

4602D AISS UFOB LOG

REPORT NO.	DATE/TIME OF SIGHTING	RECD HQ 4602D
AISS-UFOB-305-55	05/0330Z Sep 55	5 Sep 55
LOCATION OF SIGHTING		LOCATED BY
Lagrand and Marshall Town, Iowa		A/18CDaRudder
MEANS RECD	ACTION	
TT Msg	Investigation authorized	
INVS UNIT	DATE INVS ASSIGNED	ASSIGNING OFFICER
Flight 2-A	9 Sep 55	Capt Bronstein
DATE IR RECD HQ	DATE IR APPROVED	DATE IR TO ATIC
19 Sep 55		
DATE OF FORM 5		
21 Sep 55		
COMMENTS		
Investigated by Flight 2-A with conclusions as follows:		
CONCLUSIONS		

135
AISPA

Commander, 4602d AISS

Long Distance Telephone Call

Capt Bronstein

1100 Hrs

9 Sep 55

Coml AISS 8

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

1. Long distance telephone conversation between Capt Bronstein, this headquarters, and M/Sgt Donnelly, Flight 2-A.
2. Assigned follow-up UFOB investigations at Marshalltown, Iowa and Colfax, Iowa.

ROBERT BRONSTEIN, Capt USAF
Assistant Operations Officer

ENK

2300 Z
5 Sep 55
GP
alc

ENO 01

ENAO32MA047NGA049HYA020

RR RJEDEN RJEDWP RJEPHO

DE RJEDNS 1H

R 051400Z

FM COMDR 788TH AC&W SQ WAVERLY IOWA

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ENT AFB COLO SPRGS COLO

RJEDNG/COMDR 31ST ADIV DEF SNELLING AFS ST PAUL MINN

RJEDWP/COMDR AIR TECH INTELL CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON DAYTON OHIO

RJEPHO/DIRECTOR INTELL HQ USAF WASH DC

BT

/U N C L A S S I F I E D / IAW AFR 200-2 UFOB 788-05-I-01

1.

A NEG

B NEG

C RED AND GREEN ALTERNATING

D THREE

E NEG

F NEG

G NEG

H NEG

4502D AISS UFOB REPT.

DATE-TIME GROUP

305
05/0330Z Sep 55
See again on 11/0240Z Sep 55
07/1701Z Sep 55

SO 741 2A
for investigation
2 Sep 55
MB

AISS # 8
for anomaly

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I NEG

2.

A GOC DUTIES

B 20 DEGREE ANGLE ALL OBJECTS

C N/A

D NEG

E N/A

F ONE HOUR PLUS

3.

A GROUND VISUAL

B BINOCULAR

C N/A

4.

A 0330Z 5 SEP 55

B NIGHT

5. LA GRAND IOWA NM 1457

6. MR AND MRS ROBERT PIERSON 39 YRS LA GRAND IOWA, FARMER

MR ARTHUR KERSEY, 42YRS, MARSHALL TOWN IOWA, SERVICE STATION

ATTENDANT

B NEG

7.

A CLEAR NEG WINDOW STORMS

5. LA GRAND IOWA NW 1427

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B NEG

7.

A CLEAR NEG WINDOOR STROMS

B 5000 310/20

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10,000 310/10

15,000

20,000 LIGHT/VAR

30,000 02/35

40,000 040/45

C UNLIMITED

D UNLIMITED

E NEG

F NONE

8 NEG

9 NEG

10 NEG

11 DUTY DIRECTOR 1ST LT JOHN R MORRISON USAF, NO COMMENTS

12 NEG

BT

05/1830Z SEPT RJEDNG

ENC 000V
 TNA068 YMA126 YYE014NGA049
 PP RJED
 DE RJEDNG
 ZUI NGA046 ZDK
 NGA046HYA022
 RR RJEDEN RJEDWP RJEPHQ
 DE RJEDNG 1H
 R 111600Z

OPS
 121400Z

FM COMDR 788TH AC&W SQ WAVERLY AFSTA IOWA
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/U N C L A S S I F I E D/788-11-I-01 IAW AFR 200-2

A.

1. NEG.
2. PEA
3. AFFIRMATIVE RED GREEN
4. THREE
5. NEG
6. NEG
7. NEG

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8. NEG
9. NEG

B.

1. GOC DUTIES
2. 20 WEST
3. 15 SOUTWESTH
4. 30 NORTHEAST
5. NEG
6. NEG

C.

1. GROUND VISUAL
2. BINOCULARS
3. N/A

D.

1. 0240Z 11 SEP 55
2. NIGHT

E.

LA GRANDE IOWA NM 1358

F.

1. ROBERT PIERSON NEG LA GRANDE IA. FARMER

1. ROBERT PIERSON NEG LA CHANGE

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2. N/A

G.

1. CLEAR SCATTERED CEILING

2. 5000-350/15 20000-270/35
10000-260/25 30000-250/50
15000-270/40 40000-240/70

3. NEG

4. NEG

5. NEG

H. BALLOON POSSIBILITY - G.O.C.

I. NEG

J. NEG

K. NEG

L. 1ST LT JOHN R MORRISON DUTY DIRECTOR. POSSIBLY A BALLON SIGHTING
NO CRT CONTACT.

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TV
 EN0001 ENA010 YMA003NGA003
 RR RJEDEN RJEDWP RJEPHQ
 DE RJEDNG1H
 R 111600Z

FM COMDR 788TH AC&W SQ WAVERLY AFSTA IOWA
 TO RJEDEN/COMDR ENT AFB COLO SPRINGS COLO
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3. N/A

D.

1. 0240Z 11 SEP 55
- NIGHT

E. LA GRANDE IOWA NM 1358

F.

1. ROBERT PIERSON NEG LA GRANDE IA. FARMER

11/0205Z
 JW

OPS

C.

1. GROUND VISUAL
2. BINOCULARS
3. N/A

D.

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4. NEG

5. NEG

H. BALLON POSSIBLY - GOC

I. NEG

J. NEG

K. NEG

L. 1ST LT JOHN R MORRISON DUTY DIRECTOR. POSSIBLY A BALLON SIGHTING
NO CRT CONTACT

BT

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AGENCY OF ORIGIN		DATE OF REPORT	
Flight 2-A, 4602D AISS St. Paul 11, Minnesota		14 Sep 55	
SOURCE OF INFORMATION		DATE OF INFORMATION	
Mr. Robert Pierson Mr. Arther Kersey		11 Sep 55	
PREPARING OFFICER		EVALUATION	
WALTER EUGENE SAMPSON, 2/Lt. USAF			
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)			
SUBJECT			
UFOB			
SUMMARY (Under concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112a.)			
I. CONTENTS: PART ONE: Description of Sighting by Mr. Robert Pierson, Le Grand, Iowa, Farmer. PART TWO: Description of Sighting by Mr. Arther Kersey, Marshalltown, Iowa, Service Station Attendant, Shell Oil Co. PART THREE: Supplementary Investigative Efforts. PART FOUR: Comments of Preparing Officer. II. SUMMARY: Objects were sighted by Mr. Robert Pierson at GOC NAN MIKE 1-5 BLACK post at Le Grand, Iowa (GEOREF FJNN 1401). Mr. Pierson telephoned the GOC post at Marshalltown, Iowa (GEOREF FJNN 0504) on 5 Sep 55, and contacted Mr. Arther Kersey. Mr. Pierson, 39, had the objects in sight for two (2) hours and fifteen (15) minutes. The objects were in three (3) different quadrants. Mr. Kersey, 42, sighted only one of the objects and had it in sight for one (1) hour and fifteen (15) minutes. III. INVESTIGATOR: M/SGT EDWARD M. HEALY AF 31191923			
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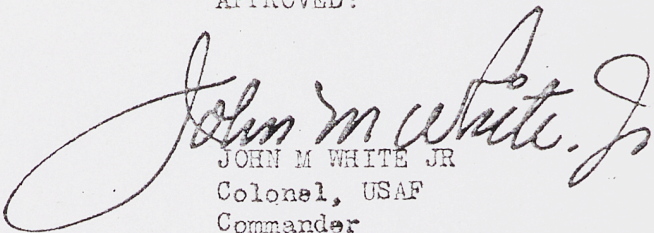
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I. SOURCE: Robert Pierson
 Le Grand, Iowa
 Occupation: Farmer
 Qualifications: Three Years GOC Post Observer

II. RELIABILITY: Source is a college graduate (Liberal Arts) and appeared to be very truthful in all answers and opinions.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: Source noticed RED and GREEN flashing light in the Northeast approximately thirty (30°) degrees above the horizon. Distance object was from observer could not be determined. Source could not describe the shape of the object other than it appeared to be a light in the distance. Source observed the object for a total of two (2) hours and fifteen (15) minutes and in this time the object appeared to move from the Northeast to the Southwest very slowly and fade from view. Object appeared to be the size of a pinhead held at arms length. Observation made through seven (7) power binoculars did not reveal any other details. At the same time of the above sighting Source discovered two (2) more objects. Except for direction, the above details apply. The second appeared in the East and moved slowly to the West south west. The third appeared in the Northeast and moved slowly to the East South East. The objects were still in view when the Source quit his post. (0600Z) Source stated he had been observing these objects every night for a period of five (5) nights. Objects are first sighted anytime between 2330Z to 0330Z. Usually the one in the Southwest comes up first. Weather conditions on the night of these particular sightings was good. The sky was clear and the winds were calm. No storms were reported in the near area.

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I. SOURCE: Arther Kersey
 Marshalltown, Iowa
 Occupation: Service Station Attendant
 Qualifications: GOC Observer Approx. 3 Months

II. RELIABILITY: Reliability of Source could not be determined.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: Source received a telephone call from GOC post at La Grand, Iowa informing him of three (3) objects in different quadrants of the sky. Source observed only one (1) in the Northeast section. It had a steady green light with what appeared to be a flashing red light on it. The object did not appear to move at any time. The object was approximately thirty degrees (30°) above the horizon and when Source went off duty it still appeared to be in the same place. Source observed the object from 0445Z to 0600Z. The red light flashed at one (1) second intervals. Source stated object was fifty (50) feet in all dimensions. Source also stated the object appeared to be the size of a pea held at arms length but shape and distance from observer could not be determined. Source's point of observation was on top of a hotel. Source stated that there were high broken clouds and a slight haze over city.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. This UFOB was assigned to this Unit for investigation by Hqs, 4602D AISS. The initial report was obtained from the D/I 31st Air Division.

2. A thorough check was made of all research agencies in the Minneapolis area. There were no balloons from any of these agencies over Iowa at the time of the sighting. It was also noted that balloons from all these agencies carry only a flashing red light, and none carry a green or white light. "Moby Dick" balloons carry a white light. Further investigation brought out the fact that the lights on the balloons are of the type employed on the wing tips of aircraft and could not be observed from the ground if the balloon were over 10,000 feet away.

3. The U. of Minnesota observatory found nothing in their logs to indicate anything unusual on the night of the sighting.

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COMMENTS OF THE PREPARING OFFICER

1. It is the opinion of the preparing investigator that the sighting was a star or planet for the following reasons:

a. Continued observation of the morning star and/or a planet could produce the effect of the green and red lights. One observer saw a steady green light with a flashing red. The other observed a flashing green and red with no steady interval.

b. The lack of or almost lack of motion could be explained by the earths rotation.

c. Investigation discovered no balloon nor astronomical activity that would account for the sighting.

for + in the absence of *Edward M. Healy w/sgt.*
WALTER E. SAMPSON
2nd Lt., USAF
OIC F2A

COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Concur with the opinion of the Preparing Officer that this sighting was astronomical in nature, probably caused by a star or combination of stars for the reasons listed above coupled with the fact that the objects were seen for a period of five successive nights.

Jmw

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