PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 March 1957	2. LOCATION Tampa, Florida	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other Prob Searchlight ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local GMT 21/0050Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION X☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION approx three minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE see below

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

One large light - no solid part visible due to darkness. Object was orange to firey glow. Object moved north, then stopped. turned 180 dgr & went South rapidly. Object was seen visually and through binoculars for approximately three minutes.

11. COMMENTS

This sighting was probably caused by searchlight activity in the area reflecting off clouds.

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Witness

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WPH225WPD192 YDB168 VYB154 VDD108KBA038

PP RJEDEN RJEDWP RJEPHQ RJEPNB

DE RJESKB 2D

P 212030Z

FM COMDR 660TH ACWRON MACDILL AFB FLA

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLO

RJESKB/COMDR 35TH ADIV DOBBINS AFB GA

RJEDWP/COMDR AIR TECH INT CNTR WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INT HQ USAF WASH 25, D. C.

INFO RJEPNB/COMDR EADF STEWAJT AFB NY

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/U N C L A S S I F I E D/OPS 01461 PD ATTN EADF CIO PD

1. LARGE LIGHT NO SOLID PART VISIBLE DUE TO DARKNESS PD

A. NOT DEFINITE OBSERVER SAID IT WAS MORE ROUND THAN ANYTHING ELSE PD

B APPROXIMATELY SAME AS A/C LANDING LIGHTS

C ORANGE TO FIREY GLOW

D ONE

E NONE

F NONE

G NONE

H NONE

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4 - 4X2a

See comments of reporting officer regarding searchlights in the vicinity * below.

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ATIC

I. NONE

2. NORTH THEN STOPPED -TURNED 180 AND WENT SOUTH RADIDLY

-A WAS OUTSIDE WITH FRIEND AND IT CAUGHT HIS ATTENTION AS BEING A BRIGHT STAJ PD

B 10-15 DEGREES AND TO THE SOUTH PD

C VERY HIGH AND TO THE SOUTH PD

D STRAIGHT SLOW COURSE FROM THE SOUTH HOVERED (1 MIN APPROX) CLIMBED TO THE NORTH VERY HIGH DARTED SOUTH OUT OF SIGHT

E WENT OUT OF SIGHT PD

F AQPROX 3 MIN PD

3. GROUND VISUAL

A GROUND VISUAL

B NONE

C N/A

4. 1950Z 20 MAR 57

A 0050Z 21 MAR 57

B DUSK

5. 17 MILES N. W. MACDILL LAKE ELLEN TAMPA, FLA

6. MR [redacted] UNKNOWN [redacted] TAMPA FLA PH [redacted]

THIS MAN SAYS HE WAS IN THE NAVY AS AN AVAITION MACHINIST FOR

6 YEARS AND FLEW MOST OF THE TIME PD

7. 30,000 FT 290 DEGREES 100 KNOTS HIGH BROKEN CIRUS

A VERY CLEAR NO CLOUDS IN SIGHT

B SURFACE W 4 60 280/15, 100 280/20,1160 271/30 200 280/40,

C 26,000 BROKEN SCATTERED

REMAJK: WEATHER FORECASTER (M/SGT FREDERICK) AT MACDILL BASE OPS STATED THAT A WX BALLOON WAS RELEASED AT TAMPA INT AIRPORT AT 1600 E AND THAT THE BALLOON WAS 12 TO 16 FEET IN DIAMETER AND THE SETTING SUN COULD POSSIBLY MAKE IT APPEAR ORANGE . AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING THE BALLOON HAD SUF TIME TO REACH THE JET STREAM THAT WAS PRESENT OVER MCDILT ET 30 TO 40,000 FT 280 DEGREES TO 100 DEGREES(THIS INFORMATION WAS TOLD TO OBSERVER AND HE IS CERTAIN IT COUWD NOT POSSIBLEY BEEN A BAALLOON PD

D 15 MILES

E BROKEN CIRUS

F NONE

8. NONE

9. N/A

11. 1A/C SE OF OBJECT AND IT TURNED TOWARD IT

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11. LOG AIR 1833 M A C-46 WWS AIR/BORNE OF RUNWAY 22 JUST PRIOR TO REPORT , AT TIME OF REPORT A/C WAS APPROXIMATELY SAME AJEA OF UFOB. THIS INFO FROM BASE OPS A/C DESTINATION WAS WARNER ROBBINS . WE CALLED WRB AND TALKED TO PILOTS.(FOR RESULTS SEE 21/0415Z ENTRY IN DIRECTORS LOG) SGT RUDY AT BASE OPS CALLED DIFFERENT TOWERS IN TPA AREA . ALL MEN REPORTED NEGATIVE SIGHTING PD MOVING ADVERTISING SEARCH LITES WERE SEEN INTERSECTING A THIN CLOUD LAYER AT THE SAME TIME AND PLACE PD THE BEST CORRELATION OF UFOB SIGHTING APPEARS TO BE OF THE SEARCHLIGHT REFLECTION FROM THE CLOUDS PD

12. NONE PD

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On the basis of the above info and correlated data given - concur:

Orbs Searchlight

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