

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 18 Apr 67 19/0250Z	2. LOCATION Minneapolis, Minnesota (Multiple)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON (Hot Air)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1-3	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 40 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object was round. About the size of a breadbasket. Orange glow. Sightings varied from one object to as many as three. These were sighted at one time. Occasionally a small stream of flames or sparks. Flame was estimated at various lengths. Travel was slower at lower distance. The orange glow went out or appeared to vanish.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE E-S-W	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

FORM

FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

Balloon (Hot Air)

18 Apr 67

Minneapolis, Minn

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
Minneapolis-St Paul International Airport
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UFO REPORT

1. Description of the objects

- a. Shape Shape was round
- b. Size compared to a known object About the size of a breadbox
- c. Color Orange glow
- d. Number Number varied from one object to as many as three
- e. Formation if more than one Three were sighted at one time
- f. Any discernible features or details Occasionally trailed a stream of flames or sparks
- g. Tail, Trail, or exhaust, including its size Flame trail was estimated at various lengths up to 200 feet
- h. Sound None
- i. Other pertinent or unusual features Travel was slower than an airplane, and changed directions rather abruptly.

2. Description of course of object:

- a. What first called the attention of observer to the object? Numerous sightings of the same objects were reported within a one hour period.
- b. Angle of elevation of object and azimuth of object when first observed? Varied from about 15° above the horizon
- c. Angle of elevation of object upon disappearance In most cases it disappeared while at altitude, some lost it over rooftops
- d. Description of flight path and maneuvers of object (elevations in azimuth, not altitude) Appeared to travel from northeast to west or southwest with occasional changes in direction.
- e. How did the object disappear? The orange glow went out or appeared to vanish.
- f. How long was the object visible? Reports indicate that it was visible in various parts of Minneapolis from 2010 to 2050 local time

3. Manner of observations:

- a. Method of observation (ground-visual, air-visual, radar etc.) Visual.
Minneapolis Control tower was unable to observe it visually or with binoculars
- b. Statement as to optical aids (telescopes, binoculars) None used
- c. If the sighting occurred while airborne, give type of aircraft, identification, altitude, heading, speed, and home station.
Not sighted from the air

4. Time and date of sightings:

- a. Greenwich date-time group of sighting and local time 18 April 67
2010 to 2050 local (0210-0250Z)

- b. Light conditions (day, night, dawn, dusk) Night
5. Location of observer (position with reference to a known landmark) East, south and west Minneapolis
6. Identifying information on observers:
- a. Civilian: Name Numerous On file at 934th TCG Mpls Mailing address _____
Occupation Mostly students at U of M Education _____
Estimate of reliability Unable to judge reliability
- b. Military: Name None Grade _____
Organization _____
Duty _____ Estimate of reliability _____
7. Weather and winds-aloft conditions at time and place of sightings:
- a. Observer's account of weather conditions Sky clear visibility good
- b. Report from nearest AWS of US Weather Bureau Office of wind direction and velocity in degrees and knots at surface, 6,000; 10,000; 16,000; 20,000; 30,000; 50,000; and 80,000 feet, if available. surface 080/09
3,000 050/10; 5,000 020/08; 10,000 320/14
- c. Ceiling Unlimited Visibility Unlimited
Amount of cloud cover None Thunderstorms in area
and quadrant in which located None
- d. Vertical temperature gradient Standard lapse rate (no inversion)
8. Any other unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, that might account for the sighting a check with the U.S. WX Bureau, FAA Flight Service and Control Tower offered no specific cause of the sightings.
9. Interception or identification action taken (such action is authorized whenever feasible and in compliance with existing air defense directives) None
10. Location, approximate altitude, and general direction of flight of any air traffic or balloon releases in the area that might possibly account for the sighting: None reported
12. Position, title and comments of the preparing officer including his preliminary analysis of the possible cause of the sightings: I have investigated thru the agencies listed in item # 8 and therefore conclude that these objects were most likely hot air balloons with candles in the seat up by pranksters. UFO Project Officer: Capt John M. Wlakes, 234th Troop Carrier Group, Mpls St Paul Int'l Aprt, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55417
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