PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 October 1956	**2. LOCATION** Lubbock, Texas	**12. CONCLUSIONS** ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 26/0305Z	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	**6. SOURCE** Military & Civilian	☒ Was Astronomical (METEOR) ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION one to three secs	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** one	**9. COURSE** vertical
		☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

One bluish-white to dull orange tear shaped object -- size indeterminate. Object had a slight trail & appeared like a Roman Candle or flare. Object dropped vertically & disappeared by burning out. Object was seen visually for one to three seconds.

11. COMMENTS

Duration, description, manner of disappearance, indicate that this sighting was cuased by a meteor.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

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RJEDEN/ COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJEDWP/ COMDR ATIC WP AFB OHIO

RJEPAG/CDIR OF INTELL HQ USAF WASH DC

RJEDKF/COMDR CADF GRANDVIEW MO

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/U N C L A S S I F I E D / OPNS 569 THE FOL IS A UFOB

1.

A. OVAL DISC THICK IN MIDDLE THIN ON EDGE

B. HEAD OF A PIN

C. BRIGHT SILVER

D. ONE

E. STATIONARY KEPT FLIPPING OVER

F. NONE

G. NONE

H. NONE

I. NONE

2.

A. OBSERVING A/C

B. 5-10 WWT

C. 23D

D. NONE

E. FLIPPED OVER

F. TWO MINUTES

3.

A. GROUND VISUAL

B. BINOCULARS

C. NONE

4.A.262055Z OCT 56

INFORMATION ACTION
1956 OCT 29 09:04

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B. DAY

5. OR RT W 41 WY N

6. [redacted] 40YRS [redacted] IN PHONE [redacted]

POST PHONE NO. [redacted] GOOD

7.

A. CEILING UNLIMITED

B. NONE

C. CLR

D. CLR

E. NONE

F. NONE

8. NONE

9. NONE

10. NONE

11. NONE

A. NONE

BT

27/0037Z OCT TJEDKF

[illegible] 40 MINUTES WEST; 31 DEGREE 52 MINUTES NORTH 102 DEGREE 13 MINUTES WEST; 32 DEGREE 27 MINUTES NORTH 99 DEGREE 15 MINUTES WEST; 35 DEGREE 25 MINUTES NORTH 97 DEGREE 40 MINUTES WEST. YM XA/ MR [redacted] TEXAS, AIR WAY OPERATIONS SPECIALIST (LUBBOCK TOWER); MR [redacted] ARPU R [redacted] B BOCK, TEXAS, AIR WAY OPERATIONS SPECIALIST (LUBBOCK TOWER). XB/CAPTAIN [redacted], QLT SAMUEL O. SADLER, QLT WILLIAM G.MECKLENBURGE, 2LT RUSSELL T. BOICE, INSTRUCTOR PILOTS, 3500TH PILOT TRAINING GROUP REESE AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS. ALL RELIABLE. UM /A/CAVU (ALL) /B/ SURFACE CALM, YPPP EQPXQWK, QYPPP ERPXRPK, 20000 EEPXTTK. EPPPP WOPX UPK, RTPPP EPPXYTK. /C/ NONE/D/VISIBILTY 15 MILES OR MORE /E/ CLEAR /F/NONE. IM NONE.9.NONE 10.UNKNOWN EXCEPT AS PREVIOUSLY STATED 11. WING OPERATIONS OFFICER (NONE). QWM NONE.

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26/2300Z OIT RJWFLB

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RJWFDN/COMDR 34 DIV/ER/ KIRTLAND AFB NM

RJEDWP/COMDR ATIC WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEPHQ/D/I HQ USAF WASH 25 DC

RJEDDK/COMDR ATC SCOTT AFB ILL

RJWFGO/COMDR FTAF WACO TEX

BT

ACTION INFOR. INFOR. 1956 OCT 29 09:05

UNCLASSIFIED FROM 0465K. UFOB. IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 22Ø-2 FOLLOWING INFORMATION SUBMITTED CLN 1. /A/ ROUND TO TEAR SHAPE /B/ INDETERMINATE /C/ REPORTS VARY FROM BLUISH-WHITE TO DULL ORA GE /E/ONE SE/ N/A /F/NONE /G/SLIGHT TRAIL /H/NONE /I/ ROMAN CANDLEOR FLARE.

2. XA/APPEARANCE OF BRILLIANT LIGHT /B/ AND /C/AND/D/ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH VARY WITH INDIVIDUAL SIGHTING (SEE PARAGRAPH 5) BUT DEFINITELY PALCES OBJECT AT INTERSEITION OF LINE DUE SOUTH OF OKLAHOMA CITY AND DUE EAST OF LUBBOCK,TEXAS. OBJECT APPEARED OVERHEARD,DROPPING VERTICAL LY. /E/REPORTS VARY FROM ABRUTP DISAPPEARANCE TO BURNING OUT./F/ONE TO THREE SECONDS. EM XA/GROUND-VISUAL /B/NONE/C/ B-25 NUMBER 45-8826

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6000FEET 270 DEGREES 190IAS,REESE AIR FORCE BASE; B-25 NUMBER 44-30742

9000FEET 040 DEGREES 180IAS,REESE AIR FORCE BASE; B-25 NUMBER 44-30768

6000FEET 254 DEGREES 180IAS,REESE AIR FORCE BASE; B-25 NUMBER 45-8887

8000FEET 110 EEGREES 160IAS,REESE AIR FORCE BASE;(LUBBOCK MUNICIPAL TOWER REPORTED HEARING TWO JET AIRCRAFT,IDENTIFICATIONS UNKNOWN,REPORT-INGOBJEIT TO AMARILLO RADIO AND ANOTHER UNKNOW STATION. RM/A/ PEPTZ TO 0300Z, 26 OCTOBER 1956. XB/NIGHT 5. EE DEGREE 32MINUTES NORTH

101 DEGREE 46 MINUTES WEST

UFOB INDEX CARD

AISS-UFOB-485-56

1. DATE ~~4 Jan 57~~ 27 OCT 56	2. LOCATION Crane, Indiana	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP 28/0400Z Oct 56	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian	☒ Was Astronomical (METEOR) ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION See below	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	9. COURSE See below
		☐ Other_____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

One luminous object, changing colors like a prism, exhibiting primary colors. Object glittered and twinkled like a star. Object was seen by various sources all through the night.

11. COMMENTS

This report was received by letter from CO, NAD, Crane, Indiana. A copy is attached.

The object was definitely established to be the Planet Mars.

AISOP Form 5 (15 Oct 54)

Three or four fairly brilliant stars
at approx 30° - 45° degrees to N, NW
at approx 2300 hours, 27 October 1956
- Vega, Altair, Deneb. Maas was
more to the SW at this time. Eleva-
tions & bearings difficult to give at night by
laymen. [redacted]
Bright stars at E. part of sky
at this time: Castor, Rigel, Bellatrix, Aldebaran ——— 575

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2466TH AIR RESERVE FLYING CENTER
United States Air Force
Bakalar Air Force Base
Columbus, Indiana

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DEC 6 1956

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TO: Commanding General
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1. The attached reports are forwarded in accordance with Air Force Regulation 200-2, paragraph 4a.

2. This activity is unable to comply with the prescribed reporting procedure as defined in paragraph 7, above cited regulation.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

2 Incls
1. UFOB Report dtd 21 Nov 56

2. UFOB Report dtd 29 November 56

.. PAYBOURN
CWO, W-3, USAF
Adjutant

U. S. NAVAL AMMUNITION DEPOT
CRANE, INDIANA

46020 AIR UFOB REPT 435
DATE-TIME GROUP 28/0200Z Oct 56 485
Crane, Indiana

IN REPLY REFER TO:
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Ser 8559
29 November 1956

From: Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Ammunition Depot, Crane, Indiana
To: Commanding Officer, Bakalar Air Force Base, Columbus, Indiana

WAS Astro

Subj: Unidentified Flying Objects, report of investigation of

Ref: (a) 9ND INST 3820.1A dtd 2 Feb 1956

1. Subject report has been compiled in accordance with reference (a).

2. On the night of 27 October 1956, six persons reported seeing an unidentified flying object from Crane Village, which is located on the western edge of the Depot, and one person reported seeing such an object from the Administration Building, which is located in the center of the Depot. Upon subsequent investigation one other person reported that he had on the night of 27 October seen from Crane Village an object whose location and description matched that given by the other witnesses, which object he had considered to be a star and had not reported.

3. One of the Crane Village witnesses upon being questioned, related that the object was seen to the northwest at an elevation of 30° or a little less; that it was impossible to determine the distance or height or size of the object; that it was a luminous object which changed colors like a prism, exhibiting primary colors; that it did not give off a steady light, but glittered or twinkled; that it was small enough to be a star, and was not seen to move around; that it was only sighted by this witness one time, and disappeared when he looked for it later. This witness said that he had seen stars or celestial bodies behave this way under frosty atmospheric conditions. He said that the colors seen were red, blue, and yellow, and that the object did not move about any more than normal for a celestial body. This witness volunteered the opinion that the object was a star or a celestial body.

4. The name of the witness mentioned in paragraph 3. is [redacted]. He is employed as a police guard in the Security Department of NAD Crane.

5. Five Crane Village witnesses stated that they saw an object in the eastern sky at approximately 2000 on 27 October which was blinking and slightly changing in color.

contradictory

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6. The names of the five witnesses mentioned in paragraph 5. are:

[redacted]

Mr. [redacted] is employed as a maintenance man by Crane Village North. The other four witnesses are NAD Crane Security police guards.

7. Mr. [redacted] said that the object was, he believed, a star. He said that the night was extra clear and the star very bright; that it glimmered and looked as if it was changing colors; and that he has since checked the same area, found the star, and been told that it is the planet Mars.

8. The Crane Village witness who did not at the time of sighting it report the object as an unidentified flying object stated that on 27 October at about 2030 he had been in the Crane area and had noticed the brightness of this star and that it had a tendency to change colors and had remarked to his companions that that was no doubt the flying saucers that some of the people had been seeing. This witness stated that he was familiar with the planet of Mars and he definitely was positive that that was the object he saw.

9. The name of the witness mentioned in paragraph 8. is Captain [redacted]. He is employed in the Security Department of NAD Crane as Chief of Police.

10. The witness who reported sighting an object from the Administration Building in the center of the Depot stated that the time of sighting was 1827 on 27 October; that the object was seen to the north and west at 15° elevation; that it appeared to flash red, then green, then white or clear; that it appeared to be about the same size and brilliance as a very bright star; that it stayed at the same location and height while observed by the witness from 1827 to 1835, after which the witness returned briefly indoors; and that the witness was not able subsequently to locate the object.

11. The name of the witness mentioned in paragraph 10. is [redacted] in MAC(A), [redacted] and he is stationed at NAD Crane in the Comptroller Department. His home address is [redacted] Crane, Indiana.

12. Navy OOD log entries for 27 October indicate that the object was reported seen from Crane Village from 1800 to 1835, and that Security police guards reported seeing another object in the Northeast from 1850 to 1920. The investigation failed to turn up any information in regard to the second object.

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13. This report was prepared from information submitted by the Depot Criminal Investigator, interrogation of witnesses, and log entries, by the Legal Officer attached to the Depot whose comments and preliminary analysis of possible causes of the sightings are as follows:

a. The object seen by the five Crane Village witnesses and by the Chief of Police to the East was in all probability the planet Mars or some other celestial body.

b. The object seen from the Administration Building by Chief [redacted] to the Northwest was probably a celestial body and perhaps the same one seen by Mr. [redacted]

c. The object seen from 1850 to 1920 to the Northeast was probably a celestial body and perhaps the same one seen by the five Crane Village witnesses.

14. The descriptions given by the witnesses of all of these objects are consistent with the hypothesis that the objects were celestial bodies. My conjecture is that they were reported as unidentified flying objects because of the sudden cold snap which probably caused supersaturation of the air and resulted in condensation around the dust particles, thereby removing them and rendering visible the full color and brilliance of celestial bodies, and also perhaps set up unusual degrees of variation in air density which increased the twinkling effect.

[redacted]

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