

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 23 October 1962	2. LOCATION Farmington, Utah		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other <u>UNIDENTIFIED</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☒ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 23/2300Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE SE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Duck hunter heard sound like flock of ducks and observed a grey and silver round ball 3 ft in diameter approaching from the West at speed of jet a/c. What appeared to be grey or silver twine or cobwebbing with two knots trailing behind object. After passing overhead object swerved to SE and accelerated to a tremendous speed and disappeared in 1-2 seconds. Total sighting was 20 seconds.			11. COMMENTS UNIDENTIFIED

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UNCLAS 00BB-70030. FOR FTD, AFCIN, SAFOI. (U) UFO. REFERENCE 200-2/
COMPLETE. INFORMATION ACQUIRED 0336Z 25 OCT 62 BY HAFB UTAH, VIA
DET 1404 OSI FROM SALT LAKE OFFICE FBI. EVALUATION B-2. SOURCES
BELOW NAMED. [REDACTED] SALT LAKE CITY
UTAH. AT 2300Z 23 OCT 62 OBSERVER WAS DUCK HUNTING FARMINGTON BAY
REFUGE (112 DEG 0 MIN WEST, 40 DEG 59 MIN NORTH) WHEN HE HEARD
WHAT SOUNDED LIKE A FLOCK OF DUCKS COMING OVER HIS POSITION. NOTICED
A GRAY AND SILVER ROUND BALL 3 FEET IN DIAMETER APPROACHING FROM THE
WEST AT APPROXIMATE SPEED OF JET AIRCRAFT. OBJECT WAS TAILING
WHAT APPEARED TO BE GRAY OR SILVER TWINE OR COBWEBBING WITH TWO

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SALT LAKE CITY UTAH. DRIVER YELLOW CAB CO SALT LAKE TRANSPORTATION
CO SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH. AGE 52. MR [REDACTED] APPEARS TO BE
MATURE, STABLE PERSON. 14G (1) [REDACTED] STATED WEATHER WAS
CLEAR WITH NO CLOUDS VISIBLE IN AREA, VERY LITTLE SURFACE WIND.
14G (2) WEATHER DET HAFB UTAH REPORTED CONDITIONS AT 2300Z AS 4
KNOTS SURFACE WIND NORTH, 6 KNOTS WIND AT 350 DEG AT 6000 FT, 7 KNOTS
WIND FROM 030 DEG AT 10,000 FT, 25 KNOTS WIND FROM 320 DEG AT 16,000
FT, 25 KNOTS WIND FROM 340 DEG AT 20,000 FT. 20 KNOTS WIND FROM
320 DEG AT 30,000 FT, 30 KNOTS WIND FROM 300 DEG AT 50,000 FT, NO
INFORMATION AVAILABLE ABOVE 50,000 FT. 14 G (3) UNLIMITED. 14G (4)
30 MILES. 14G (5) NONE. 14G (6) NONE. 14G (7) 63 DEG, DEWPOINT
36. 14H NONE. 14I NONE ATTEMPTED. 14 J NO AIR TRAFFIC IN AREA
TO ACCOUNT FOR SIGHTING. US WEATHER BUREAU RELEASED BALLOONS AT
1700Z AND 2300Z, 23 OCT 62. BALLOONS WERE TRACKED SOUTH AND WEST
OVER BINGHAM, UTAH SO WOULD NOT ACCOUNT FOR SIGHTING. 14K THE
PREPARING OFFICER IS A SECURITY SPECIALIST GS7 SEC & LAW ENFORCEMENT
DIV, HILL AFB UT. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS INDICATES THAT OVERVIEW
INTERVIEWED WAS A LOGICAL MATURE PERSON AND WAS CONVINCED HE OBSERVED
SOME TANGIBLE OBJECT, NOT IDENTIFIABLE AS CONVENTIONAL TYPE AIRCRAFT.
NO UNUSUAL METEOROLOGICAL OR ASTRONOMICAL CONDITION WERE PRESENT

WHICH WOULD FURNISH EXPLANATION FOR SIGHTING. NO MISSILE TEST
FIRINGS ARE CONDUCTED IN IMMEDIATE AREA. WITH COMPLETION OF INITIAL
REPORT NO EXPLANATION DEVELOPED FOR THE OBJECT. NO FURTHER ACTION
CONTEMPLATED THIS STATION UNLESS FOLLOW UP REPORT REQUESTED

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KNOTS TRAILING BEHIND THE OBJECT. AFTER PASSING OVER OBJECT
SWERVED TO SOUTHEAST AND ACCELERATED TO A TREMENDOUS SPEED AND
DISAPPEARED IN ONE-TWO SECONDS. OBJECT VISIBLE FOR APPROXIMATE
20 SECONDS. 14A(1) ROUND BALL. 14A (2) 3 FT DIAMETER. 14 A(3)
GRAY & SILVER. 14A (4) ONE. 14A (5) NONE. 14A(6) NONE. 14A
(7) TRAILING SILVER WIRE OR COBWEBBING NO EXHAUST OR HEAT WAVES.
14A (8) RUSHING AIR PAST OBJECT SIMILAR TO SOUND OF DUCKS WINGS.
14A (9) NONE OBSERVED; 14B (1) SOUND OF RUSHING AIR AS IT
APPROACHED OBSERVERS POSITION. 14B(2) WHEN OBJECT WAS FIRST
SIGHTED IT WAS APPROACHING AT ALTITUDE OF BETWEEN 2000 FT AND 3000FT
FROM 270 DEG. AFTER PASSING OVER OBSERVERS POSITION SWERVED TO 110
DEG CLIMBED OUT AT 45 DEG ANGLE AND DISAPPEARED. 14B(3) SAME AS
14B(2). 14B (4) TRAVELLING APPROXIMATELY 2000 FT TO 3000 FT ABOVE
GROUND IN LEVEL FLIGHT THEN SWERVED 20 DEG TO RIGHT THEN CLIMBED AT 45
DEG ANGLE AND DISAPPEARED. FLIGHT PATH FROM WEST TO SOUTH EAST.
14B (5) OBJECT CLIMBED INTO SKY AND DISAPPEARED IN THE DISTANCE.
14B (6) APPROXIMATELY 20 SECONDS. 14C (1) NAKED EYE. 14C (2) NONE.
14C (3) NONE. 14D (1) 0336Z 25 OCT 62. 14D (2) DAY. 14 E 1/2
MILE WEST OF US HIGHWAY 91 FARMINGTON, UTAH 112 DEG 0 MINS WEST 40
DEG 59 MINS NORTH. 14F MR [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT (U) UFO

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REFERENCES AFR 200-2/Complete

PLACE & DATE ACQ. Salt Lake City, Utah

EVALUATION B-2

FROM Sec & Law Enforcement Div, HAFB, Ut.

SOURCE Source below named

PREPARED BY George Takos

SUMMARY At 2300Z hours on 23 October 1962 observer was duck hunting in Farmington Bay Refuge Area (112° 0 minutes west, 40° 59 minutes north) when he heard what sounded like a flock of ducks coming over his position. Noticed a gray and silver round ball 3 feet in diameter approaching from the west at approximate speed of jet aircraft. Object was trailing what appeared to be gray or silver twine or cobwebbing with two knots trailing behind object. After passing over, object swerved to southeast and accelerated to a tremendous speed and disappeared in one or two seconds. Object was visible for approximate 20 seconds.

1. At 0336Z hours, 25 October 1962, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Salt Lake City, Utah, received a report of UFO sighting from Mr. [redacted] Salt Lake City, Utah, telephone [redacted]. Subject report was relayed by S/A Carter Jones, FBI, to Office of Special Investigations, then to Security and Law Enforcement Division, OOB, Hill AFB, Utah.

2. At 1400Z hours, 25 October 1962, a security specialist from the Security and Law Enforcement Division, Hill AFB, Utah, contacted Mr. [REDACTED] at his residence. [REDACTED] reported that at 2300Z hours, 23 October 1962, he was duck hunting in the Farmington Bay Refuge when he heard what sounded like a flock of ducks coming over his position. When he looked west from his blind he noticed a gray and silver round ball 3 feet in diameter approaching him from the west at approximately the speed of a jet aircraft. The object was trailing what appeared to be a gray or silver twine or cobwebbing with two knots trailing behind the object. The object after passing over the blind swerved to the south east and accelerated to a tremendous speed and disappeared within 1 or 2 seconds. Object was visible for approximately 20 seconds. The following information and answers to questions is prefaced by paragraph number of items of information requested in paragraph 14, AFR 200-2, dated 20 July 1962.

14a(1) Shape - Round ball.

14a(2) Size - 3' diameter.

14a(3) Color - Gray and silver.

14a(4) Number - One.

14a(5) Formation - None.

14a(6) Discernible Features - None.

14a(7) Tail - Trailing silver wire or cobwebbing. No exhaust or heat waves.

14a(8) Sound - Rushing of air past object similar to sound of duck's wings.

14a(9) Pertinent Features - None observed.

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Div, Hill AFB, Ut

14b(1) What called attention to object: Sound of rushing air as it approached observer's position.

14b(2) Angle elevation and azimuth - When object was first sighted it was approaching at an altitude of between 2000' and 3000' from 270°. After passing over observer's position swerved to 110° climbed out at 45° angled and disappeared.

14b(3) Angle, elevation and azimuth at time of disappearance - Same as 14b(2) above.

14b(4) Flight path and maneuvers - Traveling approximately 2000' to 3000' above ground in level flight then swerved 20° to right then climbed at 45° angle and disappeared. Flight path from west to south east.

14b(5) How did object disappear - Object climbed into sky and disappeared in the distance.

14b(6) How long was object visible - Approximately 20 seconds.

14c(1) Manner of observation - Naked eye.

14c(2) Optical aids - None.

14c(3) Airborne sighting - None.

14d(1) Zulu time date group - 0336Z, 25 Oct 1962.

14d(2) Light condition - Day.

14e Location of observer - 1/2 mile west of U. S. Highway 91, Farmington, Utah, 112° 0" West, 40° 59" North.

14f Information on observer - Mr. [REDACTED] Salt Lake City, Utah. Driver Yellow Cab Company, Salt Lake Transportation Company, Salt Lake City, Utah. Age 52. Mr. [REDACTED] appears to be a mature, stable person.

14g(1) Weather and winds - [REDACTED] stated that weather was clear with no clouds visible in area, with very little surface winds.

14g(2) Weather and Winds - Weather Detachment Hill AFB, Utah, reported conditions at 2300Z as 4 knots surface wind north, 6 knots wind at 350° at 6000 feet, 7 knots wind from 030° at 10,000 feet, 25 knots wind from 320° at 16,000 feet, 25 knots wind from 340° at 20,000 feet. 20 knots wind from 320° at 30,000, 30 knot wind from 300° at 50,000 feet. No information available above 50,000 feet.

14g(3) Ceiling - Unlimited.

14g(4) Visibility - 30 miles.

14g(5) Cloud Cover - None.

14g(6) Thunderstorms - None.

14g(7) Temperature Gradient - 63 degrees, dewpoint 36.

14h Unusual activity or condition - None.

14i Interception or identification - None attempted.

14j Air traffic and balloon releases: No air traffic in area to account for sighting. U. S. Weather Bureau released balloons at 1700Z and 2300Z, 23 October 1962. Balloons were tracked south and west over Bingham, Utah, so would not account for sighting.

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14k The preparing officer is a Security Specialist, GS-7, Security and Law Enforcement Division, Hill AFB, Utah. Preliminary analysis indicates that the observer interviewed was a logical, mature person, and was convinced that he observed some tangible object, not identifiable as conventional type aircraft. No unusual meteorological or astronomical conditions were present which would furnish an explanation for the sighting. No missile test firings are conducted in the immediate area. With the completion of this initial report, no explanation has been developed for the object. No further action contemplated this station, unless follow-up report requested.

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