

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 26 Nov. 66 26/0500Z	2. LOCATION Richland, Wash. three witnesses
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro(Rigel) @2100L Rigel was at an elevation of 12 degrees and on an azimuth of 112 degrees.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3½ hours	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observers noted circular-oval shaped object that looked orange with the naked eye and orange and grey with the telescope. The object was seen in the east at telephone line altitude. The object was last observed at a very high angle of elevation. The observers retired before the object disappeared. The description is consistent with that of an astronomical observation. Rigel which began to rise at approximately 2000L, would have been visible during the observation time.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual Tx	
7. COURSE slowly westward	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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ACTION: RDC-4

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UNCLAS 637POAC 00640 NOV 66. UFO. FOR HQ USAF (AFNIN) AND
FOR SAF (SAFOI).

A. DISCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

1. SHAPE- CIRCULAR WITH THE NAKED EYE. OVAL SHAPED THROUGH
TELESCOPE.

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2. SIZE - HALF DOLLAR SIZE WITH THE NAKED EYE; BASE BALL AIZE
THROUGH TELESCOPE.

3. COLOR - ORANGE WITH NAKED EYE; ORANGE AND GREY WITH
TELESCOPE.

4. NUMBER - ONE

5. FORMATION- N/A

6. DISCERNABLE FEATURES- AS SEEN THROUGH TELESCOPE OBJECT WAS

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GREY WITH ORANGE OR REDDISH SPARKING RIM.

7. TAIL, TRAIL, OR EXHAUST - NONE SEEN

8. SOUND - NONE HEARD

9. OTHER FEAUTRES - NONE OBSERVED

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

1. UNUSUAL BRIGHT COLOR AND LOW ALTITUDE.

2. EAST AT TELEPHONE LINE ALTITUDE.

3. LAST OBSERVED AT VERY HIGH ANGLE OF ELEVATION; OBSERVERS RE-
TIRED BEFORE OBJECT DISAPPEARED.

4. MOVING EAST TO WEST ON STEADY COURSE EXCEPT FOR STOPPING AT
TIMES.

5. OBSERVERS NOTED THAT OBJECT WAS STILL HIGH IN THE SKY NEAR

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MIDNIGHT AND THEN THEY RETIRED.

6. OBJECT WAS OBSERVED FOR PERIODS OF FROM 10 TO 20 MINUTES
OVER A TIME SPAN OF ABOUT 3 1/2 HOURS.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

1. GROUND - VISUAL
2. TELESCOPE OF UNKNOWN POWER; TELESCOPE WAS APPROXIMATELY 2
FEET LONG, LARGEST LENS ABOUT BASE BALL SIZE. NO MARKINGS ON
SCOPE TO DETERMINE POWER RATING.

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3. N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

1. 26 NOV 66/0500Z
2. NIGHT

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS:

██████████ STREET, RICHLAND WASH.

F. IDENTIFYING INFO ON OBSERVERS:

1. CIVILIANS:

- A. CIVILIAN - ██████████, AGE 19, ADDRESS ██████████
STREET, RICHLAND WASHINGTON. OCCUPATION - UNEMPLOYED EPILEPTIC.
- B. CIVILIAN ██████████, AGE 19, SAME ADDRESS, STUDENT.

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SENIOR HIGH.

C. CIVILIAN - MRS. [REDACTED] SAME ADDRESS, HOMEMAKER.

ESTIMATE OR RELIABILITY - FAIR.

2. N/A

G. WEATHER AND WINDS:

1. CLEAR - CALM.

2. REPORT FROM 25TH AIR DIVISION (ADC) WX OFFICE AS OF 26/0000Z

WIND DIRECTION/VELOCITY

ALTITUDE

270/06

SURFACE

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260/16

6,000 FT

290/23

10,000 FT

290/32

16,000 FT

300/50

30,000 FT

290/58

50,000 FT

NOT AVAILABLE

80,000 FT

3. CEILING - NONE

4. VISIBILITY - UNLIMITED

5. CLOUD COVER - NONE

6. THUNDERSTORMS - NONE

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7. VERTICAL TEMPERATURE GRADIENT - NORMAL LAPSE RATE, SUB-
SIDENCE INVERSION SURFACE TO 2800 FT.

H. NONE KNOWN

I. NOT FEASIBLE SINCE SIGHTING WAS NOT REPORTED UNTIL 26/1700Z.

J. NEAREST WX BALLOON LAUNCH AS FAR AS IS KNOWN IS YAKAMA, WASH:

LAUNCH TIME IS APPROXIMATELY 3 P. M. THIS BALLOON WOULD NORMALLY HAVE
REACHED BURSTING ALTITUDE PRIOR TO TIME OF FIRST SIGHTING.

K. CEM OFFICER, OTHELLO AFS, WASH.

L. NONE KNOWS.

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