PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 7 November 1957	**2. LOCATION** Bowling Green, Ohio	**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 07/2300Z	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	**6. SOURCE** Military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 minutes	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** one	**9. COURSE** not definite

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Brilliant red flashing object that was moving, round and about the size of a pea. Light pulsated similar to that of a lightning bug. No definite time between flashes. No definite flight pattern. No sound, tail or exaust. Same type obj observed by same person two more times the same evening.

11. COMMENTS

Specific description, maneuvers, characteristics of hundreds of similar reports of balloons observed near dawn or dusk.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

DEPARTMENT OF AIR SCIENCE

AFROTC DETACHMENT No. 620

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

BOWLING GREEN, OHIO

11 November 1957

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Dolorado Springs, Colorado

1. In accordance with AFR 200-2, the following report is submitted which was received by Cadet [redacted], an Air Science Cadet at this detachment.

"On 7 November 1957 at 5:45 P.M., I Cadet [redacted] left the city of Bowling Green, Ohio and proceeded east on Route 6 headed for Clyde, Ohio. As I approached the first 90 degree curve on Route 6, about five miles from Bowling Green, I reduced the speed of my car. Immediately upon coming out of the curve, I saw a brillant, red flashing object that was moving. Instead of continuing on my way around the next curve, I went straight ahead and stopped my car at a stop sign and proceeded to watch this object. It was dusk outside and the approximate time was about 6:00 P.M.

When first observing the object, which I estimated at about an angle of 35 degrees with the horizon, the sky behind it was white and as it moved upward at an angle of about 45 degrees, it moved into an area where there was black clouds behind it. This is when I noticed the shape of the object. It was round and its size was comparable to that of a pea. The light coming from the object was the most brillant red I have ever seen. The light seemed to be similar to that of a lightening bug in the respect that it would start out dim and then glow more brillantly. I observed the intervals between the flashes of light and there appeared to be no definite time between flashes. At times the object would flash with a few seconds interval and at other times the interval between flashes were longer than before.

I then turned my car around and drove to the Golden Lily, a gasoline station and bar combined, which is located just off the side of the road adjacent to the curve. I went in and asked a couple of fellows if they wanted to see something interesting. I estimated about four people came out and watched the object. Two of them went right back in and another only observed it for a short time and went back in. One remained and we watched the object until it was out of sight. After charting my position on a map I concluded that the object was south of my position. The time that elapsed between my first sighting the object and when it was out of sight was about four minutes. The object did not have any definite flight pattern. No sound could be heard or no tail, trail, or exhaust could be seen, just a brillant, red flashing light.

I then continued on my way towards Clyde, Ohio on Route 6. About two miles west of Rollersville, I noticed another brillant, red flashing light, the same kind as before. I was directly east and sighted the object out of

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Headquarters Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado

TO: Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: AFCIN-4E4, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

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N/O

Specific check - going to U.S. Weather Bureau - Military Wx Grp. disclosed following:

(1) Navy balloon, Flt # 35, Released Iwakuni on 2 Nov 57 - lost in this area or the State.

(2) See Blue Chart, AWS-WPC. Navy Plot from USAF Wx Grp. Lowry AFB in File. Chart is now on file (NOV. BLUE)

(3) Note: Also tracked by FCC - AACS. Definitely balloon

Navy Balloon #35, Iwakuni Japan

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Area [illegible]

FCC

AACS

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the windshield directly in front of me. The object appeared to be about 45 degrees at my position with the horizon. It appeared to be coming downward slowly and to have a definite flight pattern. The time elapsed before I lost sight of the object due to the light of oncoming card. I lost sight of the object and didn't see it again. From the time of my first sighting the object until I lost sight of it was about twenty seconds.

I arrived in Clyde, Ohio around 7:00 P.M. I went directly to my girlfriend's home, which is [redacted] from the city limits on Route [redacted] I went into her house and told her family my experience.

I decided to go back to Clyde and get some oil for my car before all the gasoline stations closed. As I went out the door, I saw another one of these brillant flashing objects. It was very easy to observe the object because of the darkness of the sky. I ran into the house and got the whole family; we all went outside and watched the object and the brillant, red flashing light coming from it. It seemed to me that the light was brighter from the top of the object than from the bottom of it.

When I first noticed the object, it was in a northeastern position continued north and then proceeded northwest. It did not have any definite flight pattern but was moving up and down around and about. There is a Turnpike Plaza three ~~miles north of my~~ girlfriend's house and from the lights around the plaza, I could see the object was a long way behind the lights and seemed to be heading out towards Sandusky Bay; the light was still very brillant. I then directed my line of vision towards Clyde and saw another one of these objects.

I could see that this one was moving because in my line of sight was a tree and I observed the object move behind the tree. I would look at one for a while, lose sight of it and look at the other one. At times I, turning my head fast enough, could see both of them flashing. Finally the first one disappeared in what seemed to be clouds very far away. The second, moving behind the tree, I lost sight of after about thirty seconds due to the lights from the city of Clyde. The first object I observed for about three to four minutes.

From my observation, this is to my best of knowledge an accurate report of my experience."

FOR THE PROFESSOR OF AIR SCIENCE:

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