

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 1 May 1961		2. LOCATION South Hadley, Massachusetts		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 1115 GMT 011615Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 sec or longer		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE Varied	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Bright white, silver objt size of pea. Sighted 80° elevation moving fm SSW. Disappeared 65-70° elevation moving to NE. Traveled straight at first, then made very sharp abrupt left turn then sharp right turn. Apparent distances between turns was about 4" at arms length. Turned left again, straightened out and then disappeared.				11. COMMENTS It is possible the the objt observed by witness was an a/c in the traffic pattern at Westover AFB, even though the witness states that he was positive it was not. Due to lack of corroborating witnesses, this report is evaluated as Insufficient Data.	

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NO. 71222
TIME 057025Z
Date 5 May 61
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FM 57AIRDIV WESTOVER AFB MASS

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UNCLAS 99DCOI 5229. COFS FOR AFCIN, OSAF FOR SAFIS.

REFERENCE AFR 200-2, PARAGRAPH 15

A.(1) ROUND

(2) PEA

(3) BRIGHT WHITE - SILVER

(4) 1

(5) N/A

(6) NO

(7) N/A

(8) NO

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3-4E (WFO)
4-4x20

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(9) NONE

B.(1) MOTION

(2) 80 DEGREES EL - MOVING FROM SSW

(3) 65 - 70 DEGREES EL - MOVING TO N.E.

(4) TRAVELLED STRAIGHT AT FIRST, THEN MADE VERY SHARP ABRUPT LEFT TURN THEN SHARP RIGHT TURN. APPARENT DISTANCES BETWEEN TURNS WAS ABOUT 4 INCHES AT ARMS LENGTH. TURNED LEFT AGAIN, STRAIGHTENED OUT AND THEN DISSAPPEARED.

(5) FADED OUT

(6) 20 SEC OR LONGER

C.(1) GROUND VISUAL

(2) NO

(3) N/A

D.(1) ~~0815Z~~ 1 MAY 61 1615Z

(2) DAYLIGHT CLEAR

E. ~~REDACTED~~ - S HADLEY - MASS.

F. (1) ~~REDACTED~~ AGE 18 ~~REDACTED~~

SOUTH HADLEY (GRAMBY) MASS. OCCUPATION - STUDENT AT HOLYOKE TRADE H.S.

G.(1) CAVU

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(2) SURFACE 210/6 6,000' - 200/10, 10,000 - 260/25

16,000' - 290/30, 20,000' - 270/45, 30,000' - 270/75

(3) 10,000 SCATTERED - HI BROKEN

(4) 15MI

(5) AS ABOVE

(6) NO

H. NONE OBSERVED

I. NONE

J. LOCATION IS CLOSE TO WESTOVER AFB; TOWER REPORTS CONSTANT USE OF TRAFFIC PATTERN ALSO CONSIDERABLE TRAFFIC AT ALTITUDE. TRAFFIC AT ALTITUDE PULLED CONTRAILS, SUBJECT UFO DID NOT. SPRINGFIELD BOMB PLOT (12 RBS SITE AT WESTOVER AFB) REPORTS NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

K. TSGT MELVIN LIEBERMAN, NCOIC, COMBAT INTELLIGENCE BRANCH, 99DCOI, 99 BOMB WING (HVY) WESTOVER AFB, MASS. OBSERVER SEEMED QUITE SINCERE AND APPEARED CERTAIN HE HAD SEEN SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY. LIVING CLOSE TO WESTOVER, HE HAS SEEN JETS ALMOST EVERY DAY INCLUDING F104'S, F102'S, B-52'S, AND B-47'S. HE HAS ALSO SEEN WEATHER BALLOONS AND HE IS POSITIVE THAT THE SIGHTING WAS NONE

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OF THESE. I FEEL THAT THERE IS INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO DRAW EVEN TENTATIVE CONCLUSIONS AT THIS LEVEL.

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JOINT MESSAGEFORM				SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED		OFFICIAL FILE COPY									
SPACE BELOW RESERVED FOR COMMUNICATION CENTER															
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PRECEDENCE		TYPE MSG (Check)		ACCOUNTING SYMBOL	ORIG. OR REFERS TO	CLASSIFICATION OF REFERENCE									
ACTION Routine		BOOK	MULTI	SINGLE	AF	99DCOI 5229	UNCL								
FROM: ATIC WPAFB O						SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS									
TO: WESTOVER AFB MASS <i>RJEXDH</i> UNCLASSIFIED AFCIN-4E <u>5-1770</u> 57 AIR DIV/YOUR UNCL MSG 99DCOI 5229 DTD 4 MAY 61. WHAT WAS THE AZIMUTH OF THE OBJECT WHEN FIRST AND LAST SEEN? REQUEST INFORMATION AS TO THE EXTENT OF THE TURNS MADE BY THE OBJECT. IN HOW LARGE AN AREA OF THE SKY DID THE OBJECT MANEUVER? REQUEST CLARIFICATION OF THE DURATION AND TIME OF THE SIGHTING. IN ADDITION, REQUEST A CHECK BE MADE TO DETERMINE IF A BALLOON WAS IN THE AREA AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING. WHAT WAS THE VERTICAL TEMPERATURE GRADIENT AT THE TIME?						<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">DATE</td> <td style="text-align: center;">TIME</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">08</td> <td style="text-align: center;">147</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">MONTH</td> <td style="text-align: center;">YEAR</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">MAY</td> <td style="text-align: center;">1961</td> </tr> </table>		DATE	TIME	08	147	MONTH	YEAR	MAY	1961
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SYMBOL AFCIN-4E TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature, if required) Maj Robert J. Friend PHONE 69216 SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED				SIGNATURE TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE PHILIP G. EVANS Colonel, USAF AFCIN-4E											

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REPLACES DD FORM 173, 1 OCT 49, WHICH WILL BE USED UNTIL EXHAUSTED

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UNCLAS 99DCOI 5583. REFERENCE YOUR UNCL MSG AFCIN-4E 5-1773 → Friend
DTD 9 MAY. UFO OBSERVER [REDACTED] WAS CONTACTED FOR ADDITIONAL
DETAILS. HE REAFFIRMED THAT THE OBJECT WAS FIRST OBSERVED ALMOST
DIRECTLY OVERHEAD, APPROXIMATELY 80 DEG ELEVATION AND MOVING FROM SSW
APPROXIMATELY 200 DEG AZIMUTH. OBJECT DISAPPEARED ABRUPTLY ON A HEAD-
ING OF NNE, APPROXIMATELY 030 DEG AT AN ELEVATION OF ABOUT 65 DEG TO
70 DEG. OBJECT APPEARED TO FLY A DOG LEG MANUEVER TO THE LEFT WITH
EXTREMELY ABRUPT ANGULAR HEADING CHANGES. OBSERVER STATES THE LENGTH
OF EACH LEG OF THE DOG LET WAS ABOUT EQUAL TO A 4" RULER HELD AT ARMS
LENGTH. OBJECT APPEARED TO DIMINISH IN SIZE IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO DIS-

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APPEARANCE. ENTIRE SIGHTING APPEARED TO OCCUR IN A RECTANGULAR AREA OF SKY SUBTENDED BY A 4IN X 14IN OBJECT HELD AT ARMS LENGTH. DURATION OF SIGHTING WAS 20 SEC TO 30 SEC. CORRECTION TO ITEM D(1) OF INITIAL REPORT; SHOULD READ 1615Z 1 MAY 61. NO WEATHER BALLONS WERE KNOWN TO BE IN THE VICINITY, NEAREST STATION USING BALLOONS IS ALBANY NEW YORK. VERTICAL TEMPERATURE GRADIENT NOT RECORDED THIS STATION; FORECASTER STATES DATA COULD BE COMPUTED IF DESIRED ALTITUDES WERE GIVEN. NO TEMPERATURE INVERSION LAYER WAS REPORTED.

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