

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 9 September 1962		2. LOCATION Topeka, Kansas		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 10/0040Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15-20 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE not rptd	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Tear drop shaped object size of silver dollar, orange in color with no unusual features, tail, trail, or sound noticed. At 30 dgr-35 dgr elev giving appearance of being about 20 miles away. No maneuvers with flight straight and slow at same elevation. Took appearance of star and faded in distance. Sighting at dusk. Object reflected sun. Direction of sighting and flight not reported.				11. COMMENTS Direction of flight not reported. Shape, description, and duration, however, are consistent with this analysis.	

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INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3, DIA-10,
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UNCLAS FROM 40DCOI 0443. FOR SAFOI, AND AFCEN. SUBJECT: UFO REPORT.

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: (1) SHAPE.....TEAR DROP. (2) SIZE
SILVER DOLLAR, (3) COLOR.....BRILLIANT ORANGE, (4) NUMBER ONE (1),
(5) N/A, (6) NO DISCRNABLE FEATURES OR DETAILS, (7) NO NOTICED
TAIL TRAIL OR EXHAUST, (8) NO SOUND.

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE: (1) OBSERVER FIRST NOTED OBJECT DUE TO
BRIGHT REFLECTION FROM THE SUN. OBJECT WAS TRAVELING AT A VERY SLOW
RATE OF SPEED. (2) OBSERVER STATES THAT OBJECT FIRST NOTED ABOUT
30-35 DEGREES ABOVE THE HORIZON AND ABOUT 20 MILES AWAY. (3)
OBJECT REMAINED AT ABOUT SAME ELEVATION UNTIL DISAPPEARANCE. (4)

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OBJECT MADE NO MANEUVERS, FLIGHT PATH SEEMED STRAIGHT AND SLOW. (5)
OBJECT WAS VISIBLE FOR ABOUT 20 MINUTES TOTAL. (6) OBJECT FINALLY
WENT OUT OF RANGE OF SIGHT, OR IT TOOK ON THE APPEARANCE OF A STAR
SOME 15-20 MINUTES AFTER SIGHTING.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION. (1) GROUND VISUAL BY CIVILIAN.

D. TIME DATE OF SIGHTING AT ABOUT 10/0040Z DUSK.

E. OBSERVER MADE SIGHTING IN TOPEKA KANSAS; HIS LOCATION WAS 37TH ST.
SOUTH, AT ABOUT THE 1200 BLOCK WEST.

F. OBSERVER WAS [REDACTED] CIVILIAN, AGE 50, ADDRESS [REDACTED]
OCCUPATION LINOTYPE MACHINIST, USED TO WORK FOR BOEING IN WICHITA,
KANSAS DURING THE B-29 PROGRAM. ALSO HAS A SON IN THE AIR FORCE AT
JAMES CONNALLY AFB TAKING NAVIGATOR TRAINING AT THIS TIME.

G. WEATHER & WINDS. (1) CLEAR & NINE MILES VISIBILITY. WINDS WERE
150 DEGREES AT 5 KNOTS.

(2) REPORT FROM NEAREST AWS, AT 0000Z.

6000	250	AT	26 KNOTS
10000	290	AT	26 KNOTS
16000	260	AT	30 KNOTS
20000	260	AT	36 KNOTS
30000	260	AT	55 KNOTS

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50000 260 AT 52 KNOTS

NO RECORDING FOR 80,000.

NO THUNDER STORMS IN THE AREA.

VERTICAL TEMP GRADIENT;

SURFACE 75 DEGREES F.

6M 52 "

10M 37 "

16M 23 "

20 10 "

30 -38 "

50 -56 "

80 -56 "

NOTHING NOTED METEOROLOGICAL TO CAUSE PHENEMENON.

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NO OTHER REPORT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED REGARDING THE SIGHTING OF ANY
U.F.O. OBSERVER STATES THAT THE SPEED OF THE OBJECT WAS VERY SLOW
AND DID NOT DEMONSTRATE ANY MANUEVERS, AND WAS TEAR DROP SHAPED,
THESE APTLY DESCRIBE THE FLIGHT CHARACTERISTICS SHAPE OF A
HELICOPTER WHICH ARE IN WIDE USE AT THIS BASE.

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NOTE: Adv cy del to DIA.
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