

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 2 October 1962		2. LOCATION MONTANA Moses Lake, Washington		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 03/0300Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☒ Other Auroral Reflection ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1. 20 sec 2. 30 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS two		9. COURSE descending	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 1) Oval obj observed at 30 dgr elev 250dgr azimuth descending for 20 secs. Disappeared by fading. 2) 60 secs after first sighting two objs of the same description appeared in the same position but did not descend. Also disappeared by fading. Color reddish orange. In sight for about 30 seconds. Local investigators believe reflections as cause.				11. COMMENTS Investigators at local level checked for flashing fm power lines in direction of obsvation. Aurora was obsvd in area. Sight- ing attributed to auroral dis- play.	

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OSAF FOR SAFOI. UFO REPORT IAW FORMAT AFR 203-2.

ALFA. (1) OVAL. (2) BASEBALL. (3) REDDISH ORANGE. (4) ONE

ON FIRST SIGHTING. TWO ON SECOND SIGHTING. (5) ON SECOND

SIGHTING THE TWO OBJECTS WERE ONE BELOW THE OTHER. (6) NONE.

(7) NONE. (8) NONE. (9) TWO SIGHTINGS AT 60 SECONDS INTERVAL.

BRAVO. (1) COLOR AND BRIGHTNESS. (2) 30 DEGREES ELEVATION.

250 DEGREES TRUE AZIMUTH. (3) 20 DEGREES AT DISAPPEARANCE FOR

FIRST SIGHTING OF SINGLE OBJECT. STILL AT 250 DEGREES AZIMUTH.

ANGLE AND AZIMUTH T SECOND SIGHTING OF TWO OBJECTS WAS THE SAME

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AT DISAPPEARANCE AS WHEN FIRST OBSERVED. (4) FIRST SIGHTING OF
SINGLE OBJECT APPEARED TO BE DESCENDING THROUGHOUT THE APPROX 20
SECONDS IT REMAINED ILLUMINATED. (5) FADED SLOWLY AWAY. (6) FIRST
SIGHTING - 20 SEC. SECOND SIGHTING- 30 SEC. COCA. (1) GROUND-
VISUAL. (2) NONE. (3) N/A. DELTA. (1) 0300Z 3 OCT 62. (2)
NIGHT. ECHO. 4712N 11919W. INTERSECTION OF RUNWAYS AT LARSON AFB,
WASH. FONTROT. (2) OWEN H. GRIDER, A/2C, 417TH COMBAT SUPPORT *Wash State*
GROUP, FIREMAN. VERY CREDIBLE. PRESTON HORTON, A/1C, 417TH *Wash*
COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP, FIREMAN. VERY CREDIBLE. ROGER PEACE, A/2C,
417TH COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP, FIREMAN. VERY CREDIBLE. GOLF. (1)
SCATTERED CLOUD, VISIBILITY GOOD, THERE WAS LIGHTNING. (2) SURFACE
WIND CALM. 6000FT -130/15. 10000FT -190/25. 16000FT- 180/30.
20000FT-200/45. 30000FT-180/60. 50000FT-190/20. (3) 16000FT.
(4) UNLIMITED-15 MILES PLUS. (5) SCATTERED AT 16000FT. BROKEN
HIGH CLOUDS. (6) THUNDERSTORMS IN NW AND SW QUADRANTS. (7) TEMP
GRADIENT -1.5 DEGREES PER THOUSAND FT. HOTEL. STORM FRONT PASSAGE
THROUGH PASCO, APPROX 70 MILES SOUTH, AT TIME OF THE SIGHTING, WITH
SURFACE WINDS GUSTING TO 65 MPH. INDIA. JULIET. C-47 FLYING
LOCAL. KILO. COMBAT INTELLIGENCE OFFICER. MR [REDACTED] AT THE
GRANT COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT CHECKED HIS COMPANY AND THE

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BONNIEVILLE POWER COMPANY TO ASSURE THERE WERE NO FLASHOVERS FROM
EXISTING POWER LINE TOWERS TO THE WEST OF THE PLACE OF SIGHTING.

PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS: STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT SIGHTINGS WERE OF
REFLECTIONS FROM THE AURORA BOREALIS ON THE CLOUD BASE. ACTUAL
OBSERVATIONS OF THE AURORA WERE MADE BY PERSONNEL OF THE 13TH

WEATHER DETACHMENT ON THE SAME DATE.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.



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REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

AFISI-6D 24-185-514

SUBJECT:

~~REDACTED~~ Civilian

23 OCT 1962

TO:

SAFOI

1. The attached correspondence from Subject was received from the FBI and is forwarded to your office for any action deemed proper under the provisions of paragraph 6, AFR 200-2.
2. Files of this Directorate contain no record of Subject.
3. This Directorate contemplates no further action in this matter.

F. L. Welch

F. L. WELCH
Asst Chief, Counterintelligence Division
Directorate of Special Investigations
The Inspector General

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Memo fm FBI dtd 11 Oct 62
fwd ltr fm Subject

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