

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 9 Jun 59	2. LOCATION Manassas, Va/Roanoke Va(NE of)		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1 GMT 08/1705Z 09/1732Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☒ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☒ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 mins	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS unknown	9. COURSE straight line	☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 1. Unknown number of objs traveling abreast were picked up on radar at 65,000 ft. Disappeared out of range of radar at 70,000 ft after 15 mins. 2. three blips on radar at an alt of 62,200 ft, traveling NE at 200 knots		11. COMMENTS Information submitted in subject rpt is not sufficient to allow proper evaluation of the incident. Target speeds are not indicated & exact tracks are not given. Except for the fact that an unknown number of targets were flying "abreast," the estimate of the sensor director that targets were believed to have been experimental high alt jet a/c is plausible & cannot be disproved. Apparently same obj picked up NE of Roanoke, Va. by adjacent radar sight.	

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REPLY TO

ATTN OF: AFCIN-4E4g

12 June 1959

SUBJECT: Radar Sighting

TO: AFCIN-4E1

1. The attached message, cite: RDR-OPS18, dated 10 June 1959, is forwarded for possible analysis and/or comment.
2. Also attached is a copy of paragraph 15 of AFR 200-2, dated 5 February 1958, which shows the basic reporting data and format for electrical reports.

George F. Gregory Captain
for VINCENT C. RETHMAN
Colonel, USAF
AFCIN-4E4

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1. (S) Msg RDR-OPS18
dtd 10 June 59
2. Cy Par 15 of AFR 200-2

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TO COMDR ATIC WP AFB ✓

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INTEL CITE: RDR-OPS18

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORT. MSG FORMAT REFERENCES

AFR 200-2 PARAGRAPH 15.

A. 1. N/A.

2. N/A.

3. N/A.

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5. TRAINING. 6. N/A. 7. N/A. 8. N/A. 9. N/A

B. 1. HIGH ALTITUDE. 2. 62, 200 FEET 338 DEGREE AT 110NM

(39 DEGREE 10N 80 DEGREE 25W). 3. 62, 200 FEET 010 DEGREE

AT 171NM (40 DEGREE 28 N 79 DEGREE 00W). 4. MOVING NE AT 200K. 5.

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NORMAL FADE DUE TO RANGE. 6. 22 MINUTES

C. 1. GROUND ELECTRONIC, FPS-6. 2. N/A. 3. N/A.

D. 1. 2. DAY.

E. 1. 37 DEGREES 30 N 7 DEGREES 30 W. 2. 30 MILES NE OF

ROANOKE VA. F1. N/A. 2. AIRMAN SECOND CLASS TEAL, EDWIN ;

649 RADAR SQDN (SAGE) RADAR SCOPE OPERATOR RELIABLE.

AIRMAN SECOND CLASS ROWLAND, THOMAS; 649 RADAR SCOPE OPERATOR:
RELIABLE.

G. 1. CLEAR. 2. 40, 000 FEET FROM 350 DEGREES AT 15 KTS CALM AT ALL
OTHER ALTITUDES. 3. UNLIMITED. 4. 15. 5. NONE.

H. NONE.

I. NONE.

J. NOTHING NEAR THIS ALTITUDE SEARCH RADAR DOWN AT TIME.

K. 1/LT BUTTERFIELD, ROBERT, OPERATIONS OFFICER.

L. WINDS AT THIS ALTITUDE PRECLUDE TARGET BEING A BALLON SINCE
TARGET WAS MEASURED AT 200K.

L. NONE.

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FM COMDR 649TH RADAR SQUADRON

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RJEZSN/COMDR 26TH ADIV

RJEDSR/COMDR ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB

INFO RJEZSN/COMDR 1006TH AISS ENT AFB

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/UNCLAS/FROM RDR-OPS 897.

REASON FOR CLASSIFICATION OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORT
FROM 649TH RADAR SQUADRON (SAGE) DATED 9 JUNE 1959. THIS MESSAGE
WAS CLASSIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2, PARAGRAPH 18 (C) (D)
TO PREVENT POSSIBLE COMPROMISE HEIGHT CAPABILITY OF OUR RADAR AND
TO PREVENT POSSIBLE COMPROMISE OF ALTITUDE CAPABILITY OF USAF
AIRCRAFT IF THEY WERE THE TARGETS OBSERVED.

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Memo, AFCIN-4E4g, 12 June 1959, Radar Sighting

1st Ind (AFCIN-4E1a/Mr. Picklesimer/lcm/74201)

26 August 1959

TO: AFCIN-4E4g

1. Reference is made to your request for comments on attached UFO report.
2. The reported targets were moving too slow to be jet aircraft and too fast for balloons in a calm. The target altitude was too high for blimps or propeller aircraft.
3. Three targets in formation (such as these) probably could not be attributed to the usual anomalous propagation phenomenon, although radar "blips" known as "angels" are a possible source of the reported tracks. However, it would appear that experienced operators could distinguish "angels" from real targets, especially after tracking them for 22 minutes.

R. L. James
for GORDON C. HOFFMAN
Colonel, USAF
AFCIN-4E1

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Date 29 MAY 1969
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50-800 ACCMO E-12. SUBJECT: UFO. IAW PARA 15, AFR 200-2,
5 FEB 1958, THE FOLLOWING INFO IS SUBMITTED.

A. (1) N/A	SHAPE
(2) N/A	SIZE
(3) N/A	COLOR
(4) TWDNQLUS	NUMBER OF OBJECTS
(5) ABREAST	FORMATION
(6) N/A	FEATURES OR DETAILS
(7) N/A	TAIL, TRAIL OR EXHAUST
(8) N/A	SOUND
(9) UNKNOWN.	OTHER FEATURES

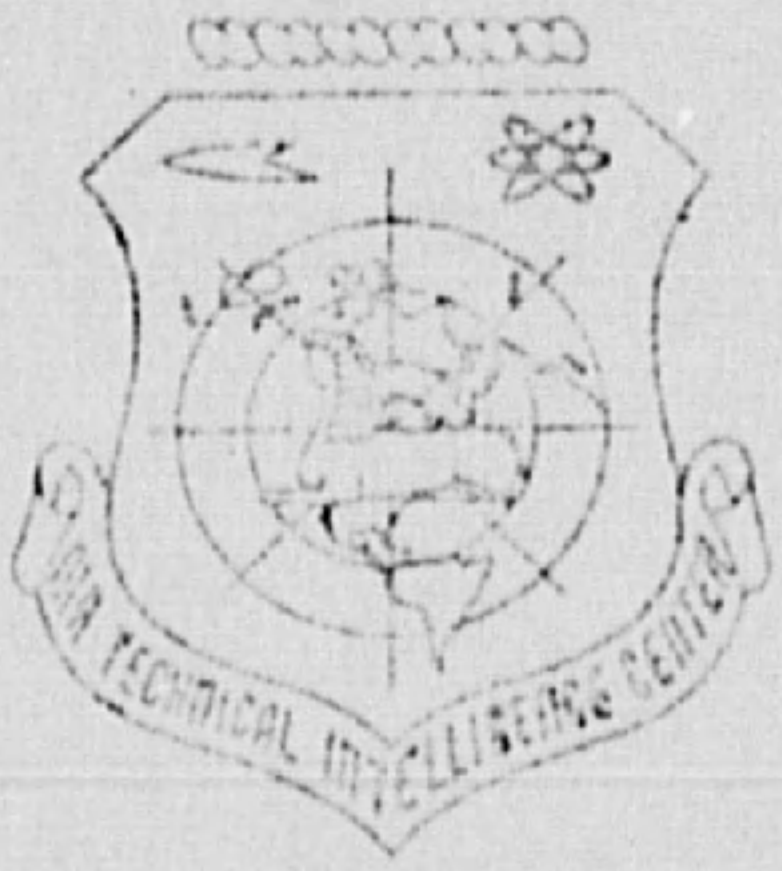
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B. (1) NOTIFIED BY HIXHER HBI WHAT CALLED ATTENTION TO OBJECT.
(2) 65,000 FEET-350 DEGREES ELEVATION & AZIMUTH WHEN FIRST SEEN.
(3) 70,000 FEET-021 DEGREES ELEVATION & AZIMUTH WHEN LAST SEEN.
(4) STRAIGHT LINE FLIGHT PATH
(5) OUT OF RANGE OF RADAR HOW DISAPPEARED
(6) FIFTEEN MINUTES OBJECT IN SIGHT
C. (1) GROUND-ELECTRONIC HOW OBSERVED
(2) RADAR HEIGHT/RANGE INDICATOR OPTICAL AIDS
(3) N/A AIRBORNE
D. (1) TIME-DATE GROUP.
(2) DAY EAST 4058 NORTH-7820 WEST, 1732Z; 4130 NORTH-7715 WEST,
1742Z, 4142 NORTH-7625 WEST, 1747. LIGHT CONDITIONS AND
LOCATION OF OBSERVER.
F. SMALL, ROBERT A/2C 647 RADRON RADAR OPERATOR GOOD. ANDRICK,
CECIL S/SGT 647 RADRON, CREW CHIEF GOOD.
G. (1) CLEAR GENERAL WEATHER
(2) 6,000 FEET-UNKNOWN, 10,000 FEET-280/20, 15,000 FEET-290/20, WIND.
20,000 FEET-340/15, 30,000 FEET-300/25, 50,000 FEET-300/15,
60,000 FEET-350/10
(3) 6,000 SCATTERED CEILING.
(4) FOUR MILES HAZE VISIBILITY
(5) 50 PERCENT CLOUD COVER.
(6) NONE THUNDERSTORMS.
I. NONE INTERCEPT ACTION
J. NONE LOCATION OF AIR TRAFFIC.
K. SENIOR DIRECTOR, BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN EXPERIMENTAL HIGH ALTITUDE
JET AIRCRAFT.
L. NONE PHYSICAL EVIDENCE
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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AFCIN-4E1a/Mr. Bryant/jc/74201
SUBJECT: UFO Report

JUN 18 1959

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TO: AFCIN-4E4g

1. The information submitted in subject report is not sufficient to allow proper evaluation of the incident. Target speeds are not indicated and exact tracks are not given.
2. Except for the fact that an unknown number of targets were flying "abreast," the estimate of the senior director that the target(s) was/were believed to have been experimental high altitude jet aircraft is plausible and cannot be disproved.

Gordon C. Hoffman
GORDON C. HOFFMAN
Colonel, USAF
AFCIN-4E1

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