PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 17 November 1962	**2. LOCATION** Tampa, Florida	**12. CONCLUSIONS** ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other UNIDENTIFIED ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 19/0200Z	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	**6. SOURCE** Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 11-15 mins	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** three	**9. COURSE** varied

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Cluster of 3 second mag star-like objs in horizontal flight. Approached & hovered. Disappeared by fading into star background. No shape. Approached fm 20 dgr elev to 45 dgr elev where objs hovered 3-5 mins. Approach consumed 3-4 mins, while departure lasted for an additional 3-5 mins. Depart to S_e. Impression that objs were under intelligent control at all times. Approach fm NE. After hover made 90 dgr turn.

11. COMMENTS

UNIDENTIFIED at this time. No indication that the objs presented a threat to the security of the U.S.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

HEADQUARTERS
836TH AIR DIVISION (TAC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
MACDILL AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: DCA

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) Sighting

TO: AFSC (FTD)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

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2. Basic data in accordance with paragraph 14, AFR 200-2 follows:

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(2) UFO(s) graduated in subtended size from approximately that of a pin head to the head of a match (at arms length) from initial sighting 20° above horizon, through approach and hovering (about 45° above horizon). Departure variation was substantially similar; all perceptions were corroborated by observer's wife.

(3) Star-like light, of second magnitude order.

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(6) No other distinguishing features visible.

(7) No tail, trail, or exhaust visible.

(8) Relatively still night; but no sound or noise audible relative to sighting.

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b. Description of Course of Object(s):

(1) While seated on the front porch of their ranch home, observer and his wife were looking at the unusually clear sky. Perceptible movements of lights, stars, etc., were vividly apparent. Their attention was drawn to the approach of UFO(s), whose movement and actions held their interest.

(2) First observed approximately 20° above horizon, approaching from NE (1 to 2 o'clock position), approaching (growing larger) in straight path toward viewers, gaining elevation to about 45° above horizon where "hover" occured.

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(4) Approaching visibly from one o'clock/20° elev directly toward viewer during 3 - 4 minutes, then hovering for an appreciable 3 - 5 minutes of time at 1 o'clock/45° elev, then moving towards UFO(s)' southeast in an irregular "bouncy" formation. Disappeared at 3 - 4 o'clock/20° elevation, merging with background of the sky. Relative size, elevations, and light intensities corroborated description of flight path.

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(6) Total time estimated between 11 to 13 minutes.

c. Manner of Observation:

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(2) No optical aids available, or used.

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d. Time and Date of Sighting:

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e. Location of Observer(s): 28°26'N, 82°22'W.

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g. Weather and Wind Conditions:

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h. None.

i. None.

j. Tampa International Airport (about 20 mi. South of observer) released Radiosonde at 17/2400Z.

k. Position, title, comments of preparing officer: Assistant Base Operations Officer, Major Jack H. Bond. Observer is considered to be completely believable in his sighting. Of well above average intelligence and background, he is well equipped to render objective conclusions with sound judgement and clarity. He obviously sighted some unusual and extraordinary phenomenon, which is beyond our capabilities to explain. Consultation with local FAA, RAPCON, AC&W (manual), Weather, and Navigational agencies reveals no explanation for the nature or identity of the sighting.

Since it is conceivable that certain other agencies in the Southeast U.S. might have knowledge of activities which could account for the phenomenon, information copies of this complete correspondence have been forwarded as indicated below.

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November 18, 1962

Captain Raymond Henry
Base Information Officer
MacDill Air Force Base
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Dear Captain Henry:

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Our farm is situated on State Road 581 in Pasco County midway between Brooksville and Dade City.

If it should be within your power to offer some explanation, we certainly would appreciate hearing from you.

Very truly [redacted]

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TAMPA, FLORIDA

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AND

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I wish that some professional observer could have the opportunity to see these objects. May I point out that this past Saturday night, April 13, was again a night of clear skies with hundreds of normal stars in the heavens. We saw only two moving stars this time instead of three. When they stop, they look for all the world like a fixed star in the sky.

From a patriotic point of view, I should like to have a trained observer witness these flying stars, but this would be for you to decide.

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

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April 17, 1963

Mr. J. Allen Hynek, Director
Dearborn Observatory
Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois

Dear Mr. Hynek:

Your correspondence will reveal that you wrote to me on January 7, 1963, pertaining to my report of a strange sighting in the sky. You asked that I provide additional details, or else phone collect to your home. I attempted to telephone today, but I was told that you were out of the state. After delaying my call for three and a half months, I decided a letter would suffice. Some one at your home supplied the operator with your address in New Mexico, but I decided to write.

I hope you have the file on my original report to the Air Force. I have not answered your original request for more information simply because I felt inadequate to explain the circumstances beyond my original report. I find that it is difficult to be articulate in describing the details.

I am now prompted by the fact that my wife and I again saw the same "stars" in the same part of the sky, at approximately the same time, while sitting on the same front porch.

Frankly, we had almost forgotten about the matter and it was completely coincidence that we observed again. We use this farm house at night only every fourth week or so, and then only for a Saturday night.

These "stars" may be present every night for I do not know, because I have not tried to observe, but let me say that these "stars" are not stars, but are unidentified flying objects that demand some explanation.

PROJECT 10071 RECORD CARD

1. DATE November 1952	2. LOCATION [illegible]	10. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
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