

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE Dec 1951		2. LOCATION Nebraska City, Nebraska		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>3 AM</u> GMT _____		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE On Ground	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Blue light observed in sky to NW in flight to SE. Five minutes light orange glow in sky as witness approached glow size increased and color became bright orange. Witness observed kettle shape object sitting on ground 10 - 15 yds from edge of road. Observed object from 10 to 20 seconds. Described as 25 to 30 ft in diameter and appeared to be made of case iron. About 1 ft from top was row of port holes 10 inches in diameter. Orange glow came from the holes. Below port holes was another row about the same size.				11. COMMENTS (Cont) Bluish flame projected from these holes. No light or activity in or around object. No antenna or projection noted. One witness. Reported sighting on 26 Jul 1952. (8 months after sighting) Evaluation psychological causes, due to nature and delay of report.	
12. Other <u>PSYCHOLOGICAL</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown					

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INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
13TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska

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29 July 1952

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: "Flying Discs" Reportedly Sighted Near Peru,
Nebraska, in December 1951 (Reported to
Omaha FBI, 24 July 1952) by [REDACTED]

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTN: Chief, Counter Intelligence Division

1. SYNOPSIS: On 26 July 1952, this office was advised by the
Omaha Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation, that, on 24 July
1952, Mr. [REDACTED], Lincoln, Nebraska, reported to FBI that in
(December 1951) at approximately 0300 hours, he observed both in flight
and on the ground near Peru, Nebraska, an unidentified flying object.
[REDACTED] reportedly stated that he was alone at the time and that his
delay in reporting the incident had been due to his belief that his
report might be treated lightly.

2. DETAILS: On 26 July 1952, this office received information
as follows from the Omaha Field Office, Federal Bureau of Investigation:

a. "On July 24, 1952, Mr. [REDACTED],
Lincoln, Nebraska, reported to an agent of this office that in December
of 1951, while he was returning to Lincoln, Nebraska, from the state
of Indiana at approximately 3:00 a.m. he noticed a blue light in the
sky to the northwest which shot across the road and disappeared to the
southeast. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he missed the turn-off to Lincoln,
Nebraska, on Highway 73 and south of Nebraska City, Nebraska, and he
had turned around and headed south to Auburn, Nebraska.

b. "Mr. [REDACTED] advised that approximately five minutes later
at a location northwest of Peru, Nebraska, he saw an orange glow in the
sky. He said that as he approached the glow it became very large and
very bright orange. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he saw a kettle-shaped object
sitting on the ground approximately ten or fifteen yards from the edge
of the road. He said he stopped his car beside the object and observed

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It approximately ten or twenty seconds. Mr. [REDACTED] gave the following description of the object: 25-30 feet in diameter, appeared to be made of cast-iron due to its black color, shaped like a large kettle drum in an upright position; and about one foot from the top was a row of port-holes approximately ten inches in diameter. He said this was where the orange glow was coming from. He stated that a short distance down from these port-holes was another row of port-holes about the same size. He said that from the south end of the object from these port-holes a blue-ish type of flame was projected. He advised that there was no sign of activity or life in or around the object, and, further, there was neither an antenna nor projections from the object, and there was no sound heard.

c. Mr. [REDACTED] advised he was the only one in his car, and there were no other cars in sight on the highway.

d. Mr. [REDACTED] stated he had not previously reported this instance (sic) to anyone because, at the time, there was a great flying saucer scare throughout the country, and those to whom he might report the incident might treat it lightly. He stated that the incident has been prying (sic) on his mind and he finally decided to report it to the FBI.

e. "There is no record contained in the files of this office relative to [REDACTED] and the above information is being forwarded to your office for whatever action you deem necessary."

3. Files of this District Office contain no information regarding [REDACTED], Lincoln, Nebraska.

4. ACTION: In the absence of a specific request by competent authority, no active investigation of this incident is presently contemplated by this District Office regarding above recounted matter.

Charles P. Martin

CHARLES P. MARTIN
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: CG, SAC, ATTN: D/Intell (Info)
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