PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 13 July 65 13/2305Z - 14/0506Z	2. LOCATION Eastmont, Pa., Oakdale, Pa., Bellefontaine, Findlay, and Stubenville, Ohio
3. SOURCE Military & Civilian	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON Radar analysis indicates that BALLOON was most likely cause of radar returns. Ground and air visual confirmation of balloon sighting.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1 - 2	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION RADAR - 27 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object hovering over Findlay, Ohio reported to Radio station at Lima. Reported as hovering over area at high altitude. Described as balloon shaped. Picked up on RADAR for a period of 24 minutes, lost contact and another or same object picked up on RADAR at Oakdale, Pa., and observed visually near Eastmont, Pa. Held on this radar for about one hour. To the SW of Radar site. Object over Stubenville, Ohio. A/c vectored and observed balloon with gondola attached heading 270 deg at speed of .7 Mach.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Gd radar, Gd & Air Vis	
7. COURSE hovering	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

FORM
FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

LOCATED ON SEARCH AND HIGHT SCOPES- (OBJECT ON RADAR NOT
NECESSARLIY SAME AS OBJEDT SIGHTED VISUALLY

(2) ASIMUTH 090 DEGREES

(3) AZIMUTH 073 DEGREES

(4) SEE ATACHMENT ONE

(5) GRADULLY FADED FROM SCOPE IN AREA WHERE FIRST OBSERVED

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(6) APPROXIMATELY ONE HOUR

C. (1) GROUND-ELECTRONIC (RADAR)N

(2) N/A

(3) SEE SECTOON I

D. (1) 2305-0005 JULY 12

(2) N/A

E. (1) Z62 OOP OAKDALE A I PA

F. (1) N/A

(2) CORDIER, LANE F. SSGT. 662ND, RADAR OPERATOR AND KUNSMAN,WM E.
A/IC MCC COORDINATOR RELIABILITY OF BOTH EXCELLENT

G. (1) SEE PART ONE SECTION G

V. (1) NONE

I. (1) TWO F 102'S, FLIGHT NUMBER NOVEMBER PAPA 11, 12 FLIGHT LEVEL4500

TO 7000, VARYING HEADING, APPROX. 7-8 MACH.

(2) INTERCEPTORS VECTORED OVER RADAR TARGET IN PART TWO, CLOSSED WITHI ONE MILE, BUT WERE UNABLE TO GET ANY RADAR OR VISUAL CONTACT. DID SEE A LIGHT PLANE IN THE AREA, LATER VECED TO STEUBENVILLE, OHIO WHERE THEY CLIMED TO FLIGHT LEVEL 4500 AND IDENTIFIED A BALLOON WITH GONDOLA AT APPROX. FLIGHT LEVEL 9000 WITH A HEADING OF TWO SEVEN ZERO DEGREES AND SPEED OF .7 MACH

J. (1) UNDETERMINABLE-MANY BALLOONS COULD BE LAUNCHED IN AREA

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K. (1) STEVEN R PAQUETTE, 1ST LT. USAF, OIC OPERATIONS

KWL COMMENTS: VISUAL SIGHTING REPORTED IN PART ONE WAS PROBLABLY THE BALLOON SIGHTED VISUALLY BY INTERCEPTORS OVER OHIO. THE SIZE, DISCRIPTION AND FLIGHT PATH APPEAR TO CORRESPOND

(3) THE RADAR TARGER IN PART TWO COULD BE THE LIGHT PLANE SIGHTED BY THE INTERCEPTORS, ALTHOUGH TIS IS ONLU A POSSIBILITY, IT DOES LIKELY APPEAR TO HAVE SAME FLIGHT PATH AND OTHER FLIGHT CHARACTERISTICS

(4) THE OBJECTS IN PART ONE AND TWO WERE NOT THE SAME AND I BELIEVE THE ABOVE CONCLUSIONS AS TO THEIR IDENTITY ARE VALID

ATTACHMENT ONE PART TWO

B. (4) FLIGHT OF OBJECT WAS A STARBOARD ORBIT BETWEEN Ø9Ø AND WPUT DEGS RANGE FROM TEN MILES TO TWENTY MILES. SPPED OF TRACK WAS APPROX.N 16Ø KNOTS. TRACK FLEW CONTINUOUS ORBIT BETWEEN ABOVE DEGREES AND RANGE FOR APPROX. ONE HOUR.

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HEADQUARTERS
FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TDEED/Mr. Bryant/pkj/74201

SUBJECT: Radar UFO Sighting (U)

28 Jul 65

TO: TDEW (TSgt Moody)

[redacted] The radar sightings of several UFO's near Bellefontaine, Ohio, on 14 July 65, have been evaluated, and it is the opinion of this office that the targets are real and in all probability are high-altitude balloons. This analysis is based on the following facts:

a. The speeds of the targets (indicated only once) are too low for aircraft and are typical for balloons.

b. The altitudes of the targets are too high for normal aircraft, but are readily attainable by balloons.

c. It is understood that at least two high-altitude balloons had been lost just previous to the radar sightings.

JOHN W. VEGA
Lt Col, USAF
Acting Director
Electronics Directorate
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

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By [redacted]
Date 15 May 69
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BELLEFONTAIN, OHIO

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TDEW/TSgt Moody/69216

JUL 22 1965

UFO Sighting, 14 Jul 65, Bellefontaine AFS (U)

TDEKD/Mr Bryant

Reference the attached message from 664th Radar Squadron, Bellefontaine AFS, Ohio regarding unidentified objects on 14 Jul 65. Request your analysis on radar sighting by return indorsement.

For WARREN S WHEELER
Colonel, USAF
Weapons and Support Directorate

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Incoming msg fm 664th
Bellefontaine AFS, Cite
644-00P 6507 00029, Secret,
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Originator: [signature] date 22 Jul 65

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TDEW/TSgt Moody

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If inclosure ONE (1) is withdrawn (or not attached), the classification of this correspondence will be downgraded to UNCLAS in accordance with [redacted], AFR205-1.

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Sgt Gross from Bellfountain AS called on 14 Jul 65. He may be reached on ext 121 or 214. He is confused on how the following should be handled: Bellfountain received a call last night from Radio Station at Lima, a man had observed an object ofer Findley, Ohio a few minutes later Bellfountaine radar picked one object up on radar, then lost contact, regained contact for 18 minutes. He called Duty Officer, Maj Teagarden at Lockbourne. Onehour later they had a call from Lima radio who had an eyewitness account on tape. Bellfountaine arranged a conference call with Lockbourne and while Lima played tape Lockbourne made a recording of it. After this Bellfountaine had two objects on radar. Duty Officer will not be on duty until midnight tonight and he is confused as to what type of report should be made. They had no scope photos as they had no scope camera. Please advise this afternoon, 14 Jul 65, what action they should take.

Maj Quintanilla spoke with Sgt Gross and was satisfied that the object sighted over Findley, Ohio was not the same as on radar. Radar objects would not be reported as a UFO. Told him he should forward a report through To ADC. The object at Bellfountaine at 0505Z, 14 Jul for one minute, 62,200 ft, it traveled four miles and at 0525Z made another contact, traveled 80 miles in 18 min, 73,000 ft went up off scope which was above 75,000 ft. At 0640Z until 0655Z had two objects at 84,500 till 95,800 ft. This information was also given to Major Quintanilla by Sgt Drake from SAC Command Post at Lockbourne.

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FM 664TH RADAR SQ BELLEFONTAINE AFS OHIO

TO RUWGALE/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RUEAKN/26TH ADIV STEWART AFB NY

RUCDSQ/WPAFB OHIO

RUEAHQ/HQ USAF WASH 25 DC

RUEAHQ/SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE WASH 25 DC

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[redacted]644-00P 6507 00029. FOR: COMM AFNIN, SAFOI, HQ ADC, 26TH ADIV. SUBJ: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS (UFO). 1. THE FOLLOWING DATA IS SUBMITTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND NECESSARY ACTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2, PARA. 14. A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECTS: (1) SHAPE: IDENTICAL IN SHAPE TO OTHER AIRCRAFT AS SEEN ON HEIGHT FINDER RADARS. (2) SIZE: NORMAL RADAR PRESENTATION. (3) COLOR: N/A (4) NUMBER OF OBJECTS: 1 ON FIRST SIGHTING AND 2 ON SECOND. (5) FORMATION: STACKED IN TRAIL. (6) DESCERNABLE DETAILS OR FEATURES: NONE (7) N/A (8) N/A (9) NONE. BRAVO. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECTS: (1) TELEPHONE CALL RECEIVED FROM MR. BOB CROFT OF RADIO STATION WCIT IN LIMA, OHIO

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By [redacted]
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THAT A UFO WAS SITED OVER A SHOPPING CENTER IN FINDLAY, OHIO AT 0443Z AND WAS STILL IN THE AREA. REPORTEDLY HOVERING OVER THIS AREA AT A [redacted]

HIGH ALTITUDE, CHANGING BOTH ALTITUDE AND DIRECTION AND APPEARED TO BE BALLOON LIKE IN SHAPE. AT 0506Z (0006 Local) ON 14 JULY THIS RADAR SITE PICKED UP AN OBJECT ON OUR FPS-6 HEIGHT FINDER RADAR, AXIMUTH 358 DEGREES, 40 MILES AT AN ALTITUDE OF 62,200 FEET. (2) LOST CONTACT WITH OBJECT AT 0507Z AT 359 DEGREES 1 1241 MILES FROM STATION AT AN ALTITUDE OF 73,000 FT . THE OBJECT THEN WENT OFF THE TOP OF THE RADAR SCOPE AT 0530Z. (0030 Local) AT 0634Z (0134 Local) 2 OBJECTS WERE OBSERVED ON THE FPS-26A HEIGHT FINDER RADAR, AXIMUTH 276 AND 274 DEGREES AND A RANGE OF 146 MILES, ALTITUDE OF 88,400 FT AND 95,800 FT. RADAR CONTACT WAS LOST AT 0655Z. (3) OBJECTS WERE ON RADAR CONTACT FOR A TOTAL OF 27 MINUTES. C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION: (1) GROUND ELECTRONICS EQUIPMENT, FPS-26A, FPS-6 COAG HEIGHT FINDER RADARS. D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING: (1) 14/0506Z (2) NIGHT (3) 4122N, 8345W E. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS: (1) MILITARY-STRIZAK, JAMES J., A1C 664RADAR SQ (SAGE) RADAR OPERATOR, HIGHLY RELIABLE, (2) MILITARY-SCOTT, DUANE E.. A1C 664H RADAR SQ (SAGE), RADAR MAINTENANCE TECHICAN, HIGHLY RELIABLE. (3) MILITARY DURAN, JOE, SSGT, 664TH RADAR SQ (SAGE), AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING SUPERVISORWN HILHLY RELIAZLE. 74) MILITARY-IAHPZELL, WILLIAM G.,1 A1C664TH RADAR SQUADRON, SAGE,

[redacted]

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RADAR MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN, HIGHLY RELIABLE. F. WINDS ALOFT-60,000 FT-320 DEGREES, 20 KNOTS. G. NO FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE FROM THIS ORGANIZATION.

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AF IN: 13131 (13 Jul 65) I/gs Pg 1 of 6

ACTION: NIN-7

INFO: XOP-1, XOPX-8, SAF-OS-3, DIA-1 (21)

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SUBJECT TO CORRECTION

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DE RUCMOF 236 13/0615Z

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P 130600

FM 662 RADAR SQ SAGE OAKDALE AI PA

TO RUCMEN/AIR DEFENSE COMMAND ENT AFB COLO

RUEAKN/26 AIR DIV STEWART AFB NEW YORK

RUCDGU/ AFSC FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIV WRIGHT-PATTERSON

AFB OHIO

RUEAHQ/4Q USAF(AFMIM) WASH 25 D C

RUEAHQ/ SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (SAFOI) WASH 25 D C ZNTZNR

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UNCLAS 66200P 406

THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED IN ACORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2

DATED 13 JULY 65 PART ONE (UFO)

A. (1) SHAPE: DISC

(2) INDEFINITE, BUT VERY SMALL SEEMED QUITE HIGH AND

DISTANTN

(3) SILVERY

(4) ONE

(5) NON-APPLICABLE

(6) NONE OTHER THAN SHAPE OR COLOR (SEE NINE BELOW)

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(7) ONE OBSERVER SAW TAIL-NOT CONFIRMED BY OTHERS

(8) NONE

(9) ONE PART VERY SHINY

B. (1) WHILE EATING OUTSIDE-ACCIDENTALLY SPOTTED OBJECT

(2) SOUTH WEST ABOUT FORTY FIVE DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON

(3) SOTHH TO NORTH IN WEST SKY-DISSAPEARANCE NOT OBSERVED, ACCURACY OF HEADING QUESTIONABLE

(4) VERY SLOW MOVEMENT IN STRAIGHT LINE

(5) NOT OBSERVED

(6) TEN TO TWELVE MINUTES

C. (1) GROUND VISUAL

(2) SEVEN BY FIFTY BINOCULAR

(3) SEE PART TWO SECTION K

D. (1) 132305 JULY

SJ KWL BEFORE DUSK

(3) SEE PART TWO SECTION I

E. (1) ONE UARTER MILE EAST OF EASTMONT, PA (LL1030) GEOREF

F. (1) MRS. [redacted] PITTSBURGH THIRTY FIVE, PA OCCUPATION HOUSEWIFE, TWO CHILDREN BOY LEVEN YEARS AND GIRL NINE YEARS (ALSO OBSERVED) RELIABILITY, GOOD

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G. (1) COMPLETELY CELAR

(2) 020 DEGREES, 7 KNOTS

(3) UNLIMITED

(4) FIFTEEN PLUS

(5) NONE

(6) NONE

(7) 1.8 DEGREES F. /1000 OR 9 DEGEEES F./5000 FT

H. (1) NONE

I. THRU L

SEE PART TWO SECTION I THROUGH L

PART TWO (UFO)

A. (1) N/A

B. (1) CIVILIAN CALL ALERTED MCC TECH. TO SEARCH FOR SIGHTED OBJECT