

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 13 May 61		2. LOCATION Charleston, W. V.		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 2045 GMT 140145Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5-10 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE W-E	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Circular, size of dime, starlike, white, pulsating forward motion. Slight erratic lateral motion. Faded out in the E.				11. COMMENTS It is possible that weather balloon launched by weather bureau was objt seen by witness. It was reported that balloon remained in general area where it was launched for some time, and pulsating motion reported could have caused by varying wind velocities.	

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UFO/UNCLAS/FROM 783OCO 05-459. ATTN: AFCIN SAFIS SUBJ: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT (UFO). IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2' DTD 14 SIP 59' THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED:

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT:

(1) CIRCULAR

(2) DIME (STARLIKE)

(3) WHITE

(4) ONE (1)

(5) N/A

(6) PULSATING FORWARD MOTION

3-4 E (ufo)
4-4220

(7) NONE

(8) NONE

(9) SLIGHT ERRATIC LARERAL MOTION

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

(1) RELATIVE BRIGHTNESS AND MOTION

(2) HIGH (ALMOST OVERHEAD) IN THE WEST

(3) CLOSE TO THE HORIZON IN THE EAST

(4) GENERALLY STRAIGHT WEST-EAST MOVEMENT

(5) FADE-OUT IN THE EAST

(6) FIVE - TEN MINUTES

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) GROUND-VISUAL

(2) N/A

(3) N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTIN:

(1) 0145Z/14 MAY 1961

(2) NIGHT

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: EAST CHARLESTON' W.VA.' NEAR
WEST VIRGINIA STATE CAPITOL' 33 DEGREES 20 MINUTES NORTH'
81 DEGREES 40 MINUTES WEST.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER:

[REDACTED]

CHARLESTON ' W. VA.' SALES ENGINEER' RELIABILITY: GOOD

G. WEATHER AND WINDS:

(2) REPORT FROM US WX BUREAU OFFICE AT KANAWHA COUNTY
AIRPORT ON WINDS:

SURFACE WINDS AT 140058Z - 270 DEGREES' 3 KNOTS

WINDS ALOFT AT 132325Z - 6000 ' 050 DEGREES 2 KNOTS

8000 180 DEGREES 3 KNOTS

32D AD(S) WEA WINDS ALOFT FORECAST VALID FROM 132100Z TO
140900Z:

5000 - 230 DEGREES 20 KNOTS

10000 - 330 DEGREES 20 KNOTS

15000 - 330 DEGREES 30 KNOTS

20000 - 340 DEGREES 30 KNOTS

30000 - 330 DEGREES 70 KNOTS

50000 - 330 DEGREES 30 KNOTS

80000 - NOT AVAILABLE

(3) CLEAR' CEILING UNLIMITED

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(4) TEN MILES

(5) NONE

(6) NONE

(7) TEMPERATURE' 66 DEGREES' DEW POINT' 55 DEGREES

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. A 100 GRAM WEATHER BALLOON WAS LAUNCHED AT KANAWHA COUNTY
AIRPORT BY THE US WEATHER BUREAU AT 1825 EASTERN STANDARD TIME
(132325Z).

R. JOHN S. CONCANNON CAPT. USAF OPERATIONS OFFICER.
AN OBSERVER' LOCATED APPROXIMATELY FOUR MILES SOUTH OF KANAWHA
COUNTY AIRPORT' SIGHTED AN OBJECT AT 140145Z' HIGH OVERHEAD MOVING
IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION. AT 132325Z' THE US WX BUREAU LAUNCHED
A 100 GRAM WEATHER BALLOON FROM KANAWHA COUNTY AIRPORT. THE
BALLOON WAS UNDER OBSERVATION FOR TWENTY-SEVEN MINUTES DURING WHICH
TIME' DUE TO RELATIVELY LOW WINDS ALOFT' IT REMAINED OVERHEAD IN
THE IMMEDIATE CHARLESTON VICINITY FOR QUITE SOME TIME. IT REACHED
A MAXIMUM ALTITUDE OF 25000 FT. WINDS ALOFT FORECASTS FROM 32NRCC
WEA WOULD INDICATE THE BALLOON ON A SOUTH-EASTERLY COURSE. THE
ALTITUDE AND OVERHEAD POSITION OF THE BALLOON WOULD MAKE IT HARD

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

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FOR THE OBSERVER TO DETERMINE ITS ACTUAL COURSE. DUE TO THE RE
PORTED DESCRIPTION AND WX BUREAU INFORMATION I ASSUME THAT
THE WEATHER BALLOON WAS A POSSIBLE CAUSE FOR THE SIGHTING.

L. NONE

BT

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