

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 17 August 66 18/0225Z	2. LOCATION Kennett, Missouri (2 Witnesses)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Two	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Few Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observers noted two colored lights at approximately five minutes intervals. The color of the first light was red, changed to green, then to brilliant white, to yellow, then back to red. Objects were moving toward the North. KC-135 aircraft had taken off from Blytheville AFB, Ark., on a northerly direction. These aircraft would have passed very near the point of observation.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE NE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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DIV RICHARDS-GEBAUR AFB MO, FTD WPAFB OHIO, AFNIN WASH DC, SAFOI
WASH DC. INFO 2AF BARKSDE AFB LA, 42AD. SUBJECT: (U) UFO REPORT.
(CONF) REFERENCE PARAGRAPH 14, AFR 238-2. PARA 14A(ALPHA): TWO
COLORED LIGHTS AT APPROXIMATELY 5 MINUTE INTERVALS. (1): SHAPES WAS
ROUND. (2): SIZE WAS APPROXIMATELY THAT OF A BASEBALL. (3): THE
COLOR OF THE FIRST LIGHT WAS RED, CHANGED TO GREEN, THEN TO BRIL-
-LIANT WHITE, TO YELLOW, AND THEN BACK TO RED. AT THIS TIME A TREE
BLOCKED FURTHER VISION AND THE LIGHT DISAPPEARED. THE COLOR OF THE
SECOND LIGHT WAS RED, CHANGED TO A DULL WHITE AND THEN DISAPPEARED

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FIRST LIGHT WAS SIGHTED AT APPROXIMATELY 180225Z AUGUST 1966 IN A
NORTHERLY DIRECTION FROM OBSERVERS POSITION. THE OBSERVER WAS
WALKING ALONG WHITNEY STREET TOWARD HIS HOME AT [REDACTED] STREET,
KENNETT, MISSOURI, AND WAS APPROXIMATELY 50 YARDS FROM HIS DISTINA-
TION AT THE TIME FOR THE SIGHTING. THE LIGHT APPEARED TO MOVE
TO THE NORTH, JUMP TO THE RIGHT AND LEFT, THEN MOVED ON AGAIN. THE
LIGHT DISAPPEARED TO THE NORTH

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VISION. THE SECOND LIGHT WAS OBSERVED IN A WESTERLY DIRECTION AT
APPROXIMATELY 180230Z AUGUST 1966 WHILE OBSERVER WAS STANDING ON
THE RAILROAD TRACK IMMEDIATELY BEHIND HIS HOME AT [REDACTED]
STREET, KENNETT, MISSOURI. OBSERVERS BROTHER ALSO OBSERVED THE
SECOND LIGHT BUT WAS NOT AVAILABLE FOR INTERVIEW. (7): NO TAIL,
TRAIL OR EXHAUST. (8): NO SOUND. (9): NO OTHER PERTINENT OR UN-
USUAL FEATURES. PARA 14B (BRAVO) (1): OBSERVERS ATTENTION WAS
ATTRACTED BECAUSE HE HABITUALLY WATCHES THE SKY AT NIGHT AND WAS
DOING SO AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING. (2): THE OBJECT WAS "OFF TO
THE SIDE" BUT OBSERVER COULD MAKE NO ESTIMATE OF THE RANGE OR ALTI-
TUBE. (3): OBJECT DISAPPEARED TO THE "NORTHEAST". NO ESTIMATE AS TO

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RANGE OR ALTITUDE. (4): NO SIGNIFIANT FLIGHT PATH OR MANEUVERS.
OBJECT APPEARED TO STOP ONCE; THEN MOVE ON AGAIN. (5): OBJECT DIS-
APPEARED BEHIND A TREE. (6): FIRST OBJECT WAS VISIBLE FOR APPROXI-
MATELY 10 MINUTES; THE SECOND FOR 1 MINUTE. PARA 14C (CHARLIE) (1):
OBSERVATION WAS GROUND VISUAL. (2): NO OPTICAL AIDS. PARA 14D (DELTA)
(1): FIRST OBJECT WAS OBSERVED AT APPROXIMATELY 180225Z AUGUST 1966.
SECOND OBJECT AT APPROXIMATELY 180230Z AUGUST 1966. (2): LIGHT CON-
DITION WAS NIGHT BUT A STREET LIGHT NEAR OBSERVERS POSITION WAS
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STREET, KENNETT, MISSOURI. SECOND SIGHTING WAS MADE FROM A POSITION

ON THE RAILROAD TRACKS IMMEDIATELY BEHIND HIS HOME. PARA 14F(FOXTROT):

IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS: CIVILIAN; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AGE 17: [REDACTED] STREET, KENNETT, MISSOURI; HIGH SCHOOL

STUDENT; ESTIMATED TO BE COMPLETELY RELIABLE. PARA 14G(GOLF)(1):

OBSERVER DESCRIBES WEATHER AS PARTLY CLOUDY BUT COULD NOT ESTIMATE

HEIGHT OF CLOUDS. OBJECT WOULD GO BEHIND THE CLOUDS AND AT TIMES

THE RED LIGHT WAS HARDLY VISIBLE. (2): ELYTHEVILLE AFB, WEATHER

STATION REPORTS WIND DIRECTION AND VELOCITY DEGREES AND KNOTS AS

280/04 AT SURFACE; 300/05 AT 6,000; 270/10 AT 10,000; 270/10 AT

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18,000; 270/10 AT 20,000; 240/10 AT 30,000; 240/10 AT 50,000 AND

NOT AVAILABLE AT 60,000 FEET. (3): CEILING WAS 6,000 FEET. (4):

VISIBILITY WAS 7 MILES. (5): 10/10 CLOUD COVERAGE. (6): THUNDER-

STORMS HAD BEEN IN THE AREA OF THE OBSERVATION BUT HAD DISSIPATED.

OCCASIONAL LIGHT RAIN SHOWERS. (7): VERTICAL TEMPERATURE GRADIENT

IS DESCRIBED AS AN AVERAGE TEMPERATURE INVERSION FOR THE FIRST 1,000

FEET AND A NORMAL ADIABATIC LAPSE RATE THEREAFTER. PARA 14H(HOTEL):

NONE. ELYTHEVILLE AFB, WEATHER STATION ADVISES THAT THUNDERSTORMS

HAD BEEN IN THE AREA SINCE APPROXIMATELY 170000Z AUGUST 1966. PARA

14I(INDIA): NONE KNOWN. PARA 14J(JULIET): AT 180130Z AUGUST 1966.

THE FLYING PORTION OF AN OPERATIONAL READINESS INSPECTION TEST (ORIT)

WAS INITIATED FOR THE 97TH BOMBARDMENT WING, ELYTHEVILLE AFB, ARK.

THE FIRST WAVE OF 3 BOMBERS TOOK OFF TO THE SOUTH BETWEEN 180140Z

AND 180154Z AUGUST 1966. THE SUPPORTING 3 TANKERS TOOK OFF TO THE

SOUTH BETWEEN 180155Z AND 180202Z AUGUST 1966. THE SECOND WAVE OF

3 BOMBERS TOOK OFF TO THE NORTH BETWEEN 180330Z AND 180402Z AUGUST

1966 AND 4 SUPPORTING TANKERS BETWEEN 180330Z AND 180354Z AUGUST

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EXPECTED TO FOLLOW DURING AN ORIT TAKE OFF TO THE NORTH PASSES VERY

NEAR THE POINT OF OBSERVATION WHICH IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 16 NM

THE FIRST WAVE OF 8 BOMBERS TOOK OFF TO THE SOUTH BETWEEN 180146Z
AND 18054Z AUGUST 1966. THE SUPPORTING 8 TANKERS TOOK OFF TO THE
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NEAR THE POINT OF OBSERVATION WHICH IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 1.5 NM

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NORTH OF THE RUNNALLY. THIS DISTANCE IS NORMALLY COVERED IN APPROXI-
MATELY 3 1/2 MINUTES. PARA 14K(KILO): CHIEF, INTELLIGENCE DIVISION,
97TH BW ((SAC)), BLYTHEVILLE AFB, ARKANSAS. THE MOST LOGICAL EXPLANA-
TION IS THAT THE OBSERVER SAW ONE OF THE KC-135 TANKERS INVOLVED IN
THE ORIT. EVEN THOUGH THE TIMES INVOLVED DO NOT CORRESPOND EXACTLY,
CONSIDERATION MUST BE GIVEN TO THE FACT THAT THE OBSERVERS TIME
WAS ESTIMATED. INQUIRY AMONG KC-135 CREW AND MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL
INDICATES THAT THE KC-135 AIRCRAFT IS EQUIPPED WITH A FUSELAGE-MOUNT-
ED WING ILLUMINATION LIGHT WHICH IS TURNED ON AT VARIOUS TIMES TO
FACILITATE OBSERVATION OF THE WINGS AT NIGHT. THERE IS NO SPECIFIC
PATTERN FOR THE USE OF THIS LIGHT. THE PREPARING OFFICER OBSERVED
SUCH A LIGHT AT APPROXIMATELY 230510Z AUGUST 1966 DURING A LOW PASS
IN CLEAR WEATHER OVER BLYTHEVILLE AFB BY A KC-135, LATER IDENTIFIED AS
GENT 45 ASSIGNED TO THE 97TH ARS. THE KC-135 WAS OBSERVED FROM AN
APPROXIMATE 3/4 REAR POSITION AT A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY ONE-
HALF MILE. THE ALTITUDE OF THE TANKER WAS ABOUT 1,300 FEET. THE
IMPRESSION GAINED WAS VERY SIMILAR TO THAT DESCRIBED BY THE OBSERVER.

PARA 14L(LIMA): NONE.

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UNCLAS 0001 04055 SEP 66. TO ADC ENT AFB COLO, 25 AIF

DIVISION RICHARDS-GEDAU AFB MO, FTD WPAFB OHIO FOR TDETR, AFNIN
WASH DC, SAFOI WASH DC, INFO 2AF BARKSDALE AFB LA AND 42AD.

SUBJECT: WFO REPORT, PART ONE OF TWO, REQUEST ALL ADDRES DOWNGRADE
THE SECURITY CLASSIFICATION OF 0001 MESSAGES 24024 MARCH 66 AND
24028 AUG 66, SUBJECT: (U) WFO REPORT, FROM CONFIDENTIAL GROUP 3
TO OFFICIAL USE ONLY, PART TWO, FOR TDETR. THIS CONFIRMS CDR
TELECOM OF 12 1700Z SEP 66.

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