

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 17 January 1963	2. LOCATION Ludlow, Massachusetts		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 18/0055Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 12 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE rising northward	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object varying in intensity from brilliant to being invisible. First observed at 30 dgr elevation 135 dgr azimuth. Disappeared at 80 dgr elevation 90 dgr azimuth rising and fading. Total duration 12 minutes. Wind information garbled.		11. COMMENTS Only wind report was at lower level from 200 dgr. However, prevailing winds are to north and east. Sighting characteristic of balloon observation. Blinking light rising & duration consistent with this analysis.	

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STAFF MESSAGE BRANCH
UNCLASSIFIED MESSAGE

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ACTION : CIN-17

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INFO : OOP-1, OOP-CP-2, SAFS-3, DIA-15, DIA-CIIC-3 (42)

SMB B 001

ZCZCHQC692ZCYJB989

PP RUEAHQ

DE RUETDH 105

ZNR

P 181530Z

FM 57AIRDIV WESTOVER AFB MASS

TO RUWGAL/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RUEASN/26AIRDIV HANCOCK FLD NY

RUCDSQ/ATIC WPAFB

RUEAHQ/CSAF

RUEAHQ/OSAF WASH DC

BT

UNCLAS 99DCOI 571. CSAF, FOR (AFCIN). OSAF: FOR (SAFIS).

REFERENCE AFR 200-2, UFO REPORT. THIS MESSAGE CONSISTS OF TWELVE

(WL PARTS. PART ONE. A. (1) POINT OF LIGHT. (2) PINHEAD. (3)

RED. (4) ONE. (5) N/A., (6) NONE. (7) NONE. (8) NONE. (9)

INTENSITY VARIED FROM BRILLIANT TO INVISIBLE. PART TWO. B. (1)

LOOKING AT SKY WHILE WAITING IN CAR. (2) 30 DEG EL/135 DEG AZ.

(3) 80 DEG EL/90 DEG AZ. (4) APPEARED STRAIGHT PATH CLIMBING.

(5) FADED OUT. (6) 12 MINUTES. PART THREE. C. (1) GROUND

VISUAL. (2) NONE. (3) N/A. PART FOUR. D. (1) 0055Z 18 JAN

1963. (2) NIGHT. PART FIVE. E. ~~REDACTED~~ LUDLOW MASS.

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PART SIX. F. (1) [REDACTED] AGE 24. ADDRESS - 161

[REDACTED] LUDLOW MASS (SEE PARA K). UNEMPLOYED SHIPPING

CLERK. (2) N/A. PART SEVEN. G. (1) SPOTTY HIGH CLOUDS. (2)

SURFACE 200/2; 6,000' 230/35; 10,000' 230/45; 16,000' 230/50;

20,000' 230/70; 30,900' 250/110; 50,000' 260/80; 60,000' 260/60.

(3) UNLIMITED. (4) 8NM. (5) THIN BROKEN. (6) NONE. PART

EIGHT. H. NONE. PART NINE. I. NONE. PART TEN. '. T-33

FLIGHT TO PATTSBURG - T/O 230. PART ELEVEN. K. TSGT MELVIN

LIEBERMAN, NCOIC, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, 99 BOMB WING, WESTOVER

AFB, MASS. THE DESCRIPTION GIVEN BY THE OBSERVERS APPERAS TO

EQUATE TO AN AIRCRAFT FLIGHT PATH. HOWEVER, THE RED FUSELAGE

LIGHT BLINKS AND THIS WAS DENIED BY THE OBSERVERS. THE T-33

FROM WESTOVER COULD NOT HACE CAUSED THIS REPORT DUE TO THE DIREC-

TION OF TAKEOFF AND TRAFFIC PATTERN. SATTELITES ARE HELD

UNLIKELY DUE TO THE NORTHWARD MOTION OF THE OBJECT. MOST LIKELY

CAUSE IS HELD TO BE THE SIGHTING OF AN AIRCRAFT ABOUT THE CIRRUS

CLOUD DECK AND VISUAL MISINTERPRETATION OF THE ROTATING BEACON

FOR TWINKLING OR VARYING INTENSITY. UFO ALSO SEEN BY MISS

[REDACTED], LUDLOW, MASS AND MISS

[REDACTED] LUDLOW, MASS. PART TWELVE. L/ NONE.

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NOTE: ADVANCE COPY DELIVERED TO DIA.

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