PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
4 January 1957

2. LOCATION
Wadena, Minnesota

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 0730 - 0800
GMT 04/1330Z 1400Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION 7 X 50 Binos
☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar
☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
Civilian - rest home caretakers

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
20 minutes

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
one

9. COURSE
overhead to East

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
Multi-colored, "X" draped object observed apparently overhead (?) for almost 20 minutes. Appeared to have yawing motion (would have if observed through binoculars at night). Source claims humming sound. Obj disappeared to East.

11. COMMENTS
Sighting has characteristics of balloon observation

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

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

4 JAN / 0730Z

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Multi

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15:03

WPH194W WPD175 YMB071NGA043

PP RJEDEN RJEDWP RJEPHQ

DE RJEDNG 18

P 041730Z

FM COMDR 31ST ADIV ST PAUL MINN

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJEDWP/COMDR AIR TECH INTEL CEN WPAFB OHIO

RJEPHQ/COMDR DIR OF INTEL HQ USAF WASHDC

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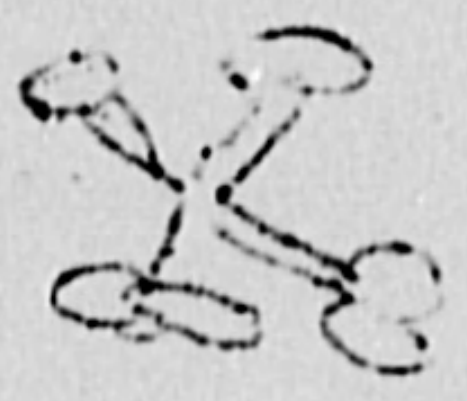
UFOB IAW AFR 200-2

1. A. SHAPED LIKE LETTER X OR CHILDS JACK



X

Note: states observed 7x50 binocs

B. SILVER DOLLAR

C. MULTI COLORED

D. ONE

E. N/A

F. LIKE LETTER X OR CHILDS JACK

G. N/A

H. A HUMMING SOUND WAS HEARD BY A MR [redacted], [redacted] AT SHADY LANES REST HOME, WADENA, MINNESOTA

I. N/A

2. A. YAWING MOTION

B. 090-5A-10A

C. DISAPPEARED 090 DEGREES

elevations?
Directly overhead

D. YAWED 9 DEGREE ARC

E. UP AND FADED IN EAST

F. APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES

Note

3. A. GROUND VISUAL AND FIELD GLASSES

B. BINOCULARS 71 / 50

C. N/A

1/2 hour in sight

4. A. 0730Z 0800Z 4 JAN 57

B. NIGHT

5. A. WADENA, MINNESOTA, 739TH ACW SQUADRON

E. UP AND FADED IN EAST

F. APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES ← Note

3. A. GROUND VISUAL AND FIELD GLASSES

B. BINOCULARS 71 / 50

C. N/A

4. A. 0730Z 0800Z 4 JAN 57 ← 1/2 hour in sight

B. NIGHT

5. A. WADENA, MINNESOTA, 739TH ACW SQUADRON

6. A. [redacted]S, CARETAKER, [redacted] WADENA, MINNESOTA

B. 1/LT IVAN WEISS, DIRECTOR, 739TH ACW SQUADRON, WADENA, MINN

7. A. ALEXANDER 1200 SCATTERED VISIBILITY 15

B. LEVEL	DIRECTION	KNOTS
SURFACE	WNW	11
6000	N	20
10,000	NW	15
16,000		
20,000		
30,000		
50,000		
80.000		

C. NO CEILING

D. CLEAR

E. N/A

8. A. N/A

9. A. N/A

10. A. N/A

11. A. DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, 31ST AIR DIVISION. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT SIGHTING WAS IN ALL PROBABILITY A STAR OF UNUSUAL BRIGHTNESS AND SIZE. HOWEVER FOR THE PERIOD REPORTED NO BALLOONS OR PLANES WERE RELEASED OR FLYING. CHECK WAS MADE WITH WESSONS BALLOON RESEARCH AND GENERAL MILLS INC. ALSO CAA FACILITIES WERE CHECKED. NEGATIVE REPORTS WERE RECEIVED.

BT 04/1757Z

1. Humming sound (?)
2. X shape (?)
3. 20-30 min in view
4. Directly overhead

almanac + star charts indicate MARS almost directly overhead between 0700-0800 o'clock.

Prob. ASTRO

GTH

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from 4602

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ACTION INFOR.

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DE RJEDEN 147

R 082030Z

FM COMDR 4602D AISS ENT AFB COLO

TO RJEDNG/COMDR 765TH ACW SQ FINLAND AFS MINN

INFO RJEDWP/COMDR AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WPAFB OHIO

BT

/UNCLAS/AISOC 015 PD REF UFOB SIGHTED IN YOUR AREA ON 05/0600Z JAN 57 AND REPORTED BY LOWRY FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER PD FLIGHT SERVICE STATED THAT INFORMATION WAS PASSED TO YOUR ORGANIZATION PD REQUEST ANY INFORMATION YOU HAVE ON CITY AND STATE IN WHICH SIGHTING WAS MADE PD NO INFORMATION EXISTS ON THIS MATTER AT LOWRY FLIGHT SERVICE PD REQUEST INFO REPLY TO COMDR AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER PD END

BT

08/2120Z JAN RJEDEN

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Info. Cy from 4602d

WPH018 WPC389 YDE326TNGA93KKG 11 JAN 57 09 01

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FM COMDR 756TH AC&W SQDN, FINLAND MINNESOTA

TO RJEDEN/COMDR 4602ND AISS ENT AFB COLO

INFO RJEDWP/COMDR ATIC WRIGHT PATERSON AFB OHIO

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57 JAN 11 08:40

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BT

/UNCLASSIFIED/756-10-A-23 REFERENCE YOUR MESSAGE AISOC 015 DATED 8 JAN 57. UFOB NOT SIGHTED IN OUR AREA. UFOB SIGHTED IN AREA OF 739TH ACW SQDN., WADENA MINNESOTA. INFO ON UFOB CALLED TO CONTROL CENTER AT MINNEAPOLIS MINNESOTA WHO IN TURN CALLED OUR SITE TO BE ON LOOKOUT FOR OBAECT BUT WAS NOT DETECTED BY OUR SQUADRON. FOR FURTHER INFO SUGGEST YOU CONTACT CONTROL CENTER OR 739TH ACW SQUADRON.

Hold for more info

BT

10/2315Z JAN RJEDNG

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RR RJEDNC RJEDWP

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FM COMDR 46 2ND AISS ENT AFB COLO

TO RJEDNC/COMDR 739 ACW SQ WADENA AFS MINN

INFO RJEDWP/COMDR AIR TECH INTLEL CENT WRIGHT PATT AFB OHIO

BT

/UNCLAS/AISOC 352 PD REFERENCE MY MESSAGE AISOC 28 DTG 11/2 5"
JAN 57 PD IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 4D AND SC CMN AFR 200-2
REQUEST EXPEDITIOUS REPLY PD END

BT

22/2345Z JAN RJEDEN

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57 JAN 22 08:04

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739th AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING SQUADRON (ADC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WADENA AIR FORCE STATION
WADENA, MINNESOTA

OPS 22 January 1957

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

1. In reference to AISS message AISOC 028, dated 11 January 1957, subject: UFOB Sighted In Our Area, the requested information copy is attached and submitted.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Donald H. [illegible], Capt.
THOMAS A KUSTELSKI
1st Lt., USAF
Adjutant

1 Inc.
Info on UFOB

2. STATEMENT AS TO OPTICAL AIDS (TELESCOPES, BINOCULARS, AND SO FORTH) USED AND DESCRIPTION THEREOF.

Used Binoculars

3. IF THE SIGHTING IS MADE WHILE AIR-BORNE, GIVE TYPE AIRCRAFT, IDENTIFICATION NUMBER, ALTITUDE, HEADING, SPEED AND HOME STATION.

N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

1. ZULU TIME-DATE GROUP OF SIGHTING:

④/0730Z January 1957

2. LIGHT CONDITIONS (USE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TERMS): NIGHT, DAY, DAWN, DUSK.

Night

E. LOCATIONS OF OBSERVERS: EXACT LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE OF EACH OBSERVER, OR GEOREF POSITION, OR POSITION WITH REFERENCE TO A KNOWN LANDMARK.

KR 5231 739th AC W Squadron

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBSERVER(S):

1. CIVILIAN --- NAME, AGE, MAILING ADDRESS, OCCUPATION AND ESTIMATE OF RELIABILITY.

2. MILITARY --- NAME GRADE, ORGANIZATION, DUTY, AND ESTIMATE OF RELIABILITY.

Ivan R. Weiss, 1st Lt., USAF, 739th AC W Squadron, Controller

G. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING:

1. OBSERVER'S ACCOUNT OF WEATHER CONDITIONS.

Clear

2. REPORT FROM NEAREST AWS OR U. S. WEATHER BUREAU OFFICE OF WIND DIRECTION AND VELOCITY IN DEGREES AND KNOTS AT SURFACE 6,000', 10,000', 16,000', 20,000', 30,000', 50,000', AND 80,000', IF AVAILABLE.

5,000-310/20, 10,000-320/15, 15,000-300/15, 20,000-330/20, 30,000-280/25, 50,000-310/30. Others not available.

3. CEILING.

None

4. AMOUNT OF CLOUD COVER.

None

5. THUNDERSTORMS IN AREA AND QUADRANT IN WHICH LOCATED.

None

H. ANY OTHER UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OR CONDITION, METEOROLOGICAL, ASTRONOMICAL, OR OTHERWISE, WHICH MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR THE SIGHTING.

None

I. EXISTENCE OF ANY PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF THE SIGHTING SUCH AS MATERIALS AND PHOTOGRAPHS.

None

J. INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN.

None

K. LOCATION OF ANY AIR TRAFFIC IN THE AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING.

None

L. POSITION TITLE AND COMMENTS OF THE PREPARING OFFICER, INCLUDING HIS PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF THE POSSIBLE CAUSE OF THE SIGHTINGS.

Ivan R. Weiss, 1st Lt., USAF, Controller

THIS FORM WILL BE REPRODUCED LOCALLY AS REQUIRED.

UFOB (REF: 200-2, 26 AUG 53)

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS SHOULD BE ASKED OF THE OBSERVER OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT. THIS FORM WILL THEN BE TURNED OVER TO THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT(S):

1. WHAT WAS THE SHAPE OF THE OBJECT(S)?
Crossed bars with luminous balls on ends

2. SIZE COMPARED TO A KNOWN OBJECT (USE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TERMS: HEAD OF A PIN, PEA, DIME, NICKEL, QUARTER, HALF DOLLAR, SILVER DOLLAR, BASEBALL, GRAPEFRUIT, OR BASKETBALL) HELD IN THE HAND AT ABOUT ARMS LENGTH.
Compared to Silver Dollar

3. WAS THE OBJECT COLORED? WHAT COLOR?
Multi-colored

4. HOW MANY OBJECTS WERE SIGHTED?
One

5. WERE THEY FLYING IN ANY PARTICULAR FORMATION? IF SO, GIVE BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF FORMATION?
None

6. ANY DISCERNIBLE FEATURES OR DETAILS?
Looked like child's jack--revolved

7. TAIL, TRAIL, OR EXHAUST, INCLUDING SIZE OF SAME COMPARED TO SIZE OF OBJECT(S).
None

8. SOUND? IF HEARD, DESCRIBE SOUND.
None

9. OTHER PERTINENT OR UNUSUAL FEATURES.
None

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT(S):

1. WHAT FIRST CALLED YOUR ATTENTION TO THE OBJECT(S)?
Michael (P-29) Controller called; said he had observed a UFOB

2. ANGLE OF ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF THE OBJECT(S) WHEN FIRST OBSERVED?
090 degrees at 5,000 to 10,000 ft

3. ANGLE OF ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF OBJECT(S) UPON DISAPPEARANCE?
090 degrees at 10,000 feet

4. DESCRIPTION OF FLIGHT PATH AND MANEUVERS OF OBJECT(S).
Yawing erratically

5. MANNER OF DISAPPEARANCE OF OBJECT(S)?
Flew out of sight

6. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT?
20 minutes

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

1. USE ONE OR ANY COMBINATION OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: GROUND-VISUAL, AIR-VISUAL, GROUND-ELECTRONIC, AIR-ELECTRONIC. (IF ELECTRONIC, SPECIFY TYPE OR RADAR.)

Ground Visual