

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 28 Jan 62		2. LOCATION Morehead, Kentucky		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Birds</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>2155</u> GMT <u>29/0355Z</u>		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 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 8-12			
9. COURSE					
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING College student, amateur astronomer, out observing stars. "V" shaped, passed overhead. No definite formation but objects flew close together. One object changed position from right to left. Total observation about 8 sec, during which time objects traversed through 45°. No sound or trail. Color white but dull. Movement steady.				11. COMMENTS Objects flew in group rather than formation. Took 8 sec to cover 45° arc. At low altitude this is consistent with speed of birds (30-35 mph). There was a street light about 120 ft from observer to the SW. Light from this source probably reflected from the birds and the objects were not identified by the witness as such.	

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MOREHEAD, KY.
JANUARY 30, 1962

PROJECT BLUE BOOK
AIR TACTICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
DAYTON, OHIO

GENTLEMEN:

ON THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 28 AT 10:00 P.M. I RECEIVED A TELEPHONE CALL FROM MY CLOSE FRIEND [REDACTED] HE TOLD ME HE HAD OBSERVED A GROUP OF FROM 8 TO 12 OBJECTS PASS OVERHEAD, AT APPROXIMATELY 9:55 P.M. AND HAD IMMEDIATELY CALLED ME. I WENT STRIGHT OVER TO HIS HOUSE AND QUESTIONED HIM AS TO THE SIGHTING. I HAVE BEEN INTERESTED IN UFOs FOR SOME TIME, SO AFTER GATHERING THE FACTS WE DECIDED TO SEND YOU THE REPORT. HERE IS THE STORY TOLD IN HIS OWN WORDS:

"AFTER RETURNING HOME FROM CHURCH ON THE NIGHT OF JANUARY 28 I WAS PLANNING ON TAKING MY TELESCOPE OUTSIDE TO OBSERVE A FEW CONSTELLATIONS. I PUT OFF GOING OUT UNTIL ABOUT 9:45 P.M. AT THAT TIME I TOOK MY TELESCOPE OUTSIDE AND SET IT UP ON THE BACK WALK. SINCE THE WEATHER WAS VERY COLD, I DECIDED TO STAY OUT FOR ONLY A FEW MINUTES. BECAUSE THE TELESCOPE LACKED A STAR DIAGONAL AND WAS AWKWARD TO USE, I DECIDED INSTEAD TO USE BINOCULARS. SO I TOOK THE TELESCOPE INSIDE AND AFTER LOCATING THE BINOCULARS RETURNED TO THE BACK YARD.

I FIRST OBSERVED THE NEBULA IN ORION, THEN THE PLEIADES AND SOME OTHER CLUSTERS. AFTER I HAD ALMOST FINISHED, I WAS, AS WELL AS I REMEMBER, LOOKING TOWARD THE CONSTELLATION ORION, WHEN I NOTICED OUT OF THE TOP OF MY EYE A GLOWING LIGHT ALMOST DIRECTLY OVERHEAD MOVING IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION. MY FIRST THOUGHT WAS THAT THE OBJECT WAS A METEOR, BUT I KNEW AT ONCE THAT METEORS USUALLY FALL INDIVIDUALLY AND NOT IN GROUPS. AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE I TRAINED THE GLASSES ON THE LIGHT. I SAW AT ONCE ABOUT 8 TO 12 OBJECTS, EACH HAVING THE SHAPE OF A "V" WITH A VERTEX ANGLE OF ABOUT 130°. THEY GAVE OFF A BRIGHT BUT NOT BRILLIANT LIGHT WHICH MADE THE OUTLINE FAIRLY DISTINCT. THERE WAS NO VISIBLE MEANS OF PROPULSION, AND THEY LEFT NO TRAIL. THE NEIGHBORHOOD WAS QUIET AND WHEN I LISTENED FOR A SOUND FROM THE OBJECTS I HEARD NONE. THEY DID NOT FLY IN ANY PERFECT FORMATION, BUT IT WAS NOTICED THAT THEY WERE WINGTIP TO WINGTIP, SOME BEING A LITTLE AHEAD OF THE OTHERS. AS THEY PROCEEDED WESTWARD ONE OF THE OBJECTS WHICH WAS A LITTLE BEHIND THE OTHERS AND NEAR THE RIGHT HAND SIDE, MOVED OVER TO THE LEFT OF THE GROUP.

THE OBJECTS WERE FIRST NOTICED ALMOST DIRECTLY OVERHEAD IN THE CONSTELLATION GEMINI AND MOVED STEADILY WESTWARD PASSING NEAR THE UPPER PORTION OF THE CONSTELLATION ORION. THEY VANISHED ABOUT 45° ABOVE THE WESTERN HORIZON. FROM THE DETECTION TO THE LOSING OF THE OBJECTS ABOUT 8 SECONDS ELAPSED.

AFTER GOING INTO THE HOUSE AND REPORTING THE INCIDENT TO MY PARENTS I RETURNED OUTSIDE FOR ANOTHER LOOK, BUT AFTER SEEING NOTHING MORE UNUSUAL I CALLED [REDACTED] AND TOLD HIM OF THE SIGHTING. HE SAID HE WOULD COME OVER AT ONCE. AFTER CALLING, I WENT OUTSIDE ONCE MORE AND NOTICED THAT THE SKY WAS BECOMING OVERCAST AND ONLY THE BRIGHTER STARS WERE VISIBLE. SO I RETURNED TO MY ROOM, GOT OUT A STAR MAP, AND PLOTTED THE PATH OF THE OBJECTS. WHEN [REDACTED] ARRIVED WE DISCUSSED THE SIGHTING AND I RELATED THE FACTS TO HIM AS HE ASKED QUESTIONS AND TOOK NOTES."

SIGNED: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
MOREHEAD, KY.
JANUARY 30, 1962

OUR NAMES AND ADDRESSES:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
MOREHEAD, KY.
AGE 18

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
MOREHEAD, KY.
AGE 18

I HAVE KNOWN [REDACTED] SINCE HE AND I STARTED SCHOOL TOGETHER. IN MY OPINION CARL IS A SERIOUS, INTELLIGENT, LEVEL HEADED BOY, NOT PRONE TO MAKE UP STORIES FOR ANY REASON. IT IS MY FIRM BELIEF THAT THE STATEMENT HE HAS RENDERED ABOVE IS THE ABSOLUTE TRUTH.

SIGNED: [REDACTED]

DETAILS OF SIGHTING

1. TIME OF SIGHTING: APPROXIMATELY 9:55 PM
2. LOCATION OF OBJECTS: FIRST SIGHTED IN CENTER OF GEMINI CONSTELLATION, PASSING ABOVE ORION IN BETWEEN ORION AND TAURUS.
3. MOVEMENT OF OBJECTS: IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION. STEADY RAPID MOVEMENT.
4. DESCRIPTION: 8 TO 12 "V" SHAPED OBJECTS WITH A VERTEX ANGLE OF ABOUT 130°. BRIGHT BUT NOT BRILLIANT LIGHT. NO DEFINITE FORMATION BUT FLEW CLOSE TOGETHER. ONE OBJECT CHANGED POSITION FROM RIGHT TO LEFT. IN SIGHT ABOUT 8 SECONDS. OBJECTS TRAVERSED ABOUT 45° OF SKY BEFORE BEING LOST 45° ABOVE HORIZON. NO MEANS OF PROPULSION VISIBLE. LEFT NO TRAIL.
5. TEMPERATURE AT TIME OF SIGHTING: APPROXIMATELY 25° F.
6. THERE IS A STANDARD LOW WATTAGE STREETLIGHT, INCANDESCENT TYPE LOCATED 120 ft. FROM SPOTTING POSITION IN A SOUTHWEST DIRECTION.
7. A CHECK WAS MADE WITH A LOCAL PROFESSOR AT MOREHEAD STATE COLLEGE WHO IS A BIRDWATCHER. HIS CONCLUSION WAS THAT THE OBJECTS MIGHT HAVE BEEN BUT PROBABLY WERE NOT BIRDS.

8. BINOCULARS USED WERE 4 POWER, 50 MM TYPE
9. OBSERVER WAS AN AMATEUR ASTRONOMER WHO HAS SEEN METEORITES, AIRCRAFT, BIRDS, AND OTHER NATURAL PHENOMENA BEFORE.
10. BALLOON MAY BE RULED OUT BECAUSE OBJECT WAS TRAVELING IN OPPOSITE DIRECTION OF WIND WHICH BROUGHT CLOUDS OUT OF THE WEST.
11. NO UNUSUAL RADIO OR TV INTERFERENCE WAS NOTICED AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING.
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U F O ANALYSIS SHEET

DATE 28 January, 1962 LOCATION Morehead, Kentucky

DATE TIME GROUP LOCAL 2155 GMT 29/0355Z

PHOTO YES NO X PHYSICAL SPECIMEN YES NO XX

SOURCE MILITARY CIVILIAN XX TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual

LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 8 Seconds NUMBER OF OBJECTS 4X50BX 8-12 COURSE N/A

SATELLITE: IN ORBIT: N/A VERIFY YES: NO: DECAY: N/A

ASTRONOMICAL PHENOMENA N/A

METEOR N/A

STAR OR PLANET N/A

OTHER N/A

AIRCRAFT N/A

BALLOON N/A

INSUFFICIENT DATA N/A

OTHER Probably Birds.

REFLECTION INVERSION PRESENT PHOTO ANALYSIS

SUN DOG LENTICULAR CLOUD PHYSICAL SPECIMEN ANALYSIS

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EVALUATION: CASE CATEGORY: Other (Birds)

CONCLUSION: Objects flew in group rather than formation. ~~It~~ took eight seconds to cover ~~the~~ 45 degree arc. At low altitude this is consistant with the speed of birds (about 30-35 mph). There was a street light about 120 ft. from the observer to the southwest. ~~It is probable that~~ light from this source reflected from the birds and the objects were not identified by the witness as such.