

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 1 April 66 02/0550Z	2. LOCATION Riverton, Illinois (1 Witness)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT <i>Very poor: ✓ JH</i>
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	Witness sighted a bright red light moving SE from his position. Object then appeared to stop in mid air and reverse direction and proceed to the NW. It disappeared gradually to the NW. No sound was heard.
7. COURSE SE then NW	The lights conform to standard aircraft lighting. The sound emitted by an aircraft would not be heard due to the strong surface wind at the 1000 ft level blowing the sound away from the area. <u>Many light aircraft travel over that area.</u>
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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IN SPRINGFIELD AND THE DECATUR MUNICIPAL AIRPORT.

BECAUSE OF THE STRONG WIND AT THE 1000 FT LEVEL, THE

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SOUND EMITTED BY AN AIRCRAFT WOULD BE BLOWN AWAY FROM THE OBSERVER.

THE OVERCASE CONDITION IN THE AREA WOULD MAKE IT

EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE THE SHAPE OF THE OBJECT.

THE DISTANCE OF THE OBJECT FROM THE OBSERVER IS

QUESTIONABLE. THE WITNESS IS APPARENTLY VERY RELIABLE SINCE HE

DOES HAVE EXCELLENT KNOWLEDGE OF HELICOPTERS, WEATHER BALLOONS,

AIRCRAFT IN GENERAL AND A FAIR BACKGROUND OF SCIENCE.

IT APPEARS THAT THE OBJECT WAS A LIGHT AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA.

IT WOULD BE VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO FACTUATE THIS.

L. (1) NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE EXISTS.

M. (1) I FEEL FURTHER INVESTIGATION IS UNWARRANTED.

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F. (1) CIVILIAN MR ROBERT E. ROBERTSON, 520 E. BLACKBURN,

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RIVERTON, ILLINOIS.

(2) NA

G. (1) SKY ESTIMATED 7500' OVERCAST, NUMEROUS BINWC, WIND
290/10 AT SL, 1000' 310/28, 2000' 310/33. VISIBILITY EXCELLENT.

H. (1) NA

I. (1) NA

J. (1) SOME LIGHT AIRCRAFT WERE REPORTED IN THE AREA BUT
CANNOT BE CONFIRMED.

K. (1) CAPTAIN EDWARD J CRENIC, UFO INVESTIGATING OFFICER.

AN INITIAL REPORT WAS RECEIVED BY TELEPHONE FROM THE WITNESS,
INCLUDING SUCH COMMENTS AS TO LIGHTING, SHAPE, SOUND AND DIRECTION.

I PERSONALLY INTERVIEWED THE WITNESS AND RECEIVED CONFIRMATION

ON THE LIGHTS, LACK OF SOUND AND DIRECTION. THE LIGHTS CONFORM

TO STANDARD LIGHT AIRCRAFT LIGHTING IN COLOR AND POSITION. I

CONTACTED MR CRAWFORD OF THE TAYLORVILLE AIRPORT AND WAS INFORMED

THAT THERE ARE QUITE A FEW AIRPORTS IN THE VICINITY AND THAT

STUDENT PILOTS MAKE FREQUENT FLIGHTS OVER THE AREA. MANY OF

THESE FLIGHTS ARE CONDUCTED IN LIGHT AIRCRAFT FROM CAPITAL AIRPORT

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(8) NO SOUND EMITTED.

(9) NA

B. (1) WITNESS SIGHTED A BRIGHT RED LIGHT MOVING SOUTHEAST FROM HIS POSITION.

(2) APPROXIMATELY 750 FEET.

(3) DISAPPEARED ON THE HORIZON

(4) OBJECT FLEW SOUTHEAST, APPEARED TO STOP IN MIDAIR, REVERSED DIRECTION AND PROCEEDED TO THE NORTHWEST.

(5) DISAPPEARED GRADUALLY TO THE NORTHWEST.

(6) APPROXIMATELY 10 MINUTES.

C. (1) GROUND VISUAL CONTACT

(2) NA

(3) NA

D. (1) 0550Z, 2 APRIL 1966

(2) NIGHT

E. (1) OBSERVERS WERE LOCATED 89 DEGREES, 32 MINUTES WEST - 39 DEGREES 43 MINUTES NORTH TO 39 DEGREES 38 MINUTES NORTH ON THE STATE ACCESS ROAD FROM ROCHESTER, ILLINOIS TO RT 104 WEST ON TAYLORVILLE, ILLINOIS.

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ACTION: NIN-7

INFO : SAF-OS-3, XOP-1, XOPX-2, DIA-1 (15) ADV CY DIA Pg 1 of 4
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TO RUWMFVA/ADC

RUCDSQ/FTD WPAFB OHIO

RUCDAH/30AIRDIV TRUAX FLD WIS

RUEBHQA/CSAF

RUEBHQA/OSAF WASH DC

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PAR 14, AFR 200-2.

A. (1) UNDETERMINED BY THE WITNESS. INITIALLY DESCRIBED AS OVAL
BUT CHANGED TO UNDETERMINED IN PERSONAL INTERVIEW.

- (2) NA
- (3) NA
- (4) CNE
- (5) NA
- (6) NA
- (7) NONE NOTICED.

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