

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 26 Apr 62		2. LOCATION Denville, Illinois		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 27/0100Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION 12 1/2" TX ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☐ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Opal luminous objt 1/2 bright as Venus considered circular of spherical with light at base. Observed through 12 1/2" reflecting telescope, by amature astronomer while looking for comet seki-lines Elevation increasing.				11. COMMENTS Upper air observation balloon released at Peioria at 2300'. Winds fm 280° at 50,000 were 23 knots. Wind would carry balloon over Danville at approximately 0100Z/27 April. Balloon light also visible, elevation increasing. Balloon considered to be objt of sighting.	

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THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 222-2,
PARAGRAPH 15:

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT

(1) CIRCULAR - POSSIBLY SPHERICAL, BUT COULD NOT BE DETERMINED
BECAUSE DEPTH COULD NOT BE SEEN.

(2) BY TELESCOPIC SIGHTING, IT APPEARS TO BE APPROXIMATELY
TWICE THE SIZE OF VENUS. COULD BE SEEN BY NAKED EYE.

(3) OPAL, LUMINOUS, APPROXIMATELY ONE HALF AS BRIGHT AS VENUS

(4) ONE

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(5) N/A

ACTION

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E(UFO)

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PRIORITY

4 X 2a

(7) APPEARS TO HAVE LIGHT AT BASE OR 132 DEGREES WHICH IS APPROXIMATE SIZE OF 1 DEGREE OF THE CIRCUMFERENCE (VISIBLE BY TELESCOPIC LIGHTING ONLY)

(8) NONE

(9) N/A

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT

(1) SEARCHING FOR SCHI - LINES COMET

(2) 11 DEGREES ALTITUDE 320 DEGREES AZIMUTH

(3) APPROXIMATELY THE SAME

(4) TRAVELS APPROXIMATELY ONE HALF DEGREE IN 30 SECONDS DIRECTION TO THE NORTH WITH ELEVATION INCREASING

(5) SUDDEN DISINTEGRATION INTO PARTICLES, LUMINOUS IN NATURE (BY TELESCOPE) TO NAKED EYE IT JUST GOES OUT.

(6) 3 MINUTES 1922L/26 TO 1923L/26 APR BY WITNESS. OTHER OBSERVATION 1855/26 APR BY [REDACTED] (NAKED EYE)

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

(1) GROUND VISUAL

(2) TELESCOPE - REFLECTING 12 ONE HALF INCHES F8

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(3) N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

(1) 0102Z/27 APR 62

(2) DUSK

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: 40 DEGREES 7" N LAT, 84-36 W LONG
CARVILLE, ILLINOIS

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(3) N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

(1) 0130Z/27 APR 62

(2) DUSK

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: 40 DEGREES 7" N LAT, 84-36 W LONG
DANVILLE, ILLINOIS

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER.

(1) MR. [REDACTED] AGE 46, [REDACTED], DANVILLE, ILL.
PHOTO FINISHER, LEVEL OF SCHOOL 61, B.S. DEGREE IN GENERAL
BUSINESS FROM UNIVERSITY OF ILL 1938 - AMATURE ASTRONOMER. MEMBER
OF DANVILLE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY. PHOTO FINISHER FOR LAST 12 YRS
WORK REQUIRES SOME DEGREE OF TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE

G. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITIONS TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING:

(1) CLEAR - BELOW 80 DEGREES F

(2) SURFACE 183/14 GN 210/16 10M 200/23

16M 240/16 22M 250/14 32M 210/23

50M 280/23 80M NOT AVAILABLE

(3) NONE

(4) 12 MI

(5) 1/10-2/10 CIRRUS

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(6) NONE

(7) SURFACE TEMP OF 22 DEGREES C WITH GRADIENT OF 3 DEGREES PER THOUSAND FEET OF ALTITUDE

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. APPROXIMATELY 2300Z COLUMBIA, MO AND PEORIA, ILL
US WEATHER BUREAU RELEASE UPPER AIR OBSERVATION BALLONS

K. PREPARING OFFICER, CAPT ROBERT E. BOOTH, A03033999, 3361ST
INSTRUCTOR SQ., CHANUTE AFB, ILLINOIS, BELIEVES THAT THE GROUND
SIGHTING WAS A UPPER AIR OBSERVATION BALLON RELEASED BY FACILITIES
MENTIONED IN PAR J ABOVE.

WITNESS STATES THAT A BALLON OVER RANTOUL, ILLINOIS SIZE APPROX
50 INCHES DIAMETER WOULD GIVE THE APPEARANCE OF THE SIGHTING IN THE
TELESCOPE. THE CLOSER TO DANVILLE IT MOVED THE SMALLER THE
DIAMETER WOULD NEED TO BE TO GIVE SAME APPEARANCE. OTHER SIGHTINGS
IN THE AREA WERE TOO CLOSE FOR ANY USEFUL TRIANGULATION. OTHER
WITNESSES OF THE SIGHTING WERE. MR. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] DANVILLE. MR. [REDACTED] DANVILLE
AND MR. [REDACTED] DANVILLE. ALL WITNESSES
ARE BELIEVED TO BE RELIABLE.

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