

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 2 January 1963		2. LOCATION Forbes AFB, Kansas		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 02/1257Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2-3 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE east	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Bright light changing color from orange to red & growing more brilliant. Observed at 20 dgr elevation in southwest moving over the horizon in the east in 2-3 seconds. No trail or sound. Estimated distance from observer 2 miles. One witness described as burning airplane. Sighting on clear morning about dawn. WX FOG AND LIGHT DRIZZLE				11. COMMENTS Description of burning object moving through sky indicates obvious meteor sighting. Since object disappeared over the horizon the estimate of distance is inconsistent.	

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9 MAR 1964

TDEW/TSgt Moody/69216

UFO Sighting (Forbes AFB, Kansas, 2 Jan 63)

Airman Russell R Newman, AF 23897097
815th Combat Defense Squadron
Forbes AFB, Kansas

1. We are reviewing sightings of unidentified flying objects for 1963 and have arrived at no definite conclusion for your sighting of 2 January 1963.
2. Would you please complete the attached form and return it in the envelope provided. Particular attention should be given to movement of the object. The main discrepancy in the report concerns the movement of the object over the horizon. The weather report indicated a ceiling of zero, visibility 5/8 of a mile, with fog and a light drizzle. The time of the weather report was 1200Z and your sighting about one hour later. Your comments as to visibility at the time of the sighting would be appreciated.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

Director Aerospace Studies Inst ATTN: Archives Branch Maxwell AFB, Alabama	RETURN TO: 164	K243.6012-1 Jan 1963
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ACTION: CIN-17

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INFO : OOP-1, OOP-CP-2, SAFS-3, DIA-10, DIA/CIIC-3 (37)

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UNCLAS/40DCOI 01-02. FOR SAFOI & AFCIN. SUBJECT UFO
REPORT.

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: A BRIGHT LIGHT, ^{SIZE} INCREASING IN ~~SIZE~~ FROM
THAT OF A LANDING LIGHT TO THAT OF AN AUTOMOBILE HEADLAMP HELD AT ARMS
LENGTH. CHANGED COLOR FROM ORANGE TO RED AS IT GREW MORE BRILLIANT.
ONLY ONE OF OBJECT NOTED. THERE WERE NO TRAIL AND SOUND. ESTIMATED
DISTANCE FROM OBSERVER: ABOUT TWO MILES.

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE: APPEARED IN THE SOUTHWEST AT ABOUT TWENTY
DEGREES ALTITUDE GREW MORE BRILLIANT AND DISAPPEARED TO THE EAST OVER
THE HORIZON. TIME NOTED: ABOUT TWO TO THREE SECONDS.

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C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION: GROUND VISUAL BY ~~ARMAN~~ ^{AIRMAN}.

D. TIME OF SIGHTING: 2 JANUARY, 1257Z.

E. OBSERVER MADE SIGHTING AT MISSILE SITE NUMBER TWO, FORBES AIR FORCE BASE.

F. OBSERVER WAS AIRMAN RUSSELL R. NEWMAN, AF 23897097, ADDRESS 815TH COMBAT DEFENSE SQUADRON, FORBES AIR FORCE BASE.

G. WEATHER AT TIME OF SIGHTING: SURFACE WINDS, CALM. WIND

CONFIGURATION AT 1200Z:

6000 FEET	340 DEGREES	10 KNOTS
10000	330 S"	20 "
16000	330 "	30 "\$
20000	340 "	35 "
30000	360 "	70 "
50000	330 "	35 "
80000	NOT AVAILABLE NOT AVAILABLE	

CEILING WAS ZERO, VISIBILITY 5/8 MILE. WEATHER WAS FOG AND A LIGHT

DRIZZLE. VERTICAL TEMPERATURE GRADIENT:

SURFACE	29 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT
6000	1 DEGREES CENTIGRADE
10000	-4 DEGREES "

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16200	-15 DEGREES	"
20000	-25	"
30000	-47	"
50000	-59	"
80000	NOT AVAILABLE	

H. REMARKS: LIEUTENANT LAMBERT, ^{AT}~~ATE~~ THE SITE, RECALLED SEEING A SIMILAR PHENOMENON ABOUT ONE YEAR AGO, BUT DID NOT REPORT IT AT THE TIME. AIRMAN NEWMAN SAID HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE A BURNING AIRPLANE, WHICH WAS WHY HE HAD REPORTED IT, BUT NONE SUCH HAS BEEN REPORTED. THE ONLY POSSIBLE EXPLANATION THAT THE UNDERSIGNED CAN THINK OF IS THAT IT WAS THE REFLECTION OF A COLORED SEARCHLIGHT OFF THE FOG. LIEUTENANT LAMBERT'S SIGHTING WAS MADE IN NOVEMBER 1961 ON A CLEAR MORNING, ABOUT DAWN, HOWEVER.

REPORT PREPARED BY 2/LT. JOHN K. HORD, 40TH BW, DCOIE.

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NOTE: ADV CY DEL TO SAFS, CIN AND DIA.