

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 15 January 1962		2. LOCATION Monroe, Louisiana		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical (S/A) ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 15/1058Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 3 or more		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Objects described as round. Size of 1/2 dollar, white in color and very bright were observed by witnesses in Monroe, La. Shaped like an arrow. Motion attributed to objects by witness was wobbling. Streams of light was reported to have come from objects. This object was first observed in S and appeared to disappear without changing its relative direction.				11. COMMENTS Beta Centaurus and Beta Crux magnitudes 0.9 and 1.5. The characteristics attributed to objects of this sighting are similar to those of stars distorted by atmospheric refraction. Bright stars Beta Centaurus and Beta Crux are on horizon due S of observer at time of this sighting. It is concluded that these stars distorted by atmospheric refraction is the cause of this sighting.	

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ACTIVITY SUBMITTING REPORT 4238 STRAT WG (DCOI) BARKSDALE AFB, LOUISIANA	DATE OF COLLECTION 19 JAN 62	SRI STATUS (If applicable)	
PREPARING INDIVIDUAL FREDERICK J. WISE A/2C USAF	DATE OF REPORT 19 JAN 62	SRI NO.	CANCELED/COMPLETE
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE MR. [REDACTED] POST OFFICE BOX [REDACTED] MONROE, LOUISIANA	EVALUATION	SRI NO.	CANCELED/INCOMPLETE
REFERENCES (BAIR Subject, previous reports, etc., as applicable)		SRI NO.	ACTIVE
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON (Date)			
AFR 200-2			
SUBJECT (Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects)			
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT (UFO)			
SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies)			
This report was turned in personally by Mr. [REDACTED] to Lt. Col. D.G. Thompson Director of Administrative Services on the 18 Jan 62. The investigation was made on the 19 Jan 62, and the results are contained in Part 2 of this report. The paragraph headings and format used in Part 2 follow the headings and format of paragraph 15 of AFR 200-2.			
APPROVED <i>[Signature]</i> BYRREL L. ELAIS Lt Col, USAF Chief, Intelligence Division			
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1. The following information corresponds to the format as outlined in paragraph 15, AFR 200-2:

a. Description of object

- (1) Round
- (2) Half Dollar
- (3) White with an occasional rust color in the center
- (4) Three or more (no specified amount)
- (5) Arrow shaped
- (6) It had 2 fixed Arc's suspended downward from the center of the object each Arc covered a span of 35 degrees.
- (7) A stream of light appeared and disappeared
- (8) None
- (9) Wobbled like a top as it decelerated

b. Description of course of object

- (1) Its bright glow
- (2) 10 degrees above horizon
- (3) Faded from sight
- (4) It accelerated and decelerated performing various maneuvers including a 20 degree bank in a formation.
- (5) It faded from sight to the south
- (6) Observer did not time and has no idea

c. Manner of observation

- (1) Ground visual
- (2) None used
- (3) N/A

d. Time and date of sighting

- (1) 1058Z, 15 Jan 62
- (2) Pre-Dawn

e. Location of observer

- (1) City of Monroe, Louisiana

f. Identifying information of observer

- (1) Mr. [REDACTED]
Post Office Box [REDACTED]
Monroe, Louisiana
Occupation not known
Reliability—appeared normal
Age—about 38-40

g. Weather and winds

- | | | |
|-----------|----------------|-------------------|
| (1) Clear | | |
| (2) | Wind Direction | Velocity in knots |
| Surface | West | 12 |
| 6,000 | 320 | 35 |
| 10,000 | 290 | 40 |

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16,000	270	60		
20,000	270	70		
30,000	260	85		
50,000	250	80		
(3) Clear				
(4) 15 Miles				
(5) None				
(6) None				
(7) 34 Degrees at 1100Z				

h. Unusual activities or conditions

(1) Several weather balloons were released at Barksdale AFB, La. and Texarkana, Ark. within a few hours prior to the sighting. Exact time of balloon release could not be determined.

i. N/A

j. Not known

k. See comments of preparing individual below

Mr. [REDACTED] is a man of some means and seems to be a reliable source of information. Mr. [REDACTED] reported in person to Lt Col D.G. Thompson, Director of Administrative services who had the report typed up and sent to us. After talking with Col Thompson who said that the man appeared normal when he gave him the report we decided it was not necessary to contact Mr. [REDACTED] personally.

It is my opinion after a preliminary analysis that the objects sighted were a combination of weather balloons and the moonrising. This explains the apparent rise and fall of the objects sighted.

Frederick J. Wise
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COMMENTS OF APPROVING OFFICER

I concur with the preliminary report and agree that the objects sighted was probably a combination of the moon rising and weather balloons.

Brythel L. Ellis
BRYTHEL L. ELLIS
Lt Col, USAF
Chief, Intelligence Division

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