PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 9 March 49 09/2100Z	2. LOCATION Eau Claire, Wisconsin
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Other(CONTRAILS)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 hour	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer sighted a large spjherical object. It left a very long white trail. Its motion was up and down with tight maneuvering. Its speed was moderate. Observer was a weather officer. He was traveling in an auto.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Not Reported	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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5. Pertinent hobbies: None

6. No difficulty in determining colors, speeds, and sizes.

7. Reliability of observer. Completely reliable.

8. b. Attention was drawn to object by unusual appearance in clear sky. First observed by wife of Major [redacted]

c. Observed after 3-4 hours continuous driving.

9. Witnesses: [redacted]

Address: [redacted], Washington 20, D. C.

10. Highly intelligent and

GENERAL

1. Local weather: Very little wind, 2-3 tenths high cirrus, visibility unlimited - unlimited ceiling.

2. Winds aloft: Not known

7. No photograph made although observer believes it would have been possible to obtain an image.

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SUBJECT: Information Regarding Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Commanding General
Air Material Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

The following incident is reported in accordance with Air Intelligence Requirement Memorandum Number 4, dated 15 February 1949:

GENERAL

1. Date of sighting: 9 March 1949

2. Time of sighting: Approximately 1500 hours

3. Where sighted:

a. General

(1) Eau Claire, Wisconsin
(2) Approximately 50 miles south on U.S. route
(3) From an automobile

4. Number of objects: One (Sketch attached)

5. Movements discribed rule out possibility that object was a planet or celestial phenomenon.

6. Distance of object from observer:

a. Laterally: 10-25 miles
b. Angle of elevation from horizon: 40-45°
c. Altitude: 20,000 feet

7. Time in sight: Approximately 1 hour

8. Appearance of object:

a. Color: undetermined
b. Shape: spherical
c. Apparent construction: undetermined
d. Size
(1) Estimated size: Approximately 60 feet diameter
(2) Size as it appeared from observer's view: About size of a BB shot at 10 feet.

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(Size and approximate altitude were estimated on assumption that condensation trail was normal type which could persist at 20,000 feet during that time of year.)

9. and 10. Direction of flight and maneuvers: Horizontal direction would not be positively determined. Movement in vertical plane was both up and down with tight maneuvering.

11. Evidence of exhaust:

a. Color of smoke: Apparent condensation trail was intense white more so than cirrus cloud formations.
b. Length and width: Trail was about 50 times length of object and width varied from diameter of object to 10 times that size.
c. Odor: None
d. Rate of evaporation: Complete at end of described trail.
e. No sound or spurts.

12. Effect on clouds: Object did not pass through any cloud formations but at times appeared silhouetted against cirrus clouds - therefore indicating that object was below cirrus formations.

13. Heights: None

14. Support: None observed

15. Propulsion: None observed

16. Control and stability:

a. No fins observed
b. No stabilizers observed

17. No air ducts observed.

18. Speed: Not over 200 miles per hour.

19. Sound: None

20. Manner of disappearance: Lost sight of object on entering city of Eau Claire, Wisconson.

Relative to the Observer

1. Name of observer: Major [redacted]

2. Address: [redacted], Washington 20, D. C.

3. Occupation: USAF officer (regular) Weather Officer (8219)

4. Stationed Headquarters Air Weather Service, Andrews Air Force Base.

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INCIDENT NO. 377

1. Date of Observation 9 March 1949 Date of Interview

2. Exact Time (local) 1500

3. Place of Observation Eau Claire, Wisconsin (50 miles South)

4. Position of observer Ground from auto

5. What attracted attention to object

6. Number of objects 1

7. Apparent size 50 ft diameter (at distance appeared size of BB shot at 10 ft)

8. Color of object Undetermined

9. Shape Spherical

10. Altitude 40-45° elevation 20,000' (based on normal altitude for condensation trail).

11. Direction from observer

12. Distance from observer 10-25 miles (lateral)

13. Direction of flight of object(s)

14. Time in sight 1 Hour

15. Speed Not over 200 MPH

16. Sound and odor None noticed

17. Trail Intense white 50 times length of object, width 1 to 10 times width of object.

18. Luminosity

19. Projections

20. Maneuvers up and down with tight maneuvering

21. Manner of disappearance Lost sight of object upon entering city

22. Effect on Clouds None

23. Additional information concerning object

24. Weather Conditions

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Major [redacted] Incident _____

Name and address of observer: [redacted], Washington 20, D. C.

Occupation and hobbies: Weather Officer

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s): Completely reliable

NARRATIVE SUMMARY: