

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 18 Mar 58	2. LOCATION Ogallala, Nebraska		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Mistaken ☒ Other Identity
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 18/1715Z, 1815, 1830	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 mins	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE South & Stationary	☒ Other Identity ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Cigar or blimp shaped obj, about size of a paper clip. Color appeared to be silver w/a reflecting quality. Obj appeared to stretch in length & thin out while moving in a Southerly direction. See case file for additional info.		11. COMMENTS Probably a conventional a/c. and balloon in area. 3 sightings. Balloon stationary obj. A2C established over area at time of sighting were B-47's & B-52's on training missions.	

OGALLALA, NEBR. (use in Ev. Card)
A.T.C. Conclusions.

Characteristics, description, maneuvers
(change of speed, direction, elevations, etc)
all indicate that the object(s) were
aircraft orbiting or in ^{tax} exercises
in the area. The ~~description~~ ^{description} of the
shape given by Source of each obj separately
always suggests a "fuselage". There is no
doubt that the observer was fatigued if
he covered the distance from Chicago to Cheyenne.

in the time claimed, inasmuch ~~as~~ he
did travel under some adverse road and
weather conditions, as a clock showed. It was
checked (Repts. of UFOs seen under similar conditions are well known)
Careful plot of area of sighting (U.S. Aero.
Chart, VAC, No. 306 - definitely shows
that source was directly underneath one
of the heaviest transcontinental Air Traffic
highways in the U.S. (East-West, Green #3),
and in an area used by the SAC HQ's
Base at Omaha, Nebr. for trg. operations.

Checks from
plot of radar
units, others in
area for that time, Negative.

Prob. Mistaken identity of Comm. Objects Colver
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Scattered Clouds
Dusk
Under on
3-4X2a
7-89m

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ATTC

TT SQE113 YDC092 WYAB 52 WMA072ABAC 19
OO RJWPFK RJWPJR RJEDDN RJEDSQ RJEPHQ
DE RJWFAR 1
O 200001Z

FM COMDR 706TH STRATMSLWG
TO RJWPFK/COMDR 1ST MSLDIV
RJEDDN/COMDR ADC

RJWPJR/COMDR 29TH AIR DIV

RJEDSQ/COMDR AIR TECH INTELLIGENCE CENTER WPAFB
RJEPHQ/ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF INTELLIGENCE HEDUSAF
RJEPHQ/OFFICE OF INFO SVCS HEDUSAF

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/UNCLAS/ SECTION ONE OF TWO SECTIONS. FR BDAS178C.

SUBJECT UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT. AT APPROXIMATELY 2200 HOURS
18 MARCH 58 AS BASE OFFICER OF THE DAY, I, IN THE COMPANY OF M SGT
BENDEN, AN AIR POLICE INVESTIGATOR; AND MR. NEATHERY, AN OSI
INVESTIGATOR, QUESTIONED A CIVILIAN WHO HAD CALLED THE BASE TO
VOLUNTEER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE SIGHTING OF AN UNIDENTIFIED
FLYING OBJECT. THE QUESTIONING WAS APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS IN
DURATION ENDING APPROXIMATELY MIDNIGHT 18 MARCH 58. IN ACCORDANCE
WITH AFR 200-2, PARAGRAPH 15, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED
IN FORMAT DESCRIBED IN CITED PARAGRAPH.

THIS MESSAGE RELEASED
SUBJECT TO CORRECTION
TELETYPE HAS REQUESTED
NUMBER OF THIS MESSAGE

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15A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT

1. SHAPE AT FIRST SIGHTING WAS CIGAR OR BLIMP SHAPED.
2. SIZE OF OBJECT APPEARED TO BE SIZE OF A PAPER CLIP
3. COLOR APPEARED TO BE SILVER WITH A REFLECTING QUALITY
4. ONE OBJECT WAS SIGHTED
5. NOT APPLICABLE
6. NO DISCERNIBLE FEATURES PRESENT
7. NO EXHAUST OR TRAILS VISIBLE
8. NO SOUNDS WERE HEARD
9. WHEN FIRST OBSERVED OBJECT APPEARED STATIONARY FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES, THEN APPEARED TO MOVE IN DIRECTION OF SOUTH AND ACCELERATED IN

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- 1A. SECOND EIGHT OCCURRED ABOUT ONE HOUR LATER.

OBJECT APPEARED TO BE TEAR-SHAPED.

- 2A. SIZE ON SECOND SIGHTING ESTIMATED TO BE THE SIZE OF A BALL

POINT PEN.

- 3A. COLOR APPEARED TO BE DARKER THAN FIRST SIGHTING

- 4A. ONE OBJECT SIGHTED

- 5A. NOT APPLICABLE

IMPORTANT!

Sighting took place from a moving platform (i.e. car at 50 MPH), with Dusk, and apparently some changes in the road.

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8B. NO SOUNDS WERE HEARD

9B. OBJECT APPEARED TO BE STATIONARY SLIGHTLY ABOVE HORIZON. SHORTLY AFTER THIRD SIGHTING, OBJECT APPEARED TO CHANGE SHAPE FROM TEAR DROP APPEARANCE. OBJECT BEGAN TO ENLARGE ON BOTH ENDS AND IN CENTER. EACH OF ENLARGEMENTS APPEARED TO BE ONE-FIFTH ($1/5$) OF OVER ALL LENGTH OF OBJECT. OBSERVER WATCHED OBJECT APPROXIMATELY THIRTY MINUTES UNTIL OBJECT WAS LOST IN DARKNESS.

15B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

~~1. FIRST SIGHTING WAS A CHANCE SIGHTING. SECOND SIGHTING OCCURRED~~ BECAUSE OBSERVER WAS AWARE OF FIRST SIGHTING AND ALSO BECAUSE OF UNUSUAL ANGLE OF OBJECT TO THE HORIZON AS COMPARED TO RECOGNIZED CLOUDS AND THEIR RELATION TO THE HORIZON.

THIRD SIGHTING OCCURRED BECAUSE OF PRIOR TWO SIGHTINGS AND OBJECT IN THIRD SIGHTING APPEARED ON HORIZON DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF OBSERVER.

2. ANGLE OF ELEVATION OF FIRST SIGHTING ESTIMATED BETWEEN 60 DEGREES AND 70 DEGREES AZIMUTH ANGLE ESTIMATED 10 DEGREES LEFT OF DUE WEST HEADING. 0 SECOND SIGHTING ELEVATION ANGLE ESTIMATED TO BE BETWEEN 20 TO 30 DEGREES AND AZIMUTH AND TO BE 45 DEGREES TO RIGHT OF

315°

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CLUE!

6A. NO DISCERNIBLE FEATURES

7A. NO EXHAUST OR TRAIL OBSERVED

8A. NO SOUND HEARD

9A. OBJECT APPEARED TO BE AT 451 DEGREE ANGLE TO HORIZON WHILE A FEW SMALL CLOUDS APPEARED TO BE PARALLEL TO HORIZON. END OF OBJECT NEAREST GROUND APPEARED TO BEND FORMING OBJECT INTO U-SHAPE. OBJECT APPEARED TO STRETCH IN LENGTH AND THIN OUT WHILE MOVING IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION. OBSERVER WAS TRAVELING IN A CAR ESTIMATED SPEED OF 50 MPH. OBJECT WAS IN VIEW ABOUT 20 MINUTES ^{NOTE} BUT OBSERVER STATED HE APPEARED TO BE UNABLE TO OVERTAKE OBJECT. OBJECT VISIBLE 20 MINUTES.

1E. SHAPE OF OBJECT ON THIRD SIGHTING WAS AGAIN TEAR SHAPED.

2B. SIZE OF OBJECT WAS AGAIN SIZE OF BALL, POINT PEN

3E. COLOR WAS DARK

4B. ONE OBJECT SIGHTED ✓

5B. NOT APPLICABLE

619. NO DISCERNIBLE FEATURES ✓

7B. NO EXHAUST OR TRAIL OBSERVED ✓

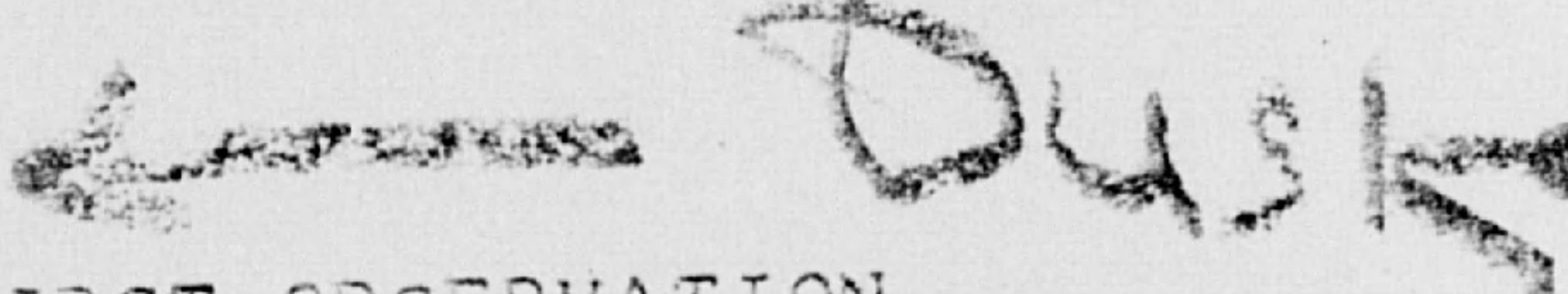
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DUE WEST HEADING. ANGLE OF ELEVATION ON THIRD SIGHTING ESTIMATED 15 DEGREES AND AZIMUTH OF DUE WEST HEADING.

3. ON FIRST SIGHTING OBJECT DISAPPEARED AT 60 DEGREE ANGLE OF ELEVATION ON ESTIMATED HEADING OF 215 DEGREES. OBJECT DISAPPEARED ON SECOND SIGHTING ABOUT 60 DEGREES ANGLE OF ELEVATION ON A HEADING OF 180 DEGREES. ON THIRD SIGHTING OBJECT REMAINED STATIONARY AND FADED INTO ONCOMING DUSK. 

4. FLIGHT PATH AND MANEUVERS ON FIRST SIGHTING WERE ACCELLARATION FROM STATIONARY POSITION IN A SOUTHERLY DIRECTION, VEERING TO SOUTHWEST WHILE ACCELLERATING. ON SECOND SIGHTING OBJECT APPEARED TO BE AT 45 DEGREE ANGLE TO HORIZON AND STATIONARY. THEN THE END NEAREST THE GROUND TURNED IN SOUTHERLY DIRECTION MAUING OBJECT CHANGE FROM A STRAIGHT LINE TO U-SHAPE, THEN CROSSED OBSERVER-S PATH FROM RIGHT TO LEFT HEADING SOUTH. THIRD SIGHTING, OBJECT WAS STATIONARY.

5. ON FIRST SIGHTING OBJECT FADED FROM SIGHT RAPIDLY IN SOUTHWESTERLY ~~DIRECTION OF TRAVEL~~ ON SECOND SIGHTING OBJECT FADED OR VANISHED WHILE TRAVELING TOWARD THE SOUTH. ON THIRD SIGHTING OBJECT FADED OR BLENDED INTO THE ON-COMING DUSK OR TWILIGHT. 

6. OBJECT WAS VISIBLE ESTIMATED 30 MINUTES ON FIRST OBSERVATION. SECOND SIGHTING WAS OBSERVED ABOUT 20 MINUTES TO 30 MINUTEQS. THIRD SIGHTING OBJECT SEEN FOR ABOUT 30 MINUTES.

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Note:
Change
Direction
Speed
and
indication

1. APPROACH 1. *airway notes - and*
an area used by
SAC Sede
newby

2. APPROACH 2. *See 1300*

3. APPROACH 3. *See 1300*

4. APPROACH 4. *See 1300*

5. APPROACH 5. *See 1300*

6. APPROACH 6. *See 1300*

1. ON FIRST SIGHTING OBSERVER STATES HE WAS ON US 31 TRAVELING WEST APPROXIMATELY 5 MILES EAST OF OGALLALA, NEBRASKA.

2. ON SECOND SIGHTING OBSERVER TRAVELING WEST ON US 31 APPROXIMATELY 15 MILES WEST OF OGALLALA, NEBRASKA.

3. THIRD SIGHTING TOOK PLACE APPROXIMATELY 25 MILES WEST OF OGALLALA, NEBRASKA ON US 31 WHILE TRAVELING WEST.

157. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF OBSERVER.

1. *[REDACTED]*, AGE 23, OF 4 *[REDACTED]* CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, OCCUPATION OF CAB-DRIVER, DID NOT COMPLETE HIGH SCHOOL. OBSERVER DID NOT WEAR GLASSES AND STATED HE HAD 20/20 VISION. OBSERVER ON VACATION ROUTE TO *[REDACTED]* CALIFORNIA.

158. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTINGS

1. OBSERVER STATED CONDITIONS WERE CLEAR WITH A FEW SMALL CLOUDS ON HORIZON.

2. LOCAL WEATHER STATION REPORTED AVERAGE WIND FROM SURFACE TO

1000

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33. WIND TO BE 33 DEGREES AT 3 KNOTS.

3. CEILING REPORTED OF 1000 FEET WITH SCATTERED CLOUDS.

4. VISIBILITY OF 15 MILES.

5. SCATTERED CLOUDS.

6. NO THUNDERSTORMS IN AREA.

150. NONE

151. NOT APPLICABLE

152. NOT APPLICABLE.

153. REPORT AND PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS PREPARED BY CAPT ARTHUR E. HIGGINS,

WAFB, AG2.8227, ACTING AS BASE OFFICER OF THE DAY ON 18 MARCH 1958.

SUBJECT VOLUNTARILY APPEARED BEFORE ME ABOUT 2200 HOURS 18 MARCH 58

WITH HIS REPORT OF SIGHTING AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT. OBSERVER

APPEARED TO BE SOBER AND HAD NO EVIDENCE OF PRIOR CONSUMPTION OF

ALCOHOLICS. OBSERVER ALSO SEEMED TO BE EXCITED OR NERVOUS BUT FIRM IN

IS OPINION HE HAD OBSERVED AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT. OBSERVER'S

STATEMENTS WERE NOTED. THE LOCAL WEATHER STATION WAS CONTACTED BY MR.

WENTWORTH, OSI INVESTIGATOR FOR WEATHER SEQUENCE AT TIME SIGHTINGS

WERE MADE. WEATHER STATION REVEALED ONE KNOWN WEATHER BALLOON RELEASE

AT CASPER, WYOMING AT 1500 HOURS APPROXIMATELY 130 MILES N.W. OF THIS

STATION. PREVAILING WINDS WOULD HAVE CAUSED THE BALLOON TO BE

Note.

Ballroom Lake
3rd course

AGE FOUR, JUNIOR 1

APPROXIMATELY 2 MILES NORTHWEST OF THE INTERSECTION OF HIGHWAYS
37 AND US 25 IN SOUTHWEST WYOMING. THIS IS AN APPROXIMATE DISTANCE
OF 2 MILES NORTHWEST OF WHERE THE REPORTED SIGHTINGS WERE MADE.

ANOTHER POSSIBLE BUT ALSO IMPROBABLE POSSIBILITY IS AN OPTICAL
ILLUSION OR REFLECTION OF LAKE MOCOMAUGHY ON CLOUDS WITHIN THE
SIGHTING AREA. MOST LOGICAL IS THE FACT THAT THE SIGHTING AREA HAD
BEEN REPORTED TO HAVE B-47 AND B-52 ACTIVITY AT THE TIME OF SIGHTINGS.

THE OBSERVER STATED HE HAD LEFT CHICAGO AT MIDNIGHT, MONDAY, 17 MARCH.

1958 AND ARRIVED AT CHEYENNE WYOMING APPROXIMATELY 2000 HOURS 18

MARCH 1958. DRIVER FATIGUE PLUS CON-TRAILS MADE BY REPORTED

B-47 AND B-52'S WOULD APPEAR TO BE A MORE LOGICAL ANSWER

TO THE REPORTED SIGHTINGS.

131. NOT APPLICABLE

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Psychological Aspects:

* There's no doubt that
this man must have
driven continuously for
hours, and under some
adverse road and wx
conditions (See Dr. Fitts Rept)

✓ Spt. B:
Let's check flt ops
near units, and possibly
90c units for that
area. Manovers and
change of direction
indicate a/c as
seen by hundreds
of similar reports.
Check: No reports of UFOs
or anything unusual from
military or civilian
units in that
area. No
reports.