

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 24 Oct 68 24/1917 24/2317Z	2. LOCATION Kalamazoo, Michigan
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON (Hot Air, Garmet Bag)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Description, duration is consistent with that of a hot air garmet bag balloon.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 - 5 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object appeared as a light, size comparable to half the diameter of a dime held at arms length. Change color from red to orange, dropping of flaming material. Object disappeared upward into clouds, or clouds passed over it.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE See Case	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

24 Oct 68

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TDPT (UFO) Lt Col Quintanilla/70916/mhs/8 Nov 68

UFO Observation, 24 October 1968

Mr [REDACTED]

Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007

1. Reference your unidentified flying object (UFO) observation of 24 October 1968. The description that you provided is consistent with other reports that we have received of plastic garment bag hot air balloons. (See the attached description.)
2. Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

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Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate

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ACTION: RDC-4 INFO: XDP-2, XOX-2, SAFOS-3, DIA-1 (13) ADV CY DIA
SIB E202PTT UZYUW RUCI DA0011 3031453-UUUU--RUEFHQA.

ZNR UUUUU

P 291445Z OCT 68

FM 4627ABSQ CUSTER AFS MI

TO RUWMFVA/ADC

RUEFHQA/CSAF

RUEFHQA/OSAF

RIEDMA/1AF STEWART AFB NY

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FTD WPAFB FOR TDETR, CSAF FOR AFRDC, AND

CSAF FOR SAF-01. SUBJECT: UFO REPORT, REF AFR 80-17.

UFO SIGHTING 24 OCT 1968, KALAMAZOO, MICH.

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT. (1) LIGHT. (2) SIZE COMPARABLE TO
HALF THE DIAMETER OF DIME HELD AT ARM'S LENGTH. (3) RED TO
ORANGE. (4) ONE (5) N/A (6) CHANGE OF COLOR FROM RED TO
ORANGE DROPPING OF FLAMING MATERIAL. (7) NONE. (8) NONE.
(9) NONE.

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT. (1) LOOKING AT SKY AND
N

FORM
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OTICED IT. (2) 40 DEGREES (3) 45 DEGREES (4) AND (5)

DISAPPEARED UPWARD INTO CLOUDS, OR CLOUDS PASSED OVER OBJECT.

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(6) 3-5 MIN.

C. METHOD OF OBSERVATION. (1) GROUND VISUAL (2) NONE

(3) N/A.

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING. (1) 24 OCT 1968, 2317Z

LOCAL TIME 1917. (2) NIGHT.

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: 42 DEGREES 20 MINUTES N, 85 DEGREES
33 MINUTES W (KALAMAZOO) OBSERVER ON CAMPUS OF UNIVERSITY OF
WESTERN MICHIGAN.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER. (1) CIVILIAN, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], AGE 25. ADDRESS: [REDACTED] KALAMAZOO, MICH. 49007

OCCUPATION: PSYCHOLOGIST FOR SCHOOL SYSTEM. EDUCATION: MASTERS

RELIABILITY: SOUNDS IMAGINATIVE.

G. WEATHER. (1) CLOUDY (2) SURFACE: 030 DEGREES AT 6 KNOTS,

5000 FT: 270 DEGREES AT 5 KNOTS. 10,000 FT: 290 DEGREES AT 10 KNOTS.

16,000 FT: 270 DEGREES AT 5 KNOTS. 20,000 FT: 240 DEGREES AT 5 KNOTS.

30,000 FT: 290 DEGREES AT 15 KNOTS. 50,000 FT: 280 DEGREES AT 20 KNOTS.

(3) CEILING: 2,000 FT AND BROKEN (4) VISIBILITY 6 MI HAZE (5) CLOUD

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COVER: BROKEN, OVERCAST AT 5,000 FT (6) NO.

(7) 1.2 DEGREES F/1000 FT, DROPPING, NO INVERSIONS.

H. UNUSUAL ACTIVITY IN AREA: NONE

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I. NONE

J. IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE AIR TRAFFIC, NO BALLONS.

K. PREPARING OFFICER: (1) INFORMATION OFFICER (2) HERBERT D.

BIRKHEAD (3) 2ND LT (4) 4627ABCIO CUSTER AIR FORCE STATION,

BATTLE CREEK, MICH 49016 (5) AREA CODE 616 (6) OFFICE PHONE

EXTENSION 882 AT 962-6161 (7) HOME PHONE: 731-4760 (8) COMMENTS:

NO CORROBORATION EVIDENCE TO SIGHTING FROM KALAMAZOO POLICE, UNIVERSITY

OF WESTERN MICHIGAN SECURITY POLICE, 34AIR DIVISION TRACKING AND IDENTIFICATION,

KALAMAZOO AND BATTLE CREEK AIRPORT CONTROL TOWERS. NO

PLANES WERE BURNING IN THE AREA. KALAMAZOO FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORTS

BON FIRE A FEW MILES AWAY.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY DEPT REPORTS

METEOR SEASON. CONCLUSIONS: SUGGEST SIGHTING A LOCAL PHENOMENON,

POSSIBLY BURNING CINDERS RETURNING TO EARTH FROM GROUND FIRE, EITHER

BON FIRE OR LEAVES BURNING NEARBY. POSSIBILITY OBJECT A STUDENT-MADE

HOT AIR DEVICE. FOOTBALL SEASON IN PROGRESS. LACK OF ADDITIONAL

WITNESSES OVER A METROPOLITAN AREA PARAMOUNT FACTOR.

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