

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 4 April 66 04/0645Z	2. LOCATION Tacoma, Washington (1 Witness)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT <i>Prob.</i> <i>↓</i> <i>Switchboard operator</i>
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	Object was rounded coming to a point at each end. Size of a silver dollar. Its color was bright orange. Object was at an estimated 5,000 ft., traveling east to northeast. Object traveled in a straight line in an up and down manner. Object appeared twice in the twenty minute period. It seemed to be traveling a circular course. The observer saw it on the northeast leg each time. Object could have possibly been satellites but are more probably aircraft. Sighting is consistent with an aircraft sighting and probably is of two separate aircraft rather than one although it is possible that one aircraft could have circled the area but if that were the case the plane should have been observed making maneuvers.
7. COURSE E to NE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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ACTION: NIN-7

INFO : XOPX-2, XOP-1, SAFOS-3, RDC-4, DIA-1 (19) ADV CY DIA.

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FM 325FTR WG MCCHORD AFB WASH

TO RUWMEVA/ADC

ZEN/250 IN

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RUEDHQA/SECRETARY OF AF WASH DC

RUEDSO/FTD WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

INFO RUWHSB/4TH AF

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FOR: USAF (AFNIN), OSAF (SAFOI). SUBJ: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING
OBJECT. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED ON AN UFO
SIGHTED 4 APRIL 66.

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT.

- A. SHAPE WAS ROUNDED COMING TO A POINT ON EACH SIDE.
- B. SIZE COMPARED TO SILVER DOLLAR.
- C. COLOR WAS BRIGHT ORANGE.

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D. NUMBER WAS ONE (1).

E. NO FORMATION.

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F. NO TAIL, TRAIL, EXHARST.

G. NO SOUND

H. NO OTHER DETAILS

2. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT.

A. OBSERVER WAS COMING FROM WORK, ENTERING HOUSE.

B. OBJECT ESTIMATED AT 5,000 FT, TRAVELING EAST TO
NORTHEAST.

C. TRAVELING IN A STRAIGHT LINE. MOVED IN AN UP AND DOWN
MANNER.

D. OBJECT APPEARED TWICE, SEEMED TO HAVE TRAVELED IN A
CIRCULAR ORBIT. OBSERVER SAW IT ON THE NORTHEAST LEG EACH TIME.

E. OBJECT WAS SEEN TWENTY (20) MINUTES.

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION.

A. GROUND -VISUAL.

B. 7 X 35 BINOCULARS.

4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING.

A. 0645Z, 4 APRIL 1966.

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B. NIGHT.

5. LOCATION OF OBSERVER. TACOMA, WASH. 47 DEGREES 12N, 122 DEGREES

25W. 6. OBSERVER: MISS , , TACOMA,

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WASH, MCCORD SWITCHBOARD OPERATOR, FIAR RELIABILITY.

7. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT.

A. OBSERVER REMARKS WINDS CALM AND SKY CLEAR WITH MOON
SHINNING.

B. ALTITUDE	WIND DIRECTION	VELOCITY	VERT TEMP GRADIENT
SURFACE	040 DEGREES	5 KNOTS	40 DEGREES F
5,000	040	15	PLUS 50 DEGREES C
10,000	360	15	-1
16,000	350	20	-15
20,000	350	25	-21
30,000	3-0	3511	-47
00,810	320 TIU	40	-60

C. CEILING: UNLIMITED.

D. VISIBILITY: TWENTY (20) MILES.

E. NO CLOUD COVER.

F. NO THUNDERSTORMS.

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G. GIVEN IN (B)

H. NO OTHER CONDITION.

I. NO INTERCEPT ACTION.

J. NO OTHER AIR TRAFFIC.

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D. JAMES L. COTTON, 1STLT, 31STH ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER. NO

PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS.

L. NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE.

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