

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 7 Oct 59	2. LOCATION Bunker Hill AFB, Indiana Red Key Indiana		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 07/11047	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian & Military		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION ---	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE SW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Bright light, oblong in shape moving S and SW. Also reported as a bright flashing light that looked like a satellite.		11. COMMENTS Two F-102's and one F-89 scrambled to identify the obj. All three rptd obj in sight at 40,000 ft and obj still well above them. Pilot rpt states that obj looked like a balloon.	

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ATTN OF: AFCIN-4X2/Major Stroff/59117

SUBJECT: UFO Report

8 October 1959

TO: AFCIN-4E4g

The following information was received from Major Messenger, AF Command Post referencing UFO Report received by Captain M. H. Franzen, ATIC Duty Officer, 7 October.

Two F102's from Lockbourne and one F89 from Bunker Hill were scrambled. All three reported a tally ho at 40,000 feet. The object was well above them. One of the F102's reported to NORAD that he climbed to 45,000 feet and object was still well above him. He reported that it looked like a balloon.

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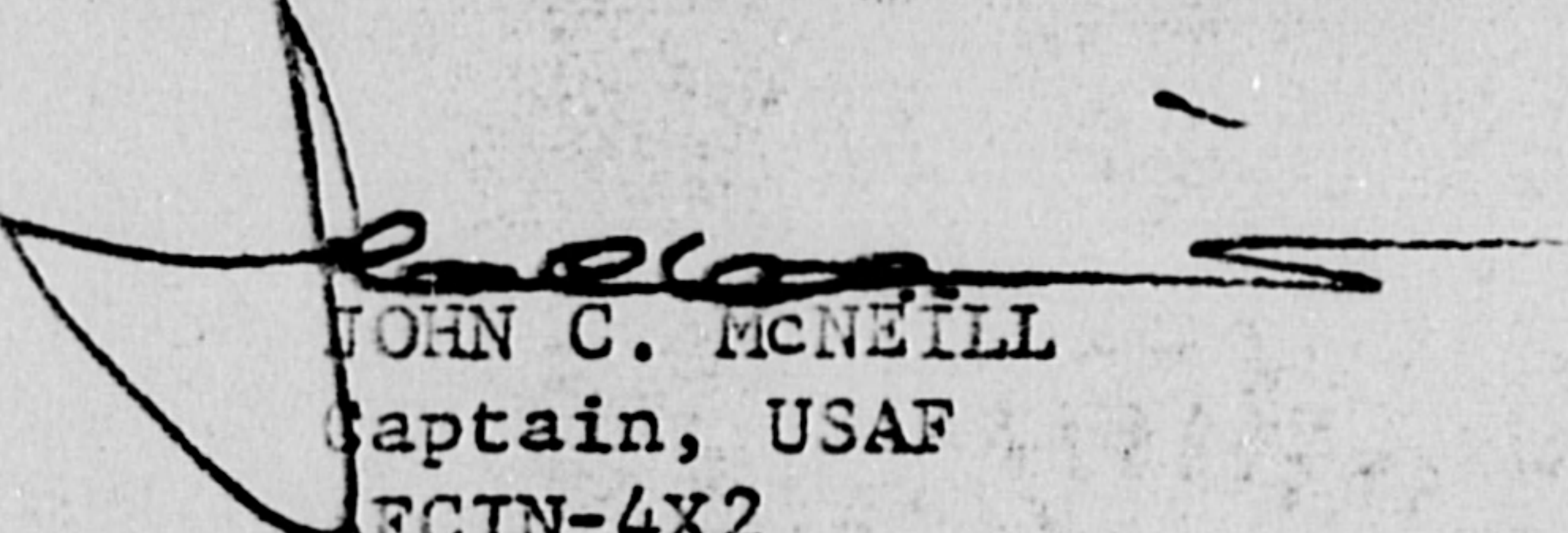
SUBJECT: Extract from ATIC Duty Officers Report

8 October 1959

TO: AFCIN-4E4g

Following is an extract from ATIC Duty Officers Report dtd 7 October 59 for your information:

- 0600 - Received a call from Mr. [REDACTED] at Patterson Ops concerning a reported UFO. It was sighted just east of Red Key, Indiana and reported to the Indiana State Police who reported it to Sgt. Reiny, WPAFB Air Police, extension 55232.
- 0645 - UFO report from Command Post in Pentagon. Object observed at Bunker Hill, AFB, Indiana. Visually observed 6 to 15 mi. from base at 1104Z and appeared to be a bright light of oblong shape moving S. to SW. Interceptor Commander observed a group of these bright lights and apparently a 102 from Lockbourne was sent up to intercept. The report was being relayed by Duty Officer at SAC Headquarters to Duty Officer at Pentagon Command Post.


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State Police in Dayton received a Twx
at 05-26 8 Oct 59 from Red Key, Indiana
State police requesting info on foreign
looking object, bright flashing light which
appeared East of Red Key. They stated that it
appeared to be a satellite.

Kermit Ring asst. chief comm. off.

At 0874 EST 26 Oct 59, called Red Key,
Indiana State Police, # 2601, ~~and~~ and talked to
Mr Kermit Ring, assistant chief communications
officer. Mr Kermit gave the following info.
concerning the reported sighting of 7 Oct 59;

Mr Kermit's office has no record of a TWX
being sent to the Dayton Police. In fact, they
didn't report it to anyone. Muncie, Indiana
City police originally saw the light and called
Red Key state police on the radio and asked them
about it. The Red Key operator on duty went out
to look and could see nothing. Mr Kermit
said their conversation could be heard by
several police stations, including several in
Ohio.

At 0850 EST 26 Oct 59, called Dayton State
Patrol. The Dayton office has no direct contact with
Indiana. The Dayton office received their info
from the Piqua office. Dayton office called
Piqua office and received the following info.

Portland, Indiana police ^{apparently} overheard Muncie
and Red Key police on the radio. Portland Police
called Piqua Police by radio, Piqua police called
Dayton, and Dayton called W-P AFB. There was
no msg involved.

Muncie City Police
✓ atlas 8-8814

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3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 08/1043Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian & Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 hrs		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE East to West	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Bright white light of circular shape observed by military and civilian personnel in the same area over a period of three hrs. Obj moved fm East to West & was rising.				11. COMMENTS Venus was in the position rptd by the witnesses & is considered as the obj sighted.	

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ACTION : CIN

INFO : CDP, SAFS
SMD C 029

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DE RJEDNJ 76

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FM 305 BW BUNKER HILL AFB INDIANA

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB

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INFO RJEBKF/2AF BARKSLFLE AFB

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UNCLAS FROM: 305DCOI 10-249. SECTION ONE OF TWO.

REFERENCE AFR 200-2, DATED 5 FEB 58. SUBJ: (U) UFO.

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT(S):

- (1) CIRCULAR SHAPE.
- (2) ESTIMATED TO BE BETWEEN THE SIZE OF A PEA AND A DIME HELD AT ARMS LENGTH

KEL BRIGHT LIGHT OF WHITE COLOR.

- (4) THRU (9) NOT APPLICABLE.

B. DESCRITPION OF COURSE OF OBJECT(S):

- (1) PHONE CALL FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED CIVILIAN OBSERVER IN KOKOMO,

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INDIANA.

(2) THE OBJECT WAS SIGHTED FROM VARIOUS POINTS ON BHAFB AND THE CONSENSUS OF THE OBSERVERS IS THAT IT WAS ON A BEARING OF 110 DEGREES FROM THE BASE AT AN ANGLE OF 30 TO 45 DEGREES.

(3) THE ANGLE WAS SLIGHTLY HIGHER AT SUNRISE AND OBJECT WAS SLIGHTLY WEST OF ITS ORIGINAL POSITION.

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

(5) OBJECT WAS SEEN UNTIL SUNRISE AT WHICH TIME IT DISAPPEARED FROM VIEW.

(6) THE OBJECT WAS FIRST SIGHTED AT APPROXIMATELY 1043Z AND OBSERVED BY BASE PERSONNEL UNTIL SHORTLY AFTER SUNRISE.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) GROUND VISUAL AND AIR VISUAL

(2) BINOCULARS WERE USED BY SOME PERSONNEL IN OBSERVING THE OBJECT.

(3) F-89 OF THE 319TH FIS (ADC) SERIAL NO 528417, ALTITUDE 40,000

HEADING: ORBITED. SPEED: .75 MACH. HOME STATION: BUNKER HILL

AFB.

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) 08/1043Z

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(2) NIGHT HHROUGH DAWN.

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER(S)

(1) BUNKER HILL AFB CONTROL TOWER, GCA, CONTROL ROOM AND COMMUNICATIONS BUILDING.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER(S):

(1) MAJOR FRANK S KERCHNER, 31TH FIS, BUNKER HILL AFB, SQDN EXEC, GOOD

(2) CAPTAIN JOHN D SHOFSTALL, 305TH BW HQ SQ, BHAFFB, CONTROLLER, GOOD.

(3) T/SGT LEE E COLLINS, 1915TH AACS SQDN, BHAFFB, CONTRGL TOWER OPERATOR, GOOD.

(4) SSGT DONALD P SCHULTZ, 1915TH AACS SQDN, GCA OPERATOR, GOOD.

(5) A/1C HAROLD COATES, 305TH CSG, BHAFFB, CHIEF TELEPHONE MPERATOR, GOOD.

(6) A/1C LAWRENCE J HERBST, 305TH HQ SQ, BHAFFB, DUTY CONTROLLER, GOOD.

(7) A/1C ROLAND L SMITH, DET 26 WEATHER SQDN, BHAFX, DUTY OBSERVER, VERY GOOD.

(8) A/2C RICHARD J CAPONE, 1915TH AACS, BHAFFB, CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR, GOOD.

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(9) A/2C RALPH K PEDEN, DET 26 WEATHER SQDN, BHAFB, DUTY OBSERVER,
VERY GOOD.

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

(1) GENERALLY CLEAR WITH SCATTERED CLOUDS.

(2) REPORT FROM PEORIA, ILL AT APPROXIMATELY 0600Z.

SURFACE/100/3K

6,000/190/15K

10,000/210/25K

16,000/230/35K

20,000/220/45K

30,000/230,75K

50,000/230/50K

80,000/230/25K

(3) CEILING 5000'

(4) VISIBILITY: 8 MILES.

(5) SCATTERED-HIGH THIN BROKEN. 2/10 STRATOCUMULUS/LOW, 4/10
CIRROSTRATUS/HIGH.

(6) N/A

TWO MARKED TEMPERATURE INVERSIONS NOTED PEORIA:

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(1) 1000° BASED WITH TOP AT 2500°

(2) 1400° BASED WITH TOP AT 8000°.

I. TWO F-102 AIRCRAFT FROM LOCKBOURNE AFB, OHIO AND ONE F-89 FROM BHAFFB WERE LAUNCHED. ONE F-102 AND ONE F-89 OBSERVED THE OBJECT FROM 40,000 FEET AND REPORTED THAT THEY BELIEVED IT TO BE A STAR.

J. N/A

K. INVESTIGATING OFFICER: OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, 305TH BOMBARDMENT WING (M) (SAC), LT HARRY A KERSEY JR. BASED ON AN ANALYSIS OF THE INFORMATION COLLECTED IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE UFO WAS PROBABLY A STAR OR THE PLANET VENUS. THE OBSERVERS WHO SIGHTED THE LIGHT SOURCE ARE ALL IN GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT IT LOOKED LIKE A STAR. EXPERIENCED WEATHER MEN WHO WERE OBSERVERS ARE SURE THAT IT WAS A STAR WHICH THEY SIGHTED BEFORE ONLY MAGNIFIED BY AN ATMOSPHERIC CONDITION. THE PILOTS WHO OBSERVED THE OBJECT FROM 40,000 FEET CONCURRED THAT THEY BELIEVED IT TO BE A STAR. COMPUTATIONS SHOW THAT VENUS WAS ON A BEARING OF 102 DEGREES AT AN ANGLE OF 23 DEGREES AND 20 MINUTES AT 08/1040Z WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY THE SAME LOCATION AS THAT FOUND IN PARAGRAPH B2 ON WHICH THE OBSERVERS AGREE. THE BASE ISO DID NOT RECEIVE ANY CALLS ON THIS SIGHTING.

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WHILE ALL OBSERVERS WERE IN CLOSE AGREEMENT ON THIS SIGHTING,
ONE OF THEM ALSO SIGHTED AN IRREGULAR FOOMATION OF 9 PIN POINTS OF
LIGHT TRAVERSING NORTH WEST TO SOUTH EAST ON APPROXIMATE HEADING OF
135 DEGREES. THESE LIGHTS WERE OBSERVED FOR APPROXIMATELY 5 MINUTES
AS THEY TRAVELED AT HIGH SPEED ACCROSS THE HORIZON AND DISAPPEARED
FROM VIEW. THERE WERE NO KNOWN AIRCRAFT IN THE VICINTY OF THE BASE
AT THIS TIME. NO OTHER OBSERVER MADE A SIGHTING OF THIS TYPE. THE
OBSERVER WHO GAVE THIS ACCOUNT IS VERY RELIABLE ONE BUT DUE TO
THE LACK ON CORROBORATING EVIDENCE TO SUBSTANTIATE THIS SIGHTING WE ARE
DISCOUNTING ITS VALIGITY.

L. N/A

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