

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 8 Sep 55		2. LOCATION Cedar Rapids, Iowa		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☒ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 09/0455Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE E	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Cigar shaped. 25' long, bright orange, no sound, faded from view.				11. COMMENTS 4602d evaluated: Possible a/c.	

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ACTION

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WPB025 YMA035NGA010

12 SEP 1955

07 45

11 SEP 55 04 10

MM RJEDEN RJEDWP RJEPHQ RJEDKF

DE RJEDNG 31

M 10 1524Z

FM COMDR 789TH AC&W SQ OMAHA NEBR

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJEDWP/COMDR ATIC WPAFB OHIO

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RJEDNG/COMDR 31ST ADIV ST PAUL MINN

BT

UNCLASSIFIED OPNS 620 UFOB REPORT AS FOLLOWS

1

232325

A CIGAR SHAPED

B 25 FT LONG

C ORANGE

D ONE

E STATIONARY

F NONE

G NONE

H NONE

I NONE

FORM 805 THE STANDARD REGISTER CO., DAYTON 1, OHIO, U. S. A.

2

A UNUSUAL COLOR

B UNKOWN

C UNKOWN

D E TO W

E FADED

F THREE MINUTES

3

A GROUND VISUAL

B BINOCULARS

C N/A

4

A 090455Z

B NIGHT

5 PM 1551

6

A [REDACTED] CEDAR RAPIDS PHOTOGRAPHE CHIEF OVSERVER

B N/A

7

A CLEAR

B NONE

C 15,000 BRKN

D 18,000 BRKN

E NONE

8 NONE

9 NONE

10 NONE

11 NONE

12 NO EXPLANATION

BT

10/1615Z SEP RJEDNG

273322

12 SEP 1955 07 43

RC135

WPE147 YNA155NGA076

RR RJEDEN RJEDWP RJEPHQ

DE RJEDNG 29A

R 101730Z

FM COMDR 31ST ADIV SNELLING AF STA ST PAUL MINN

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJEDWP/COMDR ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEPHQ/D/I HQTRS USAF WASH DC

BT

UNCLASSIFIED/IN 3088A PD UFOB PD ((A) (1) CIGAR SHAPED
(2) TWENTY FIVE FEET LONG (TWO MILES AWAY) (3) BRIGHT ORANGE (4)
ONE (5) NOT APPLICABLE (6) NONE (7) NONE (8) NO SOUND (9) NONE (B)
(1) USUAL COLOR (2) TWENTY FIVE DEGREES (3) TWENTY FIVE DEGREES (4)
UFOB FLEW EAST AND FADED (5) FADED (6) THREE MINUTES (C) (1) GROUND
VISUAL (2) BINOCULARS (3) NOT APPLICABLE (D) (1) 9/0455Z (2) NIGHT
(E) PM 2159 CEDAR RAPIDS IOWA (F) (1) STEVE SEDLACEK CEDAR RAPIDS
IOWA PHOTOGRAPHER CHIEF OBSERVER OF AREA (2) NOT APPLICABLE (G) (1)
CLEAR (2) MOLINE WX 15000 BROKEN VISIBILITY EIGHT MILES WINDS OUTH TO
NORTH AT FIVE KNOTS (3) UNKNOWN (4) SCATTERED (5) THUNDER STORMS IN
AREA (H) NONE (I) NONE (J) NONE (K) NONE (L) E.A. OATHOUT 1ST LT DUTY
DIRECTOR ADDC CONTROLLER REMARKS: NO RADAR CONTACT WITH OBJECT. NO
EXPLANATION: GEOREF POSITION PM 1551BT PD ENG MSG LT STERN ACTING
D/I 31ST ADIV LOCAL SOURCES CHECKED. NONE RELEASED ANY BALLOONS ANSWERING
DESCRIPTION PD

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10/1732Z SEP RJEDNG

AISS-UF0B-309-55

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5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian	☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Approx three (3) minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One (1)	9. COURSE Easterly
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One (1), cigar shaped object about 25 feet long, unusual orange color, seen for a period of three minutes. The object flew east and faded. Local sources checked for balloon possibility with negative results.		11. COMMENTS Investigation assigned to Det 2, 4602d AISS. Results of investigation to be recorded on this card upon receipt of AF Form 112 on this case.

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SUBJECT

UFOB

AREA REPORTED ON

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, USA

FROM (Agency)

Detachment 2, 4602d AISS

DATE OF REPORT

22 Sept 55

DATE OF INFORMATION

8 Sept 55

EVALUATION

PREPARED BY (Officer)

HANS BISCHOF'S, Captain, USAF

SOURCE

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

TT D/OPNS 620, COMDR 789th AC&W Sq., Omaha, Nebr.

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)

I. CONTENTS:

PART ONE: Description of sighting by Mr. [REDACTED] NW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Occupation, photographer, age 24; on duty as a GOC observer. No military experience.

PART TWO: Supplementary Investigative Efforts

PART THREE: Comments of Preparing Officer

II. SUMMARY: An unidentified flying object was sighted by an observer at GOC observers post at Cedar Rapids, Iowa (GEORET FJPM 2058). Object initially observed at 090455Z Sept. 55 and was kept under surveillance for three minutes. Then the object faded out of sight in three to four seconds. The observer was Mr. [REDACTED] Photographer at Television Station KCRG, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The follow-up investigation consisted of a more thorough interview of the observer and a check of other possible sources of activity in the area on that date.

III. INVESTIGATORS: CAPT. HANS BISCHOF'S AO 784842
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I. SOURCE: Steve Sedlacek

Address: 1105 C Avenue NW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Age: 20

Occupation: Photographer

Education: High School Graduate and one year of college

Qualifications: GOC observer for eight months. News photographer for television station KCRG, 1st Avenue and 1st Street W, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was very sincere and did his utmost to be of service to the investigator. He was highly cooperative and very deliberate in his answers.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: The object was cylindrical in shape, from 25 to 50 feet in length (length of object determined by comparing it to a neon sign mounted on a ten story building). The object was sighted approximately five miles in the NE, about three hundred feet above the horizon. It was a bright phosphorescent orange in color.

The sighting was observed for three minutes with the naked eye and through six power binoculars. There was no apparent change in characteristics when the object was observed through binoculars.

No motion was connected with the sighting and no sound was heard. No vapor trail was seen.

The object faded to the E in three to four seconds and was not seen again. The sighting was over the business area of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. No photographs were taken.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. A check with the CAA at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Municipal Airport revealed that the following aircraft were in the area the evening of the sighting:

- a. At ~~0904~~36Z Sept 55 a Cessna type A/C landed at the field on VFR.
- b. At ~~0905~~32Z Sept 55 a Beechcraft Bonanza type A/C landed at the field on VFR.
- c. At ~~0905~~46Z Sept 55 a jet type A/C reported in at an altitude of 37,000 feet with his next reporting point as Evansville, Indiana.

2. The information received from the Cedar Rapids Weather Bureau indicated a negative report. Wind, SE, 12 knots. Clouds, 10,000 feet, scattered. Visibility, 12 miles. Temperature, 67 degrees. Dew point 54.

3. 6th Weather Mobile Station at Cedar Rapids Municipal Airport reported that balloons were launched daily at the following times:

- a. ~~0730~~ - ~~0800~~ hrs. CST
- b. 1330 - 1400 hrs. CST
- c. 1930 - ~~2000~~ hrs. CST

However, they indicated that the balloon released at 1930 - ~~2000~~ hrs., at the time of the sighting would have climbed to an altitude of approximately 10,000 feet.

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COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. In the opinion of the Preparing Officer, this sighting was probably caused by an aircraft for the following reasons:

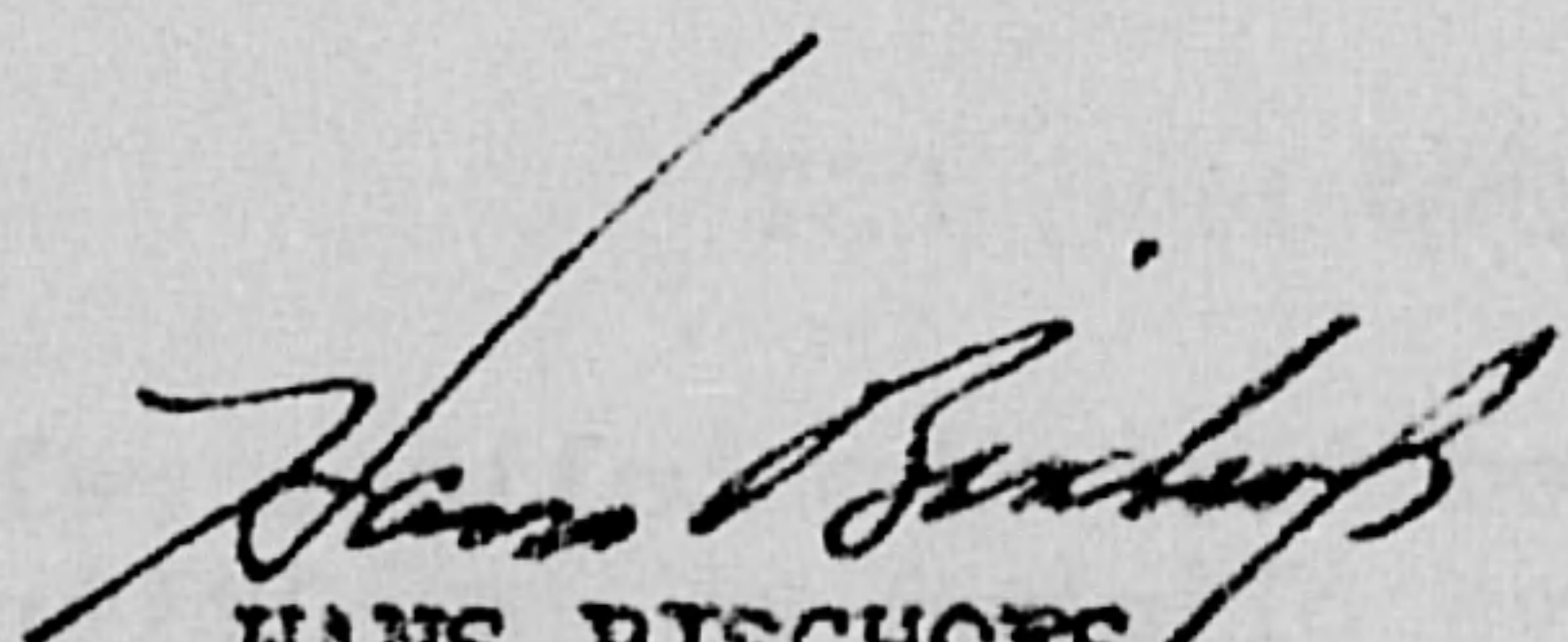
a. The time of the sighting coincides with the landing time of a Beechcraft Bonanza type A/C in that the object was sighted at ~~090455Z~~ and the A/C landed at ~~090503Z~~. The airport is located six miles south of the city accounting for the time difference of approximately five minutes from the time the object faded out of sight and the A/C landed.

b. The bright orange color can be explained by the reflection of the city lights on the plane or the red light of the plane itself.

c. The lack of motion might have been caused by wind currents or a light plane travelling at a low rate of speed head on towards the observer.

d. Such an A/C would not give off a sound considering the distance from which the object was observed.

e. The investigation revealed no balloon or astronomical activity that would account for the sighting.


HANS BISCHOPS
Captain USAF
AOIC

COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Concur with the opinion of the Preparing Officer that this sighting was probably caused by the Beechcraft Bonanza type aircraft mentioned in the report.

