PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
14 November 1957

2. LOCATION
20 Mi NE of Hill City, Kansas

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local _____
GMT 14/2231Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar
☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
Military

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
8-9 minutes

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
one

9. COURSE
rising

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Object shape of foot ball with rounder ends. Size of pea. Metallic silver grey becoming brighter during movement. Had a brighter ring around the oval running horizontally across it, but not extending beyond the edges of the oval. The ring similar to that around the planet saturn. Object was stationary for about 4 minutes, then appeared to follow another B-47 remaining stationary over the B-47 for about 1 minute. Then rose vertically until disappeared.

11. COMMENTS

Venus was observed to be quite bright by ground observers at Dyess AFB. The position of the observer's a/c in relation to the planet Venus could have caused the sighting.

12. CONCLUSIONS

- ☐ Was Balloon
- ☐ Probably Balloon
- ☐ Possibly Balloon
- ☐ Was Aircraft
- ☐ Probably Aircraft
- ☐ Possibly Aircraft
- ☒ Was Astronomical Venus
- ☐ Probably Astronomical
- ☐ Possibly Astronomical
- ☐ Other _____
- ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
- ☐ Unknown

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1 Witness

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/UNCLAS/FROM 9SDOI 7-17502. SUBJECT:. 24 FOB, 7!9?. THE FOLLOWING REPORT

IS FORWARDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 7D, AFR 200-2.

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(1) (A) OVAL SHAPE LIKE A FOOT BALL WITH ROUNDER ENDS.

(B) PEA

(1:) METALLIC SILVER GREY BECOMING BIGHTER DURING MOVEMENT.

(D) ONE

(E) N/A

(F) HAD A BRIGHTER RING AROUND THE OVAL RUNNING HORIZONTALLY ACROSS IT BUT NOT EXTENDING BEYOND THE EDGES OF THE OVAL. THE RING SIMILAR TO THE RING AROUND THE PLANET SATURN.

(1&) N/A

(H) N/A

(I) OBJECT GREW BRIGHTER WHEN IN MOTION.

(2) (A) THE UNUSUAL BRIGHTNESS AND SIZE OF THE OBJECT.

(B) APPROXIMATELY 25 DEGREES ABOVE AND 70 DEGREES TO THE RIGHT OF OBSERVERS AIRCRAFT NOE. TWO O'CLOCK HIGH. APPROXIMATELY 5,000 TO 10,000 FEET ABOVE FLIGHT ALTITUDE.

(C) APPROXIMATELY 25 DEGREES ABOVE AND 120 DEGREES FROM THE NOSE OF OBSERVEJS AIRCRAFT. FOUR O'CLOCK HIGH.

(D) OBJECT STAYED STATIVCARY FOR ABOUT 4 MINUUTES THEN APPEARED TO FOLLOW ANOTHER B-47 APPROXIMATELY 20 MILES WEST OF OBSERVING AIRCRAFT REMAINING STATIONARY OVER THE B-47 FOR ABOUT 1 MINUTE AND THEN RISING VERTICALLY VERY RAPIDLY UNTIL DISAPPEARING.

(E) ACCELERATED VERTICALLY AND OUT OF SIGHT.

(F) 8 OR 9 MINUTES TIMED BY WATCH FROM FIRST SIGHTING UNTIL DISAPPEARANCE

(3) (A) AIR - VISUAL

(B) N/A

(C) B-47E, 922-006 AFOTWAYPYN EYNPPP 36,000 FEET, 183 DEGREES T.H., 410 KNOTS TAS, DYESS AFB TEXAS.

(B) N/A

(C) B-47E, 257-606 36,000 AFOTWAYPYN EYNPPP FEET, 183 DEGREES T.H., 410 KNOTS TAS.

DYESS AFB TEXAS.

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(4) (A) 14 NOVEMBER 1957 2334 ZULU. 2334 − 6 = 1734 local

(B) DUSK

(5) (A) 20 NAUTICAL MILES NORTHEAST OF HILL CITY, KANSAS.

(6) (A) N/A

(B) WILLIAM B. TAFT, MAJOR, 339TH BOMB SQUADRON (M), AIRCRAFT COMMANDER. SOURCE HAS BEEN AN AIRCREW MEMBER FOR 14 YEARS AND BEEN RATED FOR 18 YEARS WITH THREE YEARS EXPERIENCE AS AN INTELLIGENCY OFFICER. CONSIDERED TO BE RELIABLE OBSERVER. JUSHUA M. HINSON, 1/LT, 339TH BOMB SQUADRON (M), CO-PULOT, THREE YEARS COMMISSIONED SERVICE WITH ONE YEAR CREW EXPERIENCE. CONSIDERED RELIABLE.

(7) (A) VFR ON TOP OF A THIN STRATUS LAYER WINDS FROM 270/60

(B) SURFACE - 150 DEGREES AT 910 QQP KNOTS.

M FEET 250/30 10M NEET 250/13

15M FEET 260/45 20M FEET 250/40 winds generally from the West

30M FEET 270/65 50M FEET 270/80

80M FEET 270/50

(C) CLEAR ABOVE AIRCRAFT

(D) UNLIMITED

(E) EIGHT TENTHS UNDERCAST

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(F) NONE

(F) NONE

(8) (A) NEGATIVE.

(9) NEGATIVE

(10) UNIDENTIFIED B-47 ON A T.H. OF 356 DEGREES 20 NAUTICAL MILES TO THE WEST OF OBSERVING AIRCRAFT AT THE SAME FLIGHT ALTITUDE.

(11) WING OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE OFFUCER. BOTH OBSERVERS INSIST THAT THE OBJECT SIGHTED WAS SOMETHING OTHER THAN COCK PIT LIGHTS REFLECTED IN THE CANOPY OR NATURAL HHENOMENA. THE OBSERVRS WERE VERY CAREFUL TO CLOCK THE TIME TH OBJECT WAS UNDER OBER-SERVATION. CAUSE OF THE SIGHTING IS UNKNOW, HOWEVER, THE PLANET VENUS WAS OBSERVED TO BE QUITE BRIGHT ON THE HORIZON AT THIS TIME BY GROUND OBSERVERS AT DYESS AFB. THE POSITION OF THE OBSERVEJS AIRCRAFT IN RELATION TO THE PLANET VENUS COULD HAVE CAUSED THE SIGHTING OF THIS OBJECT.

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