

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 10 Sep 61		2. LOCATION Hdx Hammond, Indiana		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical <i>Capella</i> ☒ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2030 GMT 11/0230Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <i>20x telescope</i> ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 1/2 hrs		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE NNE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Oval shaped, blue-green-orange-yellow objt with diffused light around it observed in NNE for 3 1/2 hrs. Movement very slow toward NNE.				11. COMMENTS Witness probably did not know how to use his telescope, as elevations and az are very general. First Magnitude star Capella was in NNE at time of sighting, at a lower altitude. Taking into account an error on part of witness, coupled with appearance and duration of sighting it is quite possible that witness was reporting star Capella.	

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ACTION: CIN-17
INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3 (24)

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SMB A 038

CHQB719ZCYJC172

PP RJEZHQ

DE RJEDNU 7

ZNR

P 111300Z

FM TECH TNG CEN CHANUTE AFB ILL

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJEDSQ/ATIC WPAFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/HQ USAF WASH DC

RJEZHQ/OSAF WASH DC

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UNCLAS OSD150J. ACTION: SAFS AND AFCIN HQ USAF. FOLLOWING REPORT
SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2, PARAGRAPH 15:

A. DISCRIPTION OF OBJECT

- (1) OVAL SHAPE
- (2) PELLET
- (3) BLUE, GREEN, ORANGE AND YELLOW
- (4) ONE
- (5) NONE
- (6) NONE
- (7) DIFFUSED LIGHT AROUND OBJECT

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10 M 280/20

16M 260/25

20M 260/20

30M 230/30

50M 250/15

80M UNK

(3) NONE

(4) UNRESTRICTED

(5) NONE

(6) NONE

(7) SAME AS STANDARD 14 DEGREE C WARM TROPAPAUSE 39600

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. RAWINSONDE BALLOON RELEASED AT PEORIA AIRPORT 80 MI NW

ON 07 AT 0000Z

K. OIC, INSTRUMENT SECTION - PROBABLE CAUSE OF SIGHTING -

STAR, PLANET OR COMET. NO OTHER REPORTS OF SIGHTING. EXTREMELY SLOW
SPPED OR OBJECT LINKENED TO STAR OR PLANET. PROBABLE START WAS VEGA.

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(8) NO SOUND

B. DISCRIPTION OF COURSE

(1) ATTENTION WAS DIRECTED BY THE COLOR

(2) 30 DEGREES NORTH NORTH EAST

(4) 45 DEGRESS TO 50 DEGREES NORTH NORTH EAST

(4) STRAIGHT LINE VERY, VERY SLOW

(5) DISAPPEARED SLOWLY NORTH NORTH EAST

(6) SIGHTED FOR THREE AND ONE HALF HOURS

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

(1) GROUND VISUAL SIGHTING

(2) OBSERVED WITH TURRED TELESCOPE 20X40X60 MADE IN JAPAN
LENS DIAMETER 2.5 INCHES WITH TRIPOD. BINCOLUARS 7X35.

(3) N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) 0230Z

(2) NIGHT, CLEAR

E. 41 DEGREES 35 FT N/87 DEGREES 30 FT W HAMMOND, INDIANA

F. [REDACTED] AGE 21 [REDACTED] CLAUDE AVE, HAMMOND, IND. SUTDENT.

G. (1) CLEAR 15 PLUS 76 - 58 CALM

(2) SFC CALM