

(3) PULLED UP GRADUALLY STRAIGHT AND LEVEL STRAIGHT AND LEVEL DESCENDED BEHIND BUILDING

PAGE THREE RJEDNU 82

OBSERVER 1

2

(4) BANKED AND STATIONARY DESCENDING GLIDE

BACKED UP

LEVELED OFF

GLIDE FORWARD

BACKED UP, STRAIGHT AND LEVEL

PULLED UP GRADUALLY

MOVED FORWARD, STRAIGHT AND LEVEL

3

4

STRAIGHT AND LEVEL

DESCENDED BEHIND BUILDING OUT
OF SIGHT

"DANCED"

FADED OUT

(5) GRADUALLY SW INSTANTANEOUS W FADED OUT DESCENDING E

(6) 2-2 1/2 MIN 5 MIN 2-3 MIN 3 MIN

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

(1) GROUND VISUAL GROUND VISUAL GROUND VISUAL GROUND VISUAL

(2) NONE NONE NONE NONE

(3) N/A N/A N/A N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

(1) 0030Z 10 MAR 61 0000Z 10 MAR 61 UNK 9 MAR 61 0030Z 10 MAR 61

(2) DUSK DUSK DUSK DUSK

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS

PAGE FOUR RJEDNU 82

(1) NORTH GATE NORTH GATE EAST GATE WEST GATE

F. OBSERVERS

(1) JOSEPH FRANCIS GUENTHER JR A3C 3345TH ABGP CHANUTE AFB

(2) MARVIN WHITE WHITFIELD A3C 3345TH ABGP CHANUTE AFB

(3) JOHN ANTHONY PADDOCK A3C 3345TH ABGP CHANUTE AFB

(4) BENJAMIN NMI JONES JR A3C 3345TH ABGP CHANUTE AFB

OVCST OCC SNOW FRIDAY OVCST CALM

OVCST OCC SNOW FLURRY

4

OVCST CALM

(2) 6000 300/20

10000 310/25

16000 300/45

20000 300/50

30000 290/65

50000 280/50

(3) 2355Z M 24 BROKEN 2 MILES VIS LIGHT SNOW SHOWERS

0010Z M 35 BROKEN 7 MILES VIS

0035Z M 42 BROKEN 7 MILES VIS

0056Z M 47 BROKEN 7 MILES VIS

PAGE FIVE RJEDNU 82

(4) SEE (3) ABOVE

(5) 9/10

(6) NONE

(7) SFC TO 3500 PLUS MINUS 0

3500 TO 5000 PLUS 5

5000 TO 10000 MINUS 6

10000 TO TROPOPAUSE STANDARD

H. THE 1961 AIR ALMANAC INDICATES VENSU AS TH BRIGHTEST

STAR FOR THIS MONTH. VENUS WAS 275-280 DEGREES TRU AZIMUTH 20-25 DEGREES

FROM HORIZON REFERENCE. ADDITIONALLY, THERE WAS A WARM, DRY

SUBSIDENCE INVERSION FROM 3500' TO 12000' AT THE APPROXIMATE

TIME OF SIGHTING.

I. NONE

J. RAOB SCHEDULED FROM PEORIA ILLINOIS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
0000Z. TRUE BEARING 280 DEGREES, 70 NM.

K. CHIEF, BASE TRAINING DIVISION. IT IS MY OPINION THAT THE
ACTUAL SIGHTING TOOK PLACE BETWEEN 0000Z AND 0010Z. INTERVIEWS
WITH OBSERVERS 1,3, AND 4 WERE ALL "PAT" AND APPEARED TO ME
SOMEWHAT REHEARSED. OBSERVER 2 WAS ON K.P. AND DID NOT HAVE
THE OPPORTUNITY TO "REHEARSE" HIS ANSWERS.

BT

15/2106Z MAR RJEDNU

CZCSQG785ZCNUA813

RR RJEDSQ

DE RJEDNU 83

ZNR

R 151700Z

FM CHANUTE TECH TNG CEN ATC CHANUTE AFB ILL

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJEDSQ/ATIC WPAFB OHIP

RJEZHQ/HQ USAF WASH D C

RJEZHQ/OSAF WASH D C

BT

UNCLAS OSD58C. FINAL SECTION OF TWO.

HE REMEMBERED THE TOWN SIREN SOUNDING AT 0000Z JUST PRIOR TO THE SIGHTING. ALSO, THE OTHER OBSERVERS PLACE THE SIGHTING AS JUST AFTER AN INTENSE SNOW FLURRY AND PRIOR TO A SHORTER SNOW FLURRY. THESE SNOW FLURRIES OCCURED AT APPROXIMATE TIME INTERVAL. I PLACE THE SIGHTING IN AT THIS TIME INTERVAL A BASE T-33, NUMBER 704 WAS EXECUTING A PENETRATION AND GCA PICKUP. TRANSIENT C-47 016 WAS ATTEMPTING TO ENTER A TECTANGULAR PATTERN IN THE EXACT AREA OF THE SIGHTING. THE C-47 WAS TOLD BY THE TOWER TO HOLD IN THE NW QUADRANT (THE AREA OF SIGHTING) UNTIL THE T-33 COMPLETED ITS

PAGE TWO RJEDNU 83

APPROACH. IT IS MY OPINION THAT INITIALLY THE C-47 LANDING

1961 MAR 15

1961 MAR 15 23 02

1961 MAR 15

1961 MAR 15

1961 MAR 15

1961 MAR 15

1961 MAR 15

1961 MAR 15

1961 MAR 15

1961 MAR 15

1961 MAR 15

1961 MAR 15

1961 MAR 15

1961 MAR 15

1961 MAR 15

1961 MAR 15

1961 MAR 15

1961 MAR 15

1961 MAR 15

1961 MAR 15

1961 MAR 15

1961 MAR 15

1961 MAR 15

RIGHT WHO SEEN AS THE AIRCRAFT WENT IN THE NW QUADRANT BY THE FIRST
OBSERVER. THEN THE T-33 APPEARED FROM THE OVERCAST WITH GEAR DOWN
AND LANDING LIGHT ON. AS THE GLIDE PATH WAS ENTERED, THE FLAP
APPEARED TO CAUSE THE AIRCRAFT TO HOVER MOMENTARILY. THE WARM DRY
SUBSIDENCE INVERSION FROM 3500 FEET TO 12000 FEET COULD HAVE
CAUSED SOME BENDING OF THE IMAGE FURTHER DISTORTING THE "APPARENT"
PHENOMENA OF A UFO. THE SISSAPPEARANCE DESCRIPTION OF EACH OBSERVER
ALL GENERALL AGREE IN DESCRIBING A PHASE OF A GCA OR MISSED APPROACH.
FUTHER, THE TERMS PHENOMENA FOR THAT EVENING WAS MISINTERPERTED
BY AN EXPERIENCED FIELD GRADE PILOT AS AN AIRCRAFT PERFORMING
NIGHT AEROBATICS. THE LOW, FAST MOVING SCUD CREATED THIS APPARENT
MOVEMENT AND IT WAS ONLY AFTER CLIMBING ON TOP THAT THE IP, A FORE-
CASTER OF 12 YEARS EXPERIENCE COULD CONVINCE HIM IT WAS IN FACT
VENUS. IT WAS FURTHER REVEALED IN INTERVIEWS THAT A DISCUSSION
FOLLOWED THE SIGHTING, BEFORE IT WAS INITIALLY REPORTED. FEARING
RIDICULE THEY ADMITTED "TALKING IT OVER". IT IS ALSO SIGNIFICANT
SIX AIRCRAFT SHOT GCA LOW APPROACHES AND/OR LANDINGS BETWEEN
2355Z AND 0054Z. SEVERAL OF THESE WERE MULTIPLE APPROACHES. IT
IS MY CONCLUSION THAT THE LOW, FAST MOVING SCUD, BRIGHT STARS

PAGE THREE RJEDNU 83

SHINING THROUGH THE BROKEN OVERCAST, EXTENSIVE TRAFFIC AND THE
IRREGULAR HOLDING FLIGHT PATH OF THE C-47 IN THE NW QUADRANT EACH
AND/OR ALL CONTRIBUTED TO THE ALLEGED SIGHTING. NEITHER THE
TOWER TRICK CHIEF OR GCA HAD ANY UNUSUAL INCIDENTS TO REPORT FOR
THIS DATE.

L. NONE.

BI

15/2106Z MAR RJEDNU

NNNN

FORM 805-S PRINTED BY THE STANDARD REGISTRY CO., DAYTON, U. S. A. 21-40000-1