

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 23 Nov 61		2. LOCATION Sioux City, Iowa		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 _____ GMT 24/0330Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE S	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Obj, similar to bright star of unknown shape w/no discernable features (no sound, tail, or exhaust) observed moving S. Observed by younger persons who called attention to the witness reporting the obj. Initial observation estimated 40° elev. Obj maintained straight flight w/no maneuvers for 15 min where it disappeared at an elev some lower than 40° (Obj assumed to cross zenith) Weather was clear w/no visibility restrictions according to the observer. Local WX rpt was visibility 15/ no cloud cover & ceiling unlimited. Wind info included. Witness repeated that obj had no unusual features.					
11. COMMENTS ECHO I crossed equator heading N at 24/0310.5Z & would have been over Japan at the time of sighting. Duration the//rules out a/c altho an a/c often appears as a single light. Wind direction was in the W & NW at speeds up to 70 knots w/the most likely speed for upper air balloons at 40 knots in 280°. Duration, steady speed of obj & direction of flight rule out the probability of a balloon sighting. Astronomical bodies ruled out because of speed & duration of sighting. Characteristics of mirages, reflections etc are not present. Case listed as unidentified.					

23 November, 1961 Sioux City, Iowa. Time 24/0330Z

Report received from SCADS, Sioux City AB, Iowa on 200-2 Format 24 November.

~~One~~ object, similar to a bright star, of unknown shape with no discernable features--no sound, tail, or exhaust,--observed moving South. Observed by younger persons ~~outside~~ who called attention to the witness reporting the object. Initial observation estimated at 40 degrees elevation. Object maintained straight flight with no maneuvers for 15 minutes where it disappeared at an elevation somewhat lower than 40 degrees. (Object assumed to cross Zenith.) Weather was clear with no visibility restrictions according to the observer. Local WX report was visibility 15 /, no cloud cover and ceiling unlimited. Wind information included. Witness repeated that object had no unusual features.

~~Possibility of satellite ruled out.~~ ECHO I crossed the equator heading ~~NORTH~~ at 24/0310.5Z and would have been over Japan heading ~~North~~ at the time of the reported sighting. Duration of the sighting rules out aircraft although an a/c often appears as a single light. Wind direction was from the West and NW at speeds up to 70 knots with the most likely speed for upper air balloons at 40 knots from 280 degrees heading. Duration, steady speed of object, and direction of flight rule out the probability of a balloon sighting. Astronomical bodies ruled out because of speed or duration of sighting. ~~Balloons and a/c not considered as a likely cause. Satellites generally head NE or SE and the most prominent satellite was not in the area.~~ Characteristics of mirages, reflections etc. are not present. Case listed as unidentified.

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ACTION: CIN-17

INFO : SAFS-3, OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, DIA-2 (26)

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CZCHQD8 37ZCWJA256

PP JEZHQ

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FM SCADS SIOUX CITY AB IA

TO RJWFAL/HQ ADC E NT AFB COLO

RJWFKF/HQ 29THAD RICHARDS GEBUR AFB MO

RJEZHQ/HQ USAF WASHDC

RJEZHQ/SEC OF USAF

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UNCLAS 1614. FOR AFCIN HQ USAF, SAFIS SEC OF USAF. SUBJ: UFO.

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT.

1. SHAPE, UNKNOWN-APPEARED AS A LARGE STAR
2. SIZE-COMPARABLE TO A COIN (5 CENT PIECE) HELD AT ARMS LENGTH
3. COLOR-SAME AS A BRIGHT STAR
4. NUMBER-1
5. FORMATION-NONE
6. DISCERNABLE FEATURES-NONE
7. NO TAIL OR EXHAUST, ETC.
8. NO SOUND

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9. NO OTHER UNUSUAL FEATURES

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE.

1. NO REASON OR CAUSE KNOWN TO DIRECT OBSERVERS ATTENTION TO
OBJECT- YOUNGER PERSONS WERE OUTSIDE AND NOTICED OBJECT INITIALLY
2. ANGLE OF OBSERVATION INITIALLY APPROXIMATELY 40 DEG ABOVE
HORIZON
3. ANGLE OF OBSERVATION SOMEWHAT LOWER THAN 40 DEG ABOVE HORIZON
WHEN DISAPPEARED
4. FLIGHT PATH FROM NORTH TO SOUTH-STRAIGHT LINE PATH
5. NIL
6. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT-15 MIN (APPROX)

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

1. VISUAL

D. DATE AND TIME OF SIGHTING

1. 24/0330Z
2. NIGHT

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVORS

1. LAT/LONG 4229N 9623W
2. REFERENCE POINT-IN THE CITY OF SIOUX CITY IOW

F. IDENTIFYING INFO ON OBSERVORS

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1. MR [REDACTED] SIOUX CITY, IOWA

(PRODUCE BUSINESS)

2. NA

G. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITION AT TIME OF SIGHTING

1. OBSERVERS ACCOUNT-CLEAR-NO RESTRICTION TO VISIBILITY

2. AWS

SURFACE WINDS-200 DEG/4 KNOTS

6000 WINDS-310 DEG/30 KNOTS

10000 300 DEG/45 KNOTS

16000 300 DEG/55 KNOTS

20000 300 DEG/70 KNOTS

30000 P KNOTS

50000 280 DEG/40 KNOTS

60000 270 DEG/40 KNOTS

3. CEILING LIMITED

4. VISIBILITY-15 PLUS

5. CLOUD COVER-NONE

6. THUNDERSTORMS IN AREA-NONE

H. UNUSUAL ACTIVITY-INK

1. NONE

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2. NONE

3. NONE

I. INTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION- NONE

J. LOCATION OF KNOWN AIR TRAFFIC AT TIME OF OBSERVATION-
UNKNOWN.C

C. PREPARING OFFICERROY B CARRIS

 SIOUX CITY ADS

 SENIOR DIRECTOR

1. NO PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS

L. NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

M. NO ADDITIONAL COMMENTS BY OBSERVER

N. REMARKS NONE

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