

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 5 & 9 Aug 61		2. LOCATION Fort Edward, New York		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 2130 & 2145 GMT 060230 & 100245Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1st -- 20-25 min 2nd -- 15 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE Random then E	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round objt white, dull yellow w/light observed on different days with same characteristics. Speed faster than jet. Got reddish tint in distance. Speed increased with distance. 1st sighting 20-25 min; 2nd 15 min. Random movements fading to E.				11. COMMENTS Due to release of weather balloons in area at approx time of sightings and witness thax reference to similarity to balloons coupled with similar flight patterns of balloons it is probable that sightings were balloons.	

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ACTION: CIN-14, SAFS-3

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

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FM 656TH RADRON SAGE SARATOGA AFS NY

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJEZSN/26 AIRDIV HANCOCK FLD NY

RJEDSQ/ATIC WPAFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/HQ USAF WASH 25 DC

RJEZHQ/OSAF WASH 25 DC

INFO RJEZKN/BOADS STEWART AFB NY

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UNCLAS FROM RAD-GE 8-43.

FOR: AFCIN, HQ USAF, SAFIS, OSAF. IN COMPLIANCE WITH AFR
200-2 DTD 14 SEP 59, THE FOLWG RPT IS SUBMITTED: TWO OB-
JECTS WERE SIGHTED ON SEPERATE OCCASIONS, 1ST OBJECT AT
0230Z ON 6 AU 61, 2ND AT 0245Z ON 10 AUG 61. BOTH OB-
JECTS SIGHTED BY SAME INDIVIDUAL. PAR 15A (1) ROUND, (2)
GOLF BALL, (3) 1ST WHITE 6 AUG, 2ND DULL YELLOW 10 AUG,
(4) ONE, (5) NA, (6) NO FEATURES, ONLY LIGHT, (7) IN THE
DISTANCE A REDDISH TINT APPEARED. (8) NONE. (9) MUCH
FASTER THAN A JET HIGH AS 30,000 FT. APPROX. APPROACHED

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SLOW, DEPARTED MUCH FASTER, BUT NOT AS FAST AS A SHOOTING STAR OR METEOR. LOOKED LIKE AN UNLIGHTED WEATHER BALLON SEEN AT 2330Z, 10 AUG 61. 1ST OBJECT SIGHTED 6 AUG WAS HIGH, 2ND OBJECT SIGHTED 10 AUG WAS LOW. PAR 15B (1) BRIGHT LIGHT AND MOTION. (2) NEARLY OVERHEAD WHEN FIRST SEEN, (3) APPROX 60 DEGREES FROM HORIZON, APPROX AZIMUTH 100 DEGREES. (4) TRAVELING EAST TO WEST, MADE 180 DEGREE TURN TO THE EAST WHEN DIRECTLY OVERHEAD, (5) FADED SLOWLY TO THE EAST. (6) 1ST OBJECT APPROX 20 TO 25 MINUTES, 2ND OBJECT APPROX 15 MINUTES. PAR 15C (1) GROUND VISUAL, (2) NAMED EYES, (3) NA. 15D (1) 1ST OBJECT, 0230Z 6 AUG 61. 2ND OBJECT, 0245Z 10 AUG 61, (2) NOGHT. PAR 15E, 6 MILES SE OF GLENNS FALLS, NEW YORK, TOWN OF FORT EDWARD; BOTH OBJECTS. PAR 15F (1) [REDACTED] 29 YRS, 27 [REDACTED], FORT EDWARD NY, TECHNICIAN FOR WESTERN ELECTRIC, ALBANY NY. RELIABILITY GOOD. HIS SITER [REDACTED], ALSO SIGHTED 1ST OBJECT. HIS WIFE [REDACTED] SAW THE 2ND OBJECT. PAR 15G (1) CLOUDY ON 6 AUG AND CLEAR ON 10 AUG, (2) 6 AUG 61, FROM 350 DEGREES AT 6 KNOTS, FROM 240 33-DEGREES AT 7 KNOTS, FROM 260 DEGREES AT 16 KNOTS, FROM 260

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AT 25 KNOTS, FROM 250 DEGREES AT 46 KNOTS, FROM 260 DE-
GREES AT 46 KNOTS AND FROM 030 DEGREES AT 14 KNOTS. 10
AUG 61, 340 DEGREES AT 3 KNOTS, 230 A 18, 280 AT 36. 280 AT 36, 280
AT 42, 280 AT 36, 100 AT 31. (3) 6 AUG, 4000 FT BROKEN
10 AUG, CLEAR. (4) 6 AUG, 10 MILES, 10 AUG, 10 MILES.
(5) 6 AUG, TEN TENTHS, 10 AUG, CLEAR. (6) 6 AUG, NONE, 10
AUG, NONE. (7) 72 DEGREES, DEW POINT 66 ON 6 AUG, 74 DE-
GREES DEWPOINT 65 ON 10 AUG. PAR 15H, NONE. PAR 15I, NONE.
PAR 15J, UNKNOWN. PAR 15K, WEATHER BALLOONS ARE RELEASED
FROM ALBANY WEATHER BUREAU 2230Z DAILY. TYPE RADION SONDE,
6 FT DIAMETER, RUBBERIZED, COLOR WHITE. WIND
CONDITIONS ON BOTH SIGHTINGS AT ALL ALTITUDES WERE SIMILIAR.
A JET STREAM LOCATED IN THE AREA, BUT WAS NOT OF VERY HIGH
VELOCITY. VERY POSSIBLE THAT OBJECTS SIGHTED WERE WEATHER
BALLOONS AT EXTREMELY HIGH ALTITUDE IN THAT OBSERVER
COMMENTED ON SIMILARITY OF OBJECT TO WEATHER BALLOON. AL-
THOUGH NOT SUBSTANTIATED BY WIND DIRECTION AND VELOCITY
GIVEN BY WEATHER BUREAU, A WIND SHIFT OF HIGH VELOCITY AT
HIGH ALTITUDE COULD HAVE ACCOUNTED FOR CHANGE IN DIRECTION
AND HIGH RATE OF TRAVEL. PAR 15L, NONE.

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13/2230Z AUG RJEZKNG

JOINT MESSAGEFORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

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SPACE BELOW RESERVED FOR COMMUNICATION CENTER

17/1315-2

PRECEDENCE		TYPE MSG (ICM)			ACCOUNTING SYMBOL	ORIG. OR REFERS TO	CLASSIFICATION OF REFERENCE
ACTION	INFO	BOOK	MULTI	SINGLE			
ROUTINE					AF	RAD-GE 8-43	UNCL

FROM:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

FID WPAFB O

TO:

SARATOGA AFS NY

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17-8-377

656TH RADRON SAGE/YOUR UNCL MSG RAD-GE 8-43 DTD 13 AUG 61. REQUEST CLARIFICATION OF PARAGRAPHS 15B2 THRU 15B5. YOUR REPORT INDICATES MULTIPLE WITNESSES TO BOTH SIGHTINGS, BUT ONLY ONE WITNESS' DESCRIPTION IS REPORTED. REQUEST THE OTHER WITNESSES BE CONTACTED AND THEIR IMPRESSIONS OF THE SIGHTINGS BE FORWARDED TO FID.

DATE	17	TIME	0800
MONTH	AUG	YEAR	1961

SYMBOL		SIGNATURE	
TD-E			
TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature, if required)		TYPED (or Signed) NAME AND TITLE	
Major Robert J. Friend		EDWARD H. WYNN	
PHONE	69216	Colonel, USAF	
SECURITY CLASSIFICATION	UNCLASSIFIED	Dep for Science & Components	

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FM 65TH RADRON (TAGO) ALATOGA SPRING AFB

TO ATIC WP AFB OHIO

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UNCLAS/ FROM RAD-GE 8-50.

FOR TD-E. REF YOUR N.G. TD-E 17-8-377, OTHER WITNESSES

WERE INTERVIEWED AT THE SAME TIME AND WERE IN COMPLETE
AGREEMENT WITH THE INDIVIDUAL THAT SIGHTED THE OBJECT.

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18/1700Z AUG RJEDKNG

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