

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 23 May 61	2. LOCATION Bronson, Fla. Cross City AFS, Florida (Visual)		12. CONCLUSIONS ☒ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 23/0905Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Other _____ ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military and Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 hr 56 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE (RADAR)	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Starlike objt, round or oval w/green halo, globe of light, observed ahead of car at 45° elev heading S. Objt moving SSE. Speed conformed to light a/c. Manuvered and changed course. Fading after dawn and 2 hr observation. Objt picked up at cross city on AN/FPS 6A height finder at 23/1000Z. Fm then until dawn. Wx scattered to broken 5-10 thousand, moving W to E at 20 kts. Thunder showers NW of station moving across station at time of report. Normal lapse rate. Radar picked objt at 160° 45 mi 8800' alt. Objt moved to 186° at 95 mi and 8400' altitude varied 6-10,000 while being tracked when target locked on antenna would hunt wakuwaku			11. COMMENTS violently. When moved a few degrees in either direction the hunting would stop. While hunting occurred, scope would be cluttered. Target Tracked for 2 hrs. COMMENTS: Visual sighting not same as radar. Radar objt not known. Request for additional info not complied with. Classed as insufficient data. Visual sighting probably balloon fm Downley AFB, E at Montgomery/

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ACTION: CIN-14

INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3 (21)

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FM HQ MOADS GUNTER AFB ALA

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJESKB/21AIR DIV DOBBINS AFB GA

RJEDSQ/AT IC WPAFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/HQ USAF WASH DC

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UNCLAS X MOODC2320, USAF FOR AFCIN, SAFIS. SUBJ "UFO". THE FOLG

MSG FROM COMDR 691RADAR SQ CROSS CITY AFS

FLA IS QUOTD FOR YOUR INFO AND NECESSARY ACTION.

QUOTE. UNCL/691CCR-369. SUBJECT: "UFO." THIS

REPORT FOLLOWS FORMAT OF PARAGRAPH 15, AFR .

200-2, DATED 14 SPT 59. A(1) ROUND OR OVAL AS A

LIGHT WITH A FAINTLY DISCERNABL GREEN HALO

BELOW. (2) "AGLOB OF LIGHT WITH ROUNDED EDGS

VARYING IN SHAPE AND SIZ WITH DISTANCE."

(3) COMPARATIVE TO STARLIGHT BUT INTENSIFIED. (4)

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ONE. (5) N/A. (6) SEE ITEM (2) ABOVE. (7) OBSERVERS
QUERRIED AND NONE VISABLE. (8) NONE. (9) NONE.

B (1) SUDDEN APPEARANCE IN SKY AHAD. (2) APPROXIMATELY
45 DEG ELEVATION DIRCTLY AHEAD OF CAR
WHICH WAS HEADED DIRECTLY SOUTH ON US HIGHWAY 19,
5 MILES SOUTH OF SUWANNEE RIVER. (3) ALMOST DIRECTLY
OVERHAD BUT SLIGHTLY EAST SOUTH EASTERLY IN TRACK.
(4) LIGHT AIRCRAFT SPEEDS OR SLOWER WITH MANEUVER-
ABILITY AND CHANGING FLIGHT PATH. (5) GRADUALLY TO
THE EAST SOUTH AST. (6) ONE HOUR 56 MINUTES.

C(1) GROUND VISUAL AND GROUND ELECTRONIC HEIGHT
FINDER, AN/FPS-6A. (2) NONE. (3) N/A. D (1) VISUAL-
23/0905Z. RADAR- 23/1000Z. (2) NIGHT THRU DAWN.

E. VISUAL OBSERVERS, BRONSON FLORIDA, 29 DEG
28 MIN NORTH, 82 DEG 38 MIN WEST. RADAR OBSERVATIONS,
CROSS CITY AIR FORCE STATION, CROSS CITY FLORIDA 29
DEG 38 MIN NORTH, 83 DEG 07 MIN WEST. F. (1) CIVILIANS:
MR AND MRS [REDACTED],
UNIVRSITY CITY, ST LOUIS, MISSOURI. H EMPLOYD AS
AN ACCOUNTANT WITH GNERAL MOTORS OF ST LOUIS MO.

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CHEVROLET PLANT, SH EMPLOYED AS FASHION
COORDINATOR WITH STIX-BAER & FULLER, ST LOUIS MO.
MR. [REDACTED] US POST OFFICE, TALLAHASSEE,
FLORIDA, EMPLOYD AS POSTAL COURIER. RELIABILITY
OF ALL UNKNOWN. (2) MILITARY: TSGT GEORGE W. KLOSS,
SSGT PETER DETRANT, A1C WOODROW R BASS, A3C
WILLIAM POTTS, MR [REDACTED] (PHILCO
FIELD ENGINEER), ALL OF 691ST RADAR SQUADRON, CROSS
CITY AIR FORCE STATION, CROSS CITY, FLORIDA.
RELIABILITY ABOVE SUSPICION AND EXPERIENCED. G (1)
CIVILIANS NOT SKILLED, REMARKS COVER FROM: "TOO-
DARK-TO-DETERMINE" TO "SOME CLOUDS MOVING WEST TO
EAST AT END OF OBSERVATION PERIOD." THIS RADAR
STATION'S OBSERVERS REMARK - "SCATTERED TO BROKN
5 TO 10 THOUSAND, MOVING WEST TO EAST, APPROXI-
MATELY 20 KNOTS, NO OTHR RESTRICTIONS TO VISIBILITY,
STARS CLEARLY VISIBLE BETWEEN CLOUDS." (2)
MONTGOMERY ADS, MONTGOMRY, ALABAMA- FOR
JACKSONVILLE, FLA. AND VICINITY. VALID FOR PERIOD
23/0900Z TO 23/2100Z: 5000 - 240/20, 10000 - 270/25, 15000-

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260/35, 20000 - 270/40, 30000 - 280/50, 50000 - 260/35; REMARKS
JET STRM FM CNTRL MISS SEWD OVR SRN ALA FLA PNHDL
AND OVER E CTRL FLA INTO ATLNC. MAX WND 280/80
AT 410 MSL OVR SRN ALA AND FLA PHNDL. () NONE.
(4) NO RESTRICTIONS AFTER SUNRISE. (5) SCATTERED TO
BROKEN ABOVE 5000. (6) NONE DETCTED BY RADAR AT
OBSERVATION TIME, HOWEVER, SCATTRED THUNDER-
SHOWERS HAVE DEVELOPED NW OF STN MOVING SWN ACCROSS
STATION AT TIME OF REPORT 23/1930Z. (7) NOT MEASURED
BUT BY FORECAST FROM 5000 TO 50000 IN 5000 FOOT
INCREMENTS, 17, 01, -01, -10, -20, -32, -44, -56, -61,
-64. ALL INDICATIVE OF NORMAL LAPSE RATE. H. NONE.
I. NONE. J. UNKNOWN. K. MAJOR RAY E. ELLIS,
COMMANDER, CROSS CITY AIR FORCE STATION, FLORIDA.
COMMENTS: DIGEST OF RADAR OBSERVATIONS AT THIS
STATION - RADAR PICKD UP SAID OBJECT AT ABOUT 160
DEG AT 45 MILES & 8800 FET & THN TO 186 DEG AT
95 MILES & 8400 FEET. IT VARID FROM ABOUT 6000 FEET
TO 10000 FEET WHILE BEING TRACKD. FOR A WHILE WHEN

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THE TARGT WOS LOCKD ON, THE ANTENNA WOULD START
HUNTING VIOLENTLY. WHEN THE ANTENNA WAS MOVED A
FEW DEGREES IN EITHER DIRECTION THE HUNTING WOULD
STOP. WHILE THE HUNTING WAS OCCURRING THERE WOULD
BE ALL KINDS OF INTRFERENCE ON THE SCOPE. WE
TRACKED THE TARGET FOR ABOUT TWO HOURS. L. MRS
BRYANT FOSTER ATTEMPTED PHOTOS WITH BOX CAMERA,
620 COLOR FILM. BEING PROCSSD AT SUPPORT BASE
AND IF PHOTOS DEVELOP WILL BE FORWARDED IN 72 HOURS
BY SEPARATE LETTER WITH COMPETE CAMERA DISCRIP-
TION. END QUOTE.

BT

24/1810Z MAY RJESGM

DATA PROCESSING DIVISION
CLIMATIC CENTER, USAF
Air Weather Service (MATS)
Asheville, North Carolina

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: CCDDPD

31 Jul 1961

SUBJECT: Copies of Radiosonde Data

TO: Air Force Technical Intelligence Center
Foreign Technology Division, TD-E
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. Reference: Telephone requests to this Division on 5 Jul and 12 Jul 61, and our shipment on 7 Jul 61.

2. We are inclosing photocopies of radiosonde adiabatic charts for 19-21 May 61 from Valpariso, Florida/Eglin AFB. These are the remaining charts requested in your telephone call on 5 Jul 61.

3. Also inclosed are photocopies of adiabatic charts for 3-7 Jul 61 from Flint, Michigan/Bishop Airport. Flint is the closest radiosonde station to Toledo, Ohio, requested in your telephone call on 12 Jul 61.

FOR THE DIRECTOR

Pallas L. Tye, Jr.
PALLAS L. TYE, JR.
Captain, USAF
Administrative Officer

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Photocopies f/Eglin AFB & Flint, Mich



Box 4701
4758 Air Base Gp
Tyndall AFB, Fla
10 August 1961

SMSGT Harold R. Senck
U.S.A.F. Radar Site
Cross City, Florida

Dear Sergeant Senck:

I am searching for some information regarding several UFO's cited by personnel of Tyndall AFB during the period 20 through 23 May 61.

I understand that you were privileged to take a photograph of at least one of these flying objects on or about 23 May 61 and that you have shared this information with the Air Force.

If you have a photo or the negative of an Unidentified Flying Object, request you forward a copy of the photo along with a copy of the report to this headquarters at your earliest convenience. We need this information to confirm sightings at this base and to forward through proper channels for the record.

MSGT Laccor, this station, had a sighting on 23 May 1961 and is of the opinion that your photo was of the same object of which you have a picture.

If you have forwarded copies of the photo and report we respectfully request complete information as to time, date and place where you sent the report. Our reports of sightings are on 23 May and 20 May 1961 with other unconfirmed verbal reports.

Thanking you in advance for your many courtesies and hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

Sincerely

VIRGIL E. MIRACLE
MSGT, USAF

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