

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 6 May 1963	2. LOCATION Whiteman AFB, Missouri		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☒ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 07/0115Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 6 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE rising Southerly	☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Circular white or orange light observed at 15 dgr elevation 280 dgr azimuth climbing to South in 6 minutes to a position estimated at 60 dgr elevation 20 dgr azimuth. Observation by tower personnel through 7x50 BX. Rise very fast. One T-33 in area. Inversion at 5,000 feet. Observation reported to a/c and pilot & passenger believed that it was either a cloud or balloon.		11. COMMENTS Object has all characteristics associated with a balloon sighting. T-33 pilot & passenger considered this a plausible explanation. Case evaluated as balloon sighting.	

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PP RUCDSQ

DE RUWGDR 7

ZNR

P R 070430Z

FM 340BOMBWG WHITEMAN AFB MO

TO RUWGALE/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RUWGKF/29AIRDIV RICHARDS GEBUR AFB MO

RUEAFF/AFSC ANDREWS AFB MD

RUCDSQ/FTD WPAFB OHIO

RUEAHQ/CSAF

RUEAHQ/OSAF WASH DC

PRIORITY

7 MAY 63 15 47z

action E (VFA)
4 XAⁿ

3. T-33, 70612, 28 MINLES. UNKNOWN, 350 KNOTS, WHITEMAN AFB

D. TIME.

1. 0115Z, 7 MAY 63.

2. DUSK.

E. WHITEMAN AFB, MISSOURI (38-43N 98-33W).

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS.

1. N/A.

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1. N/A.

2. SGT CHARLES R. KIRKLAND, A2C FRANKLIN ATKINS, A2C DENNIE R. STEPHENS, HQ SQ, 340TH COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP, CONTROL TOWER OPERATORS. COLONEL W.E. BYERTS, JR., 340TH COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP, COMMANDER, 1/LT ROBERT BOWERS, 340TH COMBAT SUPPORT GROUP, PILOT.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS.

S 1. SLIGHT HAZE.

2. WINDS:

SURFACE-070/4.

5000 FEET-020/10.

10,000 FEET-340/10.

14,000 FEET-320/15.

20,000 FEET-360/20.

30,000 FEET-350/35.

50,000 FEET-310/35.

60,000 FEET-300/15.

3. NONE.

4. TEN MILES.

5. GROUND HAZE.

6. NONE.

7. SLIGHT INVERSION AT 5,000 FEET. GRADIENT- UNKNOWN.

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H. NONE.

I. N/A.

J. UNKNOWN.

K. JON D. NYLANDER, 1/LT, AFSC 8054, INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES.0
THREE WHITEMAN AFB TOWER OPERATORS OBSERVED THE UFO AND COULD
OFFER NO LOGICAL EXPLANATION. RELIABILITY OF THESE PEOPLE IS
CONSIDERED GOOD. COL BYERTS AND LT BOWERS WERE FLYING A T-33 WHEN
NOTIFIED BY THE TOWER OF SUBJECTUFO. THEY SUBSEQUENTLY OBSERVED
THE UFO AND THEIR DESCRIPTION MATCHED THAT OF THE TOWER OPERATORS.
COL BYERTS FELT THAT THIS COULD BE EITHER A BALLON OR A CLOUD.
RELIABILITY OF THESE TWO PERSONS IS EXCELLENT.

L. NONE.

THESE ANSWERS ARE KEYED TO THE REPORTING FORMAT IN AFR 200-2.

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INFO RUWGAA/2AF BARKSDALE AFB LA

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UNCLAS DCOI 0110E. UFO REPORT. ACTION FOR ADC, 29 AIR DIV
(DEFENSE), AFSC, FTD, CSAF (NIN) AND OSAF (SAFOI). INFO FOR 2AF (DI).

A. DESCRIPTION.

1. CIRCULAR.
2. HEAD OF A PIN.
3. WHITE OR LIGHT ORANGE.
4. ONE.
5. N/A
6. NONZ
7. NONE.

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8. NONE
9. EXTREME SPEED.

B. COURSE.

1. AF TOWER OPERATOR. OBSERVED BY CHANGE.
2. FIFTEEN DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON AT 280 DEGREES.
3. SIXTY DEGREE ELEVATION AT 20 DEGREES.
4. STATIONARY FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES. ASSUMED
CLIMBING SOUTHERLY COURSE AT HIGH SPEED.
5. UPWARD TO THE SOUTH.
6. SIX MINUTES.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION .

1. GROUND VISUAL- AIR VISUAL.
2. BINOCULARS (7X50).