

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 13 Sep 59		2. LOCATION Bunker Hill AFB, Ind.		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 UNIDENTIFIED	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 1500Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar Binoculars ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military & Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION approx 9 1/2 hrs		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE stationary	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Pear shaped obj, between size of a dime & an orange, colors varied fm white, cream, & metallic. Obj had something trailing beneath it. Ghe general opinion was that the obj moved fm N to SW rising slightly. Obj was seen until dusk, at which time it became indistinguishable.				11. COMMENTS The obj has all the characteristics of a high alt balloon. T-33. went to 37,000ft in effort to identify obj. Obj still well above a/c. Check made w/General Mills and balloon not theirs. Possibly Raven Ind or Goodyear or other research organization balloon. However, since there is no confirmation this sighting is classified as "unidentified"	

AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO



REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting reported by Maj. DeSutter, Pentagon Command Post

TO:

UFO sighting was reported by SAC to Maj. DeSutter in the Pentagon Command Post.

Sighting was at Bunker Hill AFB, Ind., and was observed by Control Tower personnel. Sighting was at Approximately 1600 hrs., ~~XXXXXX~~ EST, 13 Sept. 59, and control tower personnel observed it for about 3 hours. Fighters were sent to intercept UFO. They went up to 38,000ft. and still could not reach it. Estimated altitude was 55 to 60,000 ft.

Maj. Friend was called at 2030 and he will take necessary action in the morning, Monday 14 Sept 59.

Pero, ind. exchange

Gr 3-6601

Marvin H. Franzen
MARVIN H. FRANZEN
Capt USAF
ATIC Duty Officer

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T/144
Oak*

*1000 To date
1000-1700 - start
a 1700 - back it track
approx 1.0 mi*

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FM 305 BOMBWG BUNKER HILL AFB

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB

RJEDBWA/COMDR DETROIT AIRDEFSCTR CUSTER AFS

RJEDSQ/COMDE AIR TECH INTELLIGENCE CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB

RJEZHQ/ HQ USAF

INFO RJEBKF/2AF BARKSDALE AFB

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REFERENCE AFR 200-2, DTD 5 FEB 58. SUBJ: (U) FO.

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A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT(S):

(1) PEAR SHAPE

(2) ESTIMATED TO BE BETWEEN THE SIZE OF A DIME AND AN ORANGE
HELD AT ARM'S LENGTH.

(3) COLORS VARIED FROM WHITE, CREAM AND METALLIC.

(4) ONE.

(5) N/A.

(6) OBJECT HAD SOMETHING TRAILING UNDER IT, FROM OBSERVATION

OF T-33 PILOT.

(7) N/A

(8) N/A

(9) N/A

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT(S):

(1) CIVILIAN PILOT ON COURSE TO LA PORTE INDIANA REPORTED AN OBJECT AT A HIGH ALTITUDE NORTH OF BUNKER HILL AFB TO THE BUNKER HILL AFB CONTROL TOWER.

(2) AFTER THE CIVILIAN'S REPORT THE OBJECT WAS SIGHTED ~~WAS SIGHTED~~ BY THE CONTROL TOWER, BEARING 340 DEGREES FROM TOWER AT AN ANGLE BETWEEN 35-55 DEGREES.

(3) ANGLE WAS SLIGHTLY HIGHER AT DUSK AND WAS APPROXIMATELY SOUTHWEST OF BASE.

(4) THE GENERAL OPINION OF OBSERVERS WAS THAT OBJECT MOVED FROM NORTH TO SOUTHWEST RISING SLIGHTLY.

(5) OBJECT WAS SEEN UNTIL DUSK AT WHICH TIME IT BECAME INDISTINGUISHABLE.

(6) OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN BY BASE PERSONNEL APPROXIMATELY 1800Z - 1900Z. BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN SIGHTED ABOUT 13 SEP/1500Z BY OTHER OBSERVERS OFF BASE. OBJECT WAS WATCHED TILL DUSK.

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APPROXIMATE HOURS UNDER OBSERVATION NINE AND ONE HALF.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) GROUND VISUAL AND AIR VISUAL.

(2) BINOCULARS (7X50) WERE USED BY TOWER OPERATORS FOR OBSERVATION.

(3) BEECHCRAFT SERIAL NUMBER UNKNOWN, 6500 FEET, HEADING LA PORTE, INDIANA VIA KOKOMO MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, INDIANA. T-33 AF-29732, SHOOTING GCA AT BUNKER HILL AFB. T-33 PROCEEDED TO 37,000 FEET. HOME BASE BELIEVED TO BE BAER FIELD, FORTWAYNE, IND. BEECH BONANZA, 8000 FEET, HEADING VALPARISO, INDIANA, SPEED APPROXIMATELY 140 MPH, HOME BASE KOKOMO MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, INDIANA. MOONEY MARK 20A, SERIAL NUMBER 1095C 8,000 FEET, HEADING VALPARISO INDIANA, SPEED APPROXIMATELY 140 MPH, HOME BASE KOKOMO MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, INDIANA. CESSNA 172, 3,000 FEET ABOVE KOKOMO MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, SPEED APPROXIMATELY 120 MPH, HOME BASE KOKOMO MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, INDIANA.

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) 13/1500Z

(2) DAY

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS:

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(1) BUNKER HILL AFB CONTROL TOWER.

(2) BURROWS, INDIANA.

(3) KOKOMO MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

(4) LOGANSPOET, INDIANA.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS:

(1) LT BASIL ALLEN, LOGANSPOET POLICE DEPARTMENT.

MR. [REDACTED], AGE 38, [REDACTED], KOKOMO, IND, OWNER OF A FROZEN CUSTARD DRIVE-IN.

MR. [REDACTED], AGE 50, [REDACTED], KOKOMO, IND.

MR. [REDACTED] AGENT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

KOKOMO, INDIANA.

MR. KENNETH DAVENPORT, AGE 53, 645 WEST 5TH ST., PERU, IND.

(2) SSGT RICHARD M. NORTHCUTT, 1915GH AACS, BUNKER HILL AFB,
CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR, GOOD.

A2C ROLAND L. RUIZ, 1915TH AACS, BUNKER HILL AFB, CONTROL
TOWER OPERATOR, GOOD.

AIRMAN ROLAND A GROOM, DET 26 WEATHER SQ, BUNKER HILL AFB
WEATHER, GOOD.

SSGT WILFRED C. SHARP, DET 26 WEATHER SQ, BUNKER
HILL AFB, WEATHER, GOOD.

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G. WESTHER AND WINDS-ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTINGS:

(1) CLEAR.

(2) REPORT FROM PEORIA, ILL AT 1700Z:

SURFACE/020/10K

6000/040/10K

10000/030/20K

16000/360/10K

20000/360/10K

30000/280/15K

50000/280/25K

80000/UNKNOWN/UNKNOWN

(3) UNLIMITED.

(4) PLUS 15 MILES.

(5) NONE

(6) N/A

J. N/A

I. (1) T-33 SHOOTING GCA, BUNKER HILL AFB WAS ASKED BY CONTROL
TOWER TO INVESTIGATE THIS OBJECT. THIS AIRCRAFT PROCEEDED TO
37,000 FEET. THE PILOT STATED THAT OBJECT WAS STILL WELL ABOVE
HIM.

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FM 305 BOMBWG BUNKER HILL AFB

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB

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& SAFIS 2AF ATTN DI.

(2) MOONEY AIRCRAFT AT 8,000 FEET PROCEEDED TO 16,000 FEET AND
STATED THAT OBJECT WAS VERY HIGH.

J. REFERENCE SECTION C-3.

K. INVESTIGATING OFFICER: CHIEF, OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE BRANCH,
305TH BOMBARDMENT WING (M) (S:), CAPTAIN GEORGE R. VAN DYKE. " IT
IS MY OPINION AFTER CAREFUL STUDY AND ANALYSIS THAT THIS UFO WAS A
BALLOON; TYPE UNKNOWN. THE OBJECT WAS SIGHTED BY A GREAT MANY
PEOPLE, BOTH MILITARY AND CIVILIAN. THE BASE IS NOT RECEIVE

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at approx 1045- 18 Sep 59 1st Lt Oak Norton at Bunker Hill AFB called requesting information as to what org. was normally responsible for investigating UFO's and preparing the reports. He was informed that normally the base intelligence section performed this function, but all bases did not have an intell section. He was also informed that the base commander ~~was~~ was responsible for the investigation and subsequent report. However, the Commr. delegated this function to whatever organization he so desired.

1st Lt Norton also discussed the reporting format of 200-2. He felt that the format was not sufficient a guidance and offered to submit some suggestions of his own. He was told that we would be glad to receive suggestions for review.

1st Lt Norton was questioned on a few points of the UFO report submitted by his org. He stated that the object was reported to have been seen at 1000, and that it was stationary until 1700.

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ANY CALLS PERTAINING TO THIS SIGHTING. THE LOGANSPOUT POLICE DEPARTMENT RECEIVED NUMEROUS CALLS. ALL STATEMENTS TAKEN WERE IN AGREEMENT, WITH ONE EXCEPTION, MR. K. [REDACTED], AGE 53, STUDENT PILOT WHO WAS FLYING A CESSNA 172 AT 3,000 FEET IN THE KOKOMO MUNICIPAL AIRPORT LOCAL AREA STATED THAT HE SAW AN OBJECT DIRECTLY AHEAD. MR. [REDACTED] VEERED SHARPLY TO THE RIGHT LOSING SIGHT OF OBJECT MOMENTARILY. AT FIRST HE THOUGHT IT WAS AN AIRCRAFT COMING DIRECTLY AT HIM BUT LATER UPON REFLECTION HE DECIDED IT COULD BE A BALLOON. MR. [REDACTED] STATED HE WAS EXCEEDLY "SHOOK" AND RETURNED TO THE KOKOMO AIRPORT. DUE TO MR. [REDACTED] INEXPERIENCE WITH AIRCRAFT, IT IS MY OPINION THAT HIS SIGHTING WAS THE BALLOON. TO ASCERTAIN THE PROBABILITY THAT A WEATHER STATION HAD LAUNCHED A WEATHER BALLOON, MR. [REDACTED] MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, KOKOMO, IND, CONTACTED THE WEATHER STATIONS WITHIN AN AREA OF: 100 MILES WEST, 200 MILES NORTH, 300 MILES EAST, AND 120 MILES SOUTH. A NEGATIVE REPLY WAS RECEIVED BY MR. [REDACTED] FROM THESE STATIONS.

L. EXISTANCE OF PHYSICAL EVIDENCE, SUCH AS MATERIALS AND PHOTOS:

(1) NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE.

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Lowry AFB

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Dudley 85-411

11 + 14 Sep

Lowry has record of Gen. Mills launch
on 11 and 14 Sept, but not on 13 Sep.

From 1200 until dark, the object had
traveled approx 20 miles.