

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 18 April 66 19/0125Z	2. LOCATION Onchiota, New York
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT ✓ <i>JH</i>
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	Observers sighted object low in the sky in the east or SE. It seemed to loop, hovered in the sky, yet moved fast at times. Went from East to South then rose in sky to nearly overhead. Faded in the East over the hills. Object was round, white in color changing to red, green and white. KC-135 aircraft number 836 was on a local flight just prior to the sighting. The aircraft was in the vicinity of the sighting South and Southeast of Plattsburg AFB at 24,000 ft., then returning to holding area East of Plattsburgh AFB. Both red rotating beacons were on as well as white and green navigation lights.
7. COURSE E to S, Hovered	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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ACTION: ~~NIN-7~~

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

SMB C061CBVC125

PTTU JAW RUEDHMA1109 1100141-UUUU--RUEDHQA.

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FM 380SAW PLATTSBURGH AFB NY

TO RUWMFVA/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RUEDDBA/8AF WESTOVER AFB MASS

RUCDISQ/AFSC FTD WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RUEDHQA/HQ USAF WASH 25 DC

RUEDHQA/SECRETARY OF THE AF WASH 25 DC

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SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT. A. DESCRIPTION

OF OBJECT: (1) SHAPE - ROUND, SAUCER-LIKE, AT

TIMES; (2) SIZE - APPROXIMATE SIZE WAS COMPARED TO

THAT LESS THAN A DIME, HELD AT ARMS LENGTH,

ALTHOUGH ITS SIZE WAS COMPARED TO A QUARTER OF HALF

DOLLER FOR OBJECT WHEN AT ITS BRIGHTEST: (3) COLOR -

WHITE - BRIGHT TO DIM, BUT SEEMED TO CHANGE COLORS,

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GREEN-RED-TO WHITE. ONE OBSERVER STATED HE FIRST SAW

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AS RED (BLINKING) WHICH CHANGED TO GREEN THEN TO WHITE.

(4) NUMBER - ONE (1): (5) FORMATION - N/A; (6) OTHER

DETAILS - N/A; (7) TAIL OR TRAIL - NONE; (8) SOUND -

NONE HEARD; (9) OTHER PERTINENT FEATURES - AT TIMES,

BRILLIANCE OF OBJECT SEEMED TO TAKE SAUCER-LIKE

APPEARANCE. B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

(1) WHAT FIRST CALLED THE ATTENTION OF OBSERVERS

(STUDENTS AT SEMINARY COLLEGE) THEY WERE RETURNING

OUTDOORS FOR CHAPEL: (2) ANGLE OR ELEVATION OF OBJECT

WHEN FIRST OBSERVED - EAST TO SE, MEDIUM ELEVATION;

(3) ANGLE OR ELEVATION OF OBJECT UPON DISAPPEARANCE -

EAST, LOW IN SKY; (4) DESCRIPTION OF FLIGHT PATH AND

MANEUVERS OF OBJECT - SEEMED TO HAVE ERRATIC FLIGHT,

ONE OBSERVER STATED, SEEMED TO LOOP. HOVERED IN SKY,

YET MOVED FAST, AT TIMES. WENT FROM EAST TO SOUTH,

THEN ROSE IN SKY - TO NEARLY OVERHEAD; (5) HOW DID THE

OBJECT DISAPPEAR - FADED IN THE EAST OVER HILLS; (6)

HOW LONG WAS OBJECT VISIBLE - 15 MINUTES: C. MANNER

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OF OBSERVATION: (1) GROUND VISUAL; (2) OPTICAL AID
USED - ONE OBSERVER USED BINOCULARS W/7X35 POWERED LENS:
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(3) N/A. D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING: (1) TIME
0125Z, 19 APR 66: (2) LIGHT CONDITION - NIGHT.
E. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS: ALL OBSERVERS AT SEMINARY
COLLAGE (WHITE FATHERS) AT ONCHIOTA, NEW YORK, 10 MILES
NORTH OF SARANAC LAKE (TOW), NEW YORK. 4429N 07408W;
F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS: (1)
CIVILIAN - [REDACTED], AGE 21, SEMINARY PRIESTHOOD
STUDENT, WHITE FATHERS, PO ONCHIOTA, NY [REDACTED]
AGE 23, SEMINARY STUDENT, WHITE FATHERS, PO ONCHIOTA,
NY; [REDACTED], AGE 21, SEMINARY STUDENT, WHITE
FATHERS, PO ONCHIOTA, NY. ALL STUDENTS APPEARED
SINCERE, HOWEVER SEEMED TO HAVE INSUFFICIENT KNOWLEDGE
AS TO THEIR GEOGRAPHIC ORIENTATION IN REFERENCE TO THE
SIGHTING. G. WEATHER - CLEAR, NO CLOUDS - DARK. (2) REPORTS OF AWS,
DET 7 8TH WEA SQ PLATTSBURGH AFB, NY FOR VICINITY OF
SIGHTING - 0130ZQ0 APR 66, WINDS - SURFACE 040/06 PLUS
46F; 6,000 FT 130/05 PLUS 34F; 10,000 FT 310/10 PLUS 15F;

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16,000 FT 300/40 - 01F; 20,000 FT 300/52 - 18F;

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30,000 FT 330/90 - 58F; 50,000 FT 300/40 - 63F;

(3) CEILING - CLEAR: (4) VISIBILITY - 00 MILES (5)

AMOUNT OF CLOUD - NONE; (6) N/A; (7) VERTICAL TEMP

GRADIENT - SEE ABOVE TEMPERATURES. H. ANY OTHER

UNUSAL ACTIVITY OR CONDITION: OBSERVER (NEMETH)

STATED THAT HE SAW SHOOTING STAR IN EAST SKY JUST

AFTER DISAPPEARANCE OF OBJECT, APPROXIMATELY 0140Z,

19 APR 66. THE AIRCRAFT COMMANDER AND CO-PILOT OF

A/C NUMBER 836, (SEE ITEM J BELOW) REPORTED SEEING BRILLIANT

LIGHT OF 4-5 SECONDS DURATION, AND CLAIMED A DEFINITE

METEOR BURNOUT WHILE FLYING AT 21000 FT OVER 4448N

07310W. TIME OF METEOR BURN-UP ESTIMATED 0125Z TO

0130Z OR ALMOST EXACT TIME OF OBJECT SIGHTING. METEOR

TRAJECTORY WAS NW TO SE, WITH LONG TAIL, NIGHT WAS

CLEAR WITH EXCELLENT VISIBILITY. I. INTERCEPTION OR

IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN: NONE J. LOCATION,

APPROXIMATELY - ALT AND GENERAL DIRECTION OF FLIGHT

AIR TRAFFIC: PLATTSBURGH AFB, KC-135 AIRCRAFT NUMBER 836

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WAS ON LOCAL FLIGHT - JUST PRIOR TO SIGHTING, APPROX
0100Z HOURS. FLIGHT NUMBER 836 WAS IN VICINITY OF SIGHTING

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SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST OF PLATTSBURGH AFB AT 24,000 FT -
THEN RETURNING TO HOLDING AREA EAST OF PLATTSBURGH AFB,
CREW STATED THAT BOTH RED ROTATING BEACONS WERE ON AS
WELL AS WHITE AND GREEN NAVIGATION LIGHTS. K.

POSITION, TITLE AND COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER:

ALLEN H. DOYAL, MAJOR, USAF, 380TH STRATEGIC AEROSPACE
WING, PLATTSBURGH AFB, NY, OIC, COMBAT INTELLIGENCE
BRANCH; COMMENTS: SINCE THE NIGHT WAS DARK AND CLEAR
WITH EXCELLENT VISIBILITY, AND THERE WAS AN APPARENT
METEOROLOGICAL DISPLAY. IT SEEMS PROBABLE THAT A
METEOR CAUGHT THE ATTENTION OF THE OBSERVERS - THEIR
ATTENTION BEING HELD BY THE DISPLAY WAS THEN TRANSFERRED
TO THE AIRCRAFT NUMBER 836 IN THE AREA WITH ITS BRILLIANT
NAVIGATIONAL LIGHTS. ONE OBSERVER STATED HE SAW
OBJECT AS RED BLINKING LIGHT - THEN TURN TO GREEN AND
WHITE. OTHERS STATED - OBJECT TURNED BRIGHT TO DIM AND
AT TIMES ALMOST LOST FROM VIEW, HOWEVER CHANGING COLORS

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TO RED AND GREEN AND WITH. STATEMENTS SEEM TO BEAR
OUT FACT THAT A/C NAVIGATION LIGHTS WOULD VARY IN
BRILLIANCE AND COLOR DUE TO THE CHANGING ATTITUDES OF
THE FLTING AIRCRAFT. LIGHT REFLECTING FROM THE
NAVIGATIONAL LIGHTS OFF THE SILVER KC-135'S WINGS
AND FUSELAGE AND WHEN VIEWED AT CONSIDERABLE DISTANCE
(AS INDICATED BY NO NOISE) COULD POSSIBLY GIVE OBSERVERS
A SENCE OF REFLECTION OFF A SAUCER LIKE OBJECT, WHEN
ACTUALY OBJECT WAS AN AIRCRAFT. L. EXISTENCE OF
PHYSICAL EVIDENCE - NONE.

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