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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 26 Jul 60	**2. LOCATION** Vicinity Monticello, Illinois	**12. CONCLUSIONS** ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Moon ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other_____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 27/0130Z	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	**6. SOURCE** Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 min	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** one	**9. COURSE** stationary

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Crescent shaped object, reddish-orange with a brilliant glow. Object remained stationary and faded out rapidly and disappeared in the original location.

11. COMMENTS

The same object was seen by the reporting officer and he reported it as the moon seen through a haze layer.

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APPEARED TO BE MOVING VERY SLIGHTLY. THIS OBSERVATION WAS MADE WHILE TRAVELING APPROXIMATELY 70 MPH IN THE AUTOMOBILE. MRS. [redacted] WATCHED THE OBJECT UNNTIL THE AUTOMOBILE APPROACHED OREANA, ILLINOIS, AT WHICH TIME THE OBJECT FADED OUT AND DISAPPEARED. ON THE SAME NIGHT AT 0143Z, 27 JULY 1960, I WAS DRIVING HOME ON CHANUTE AFB, ILLINOIS, WHEN ONE OF MY CHILDREN ASK ME WHAT THE BRIGHT OBJECT WAS IN THE SKY. I LOOKED DUE WEST AND OBSERVED THE MOON THROUGH WHAT APPEARED TO BE A HAZE LAYER. IT WAS ABOUT 1/4 FULL AND CAST A BRILLIANT ORANGE GLOW IN THE THE SKY. THE EXACT OUTLINE WAS NOT DISCERNIBLE BECAUSE OF THE HAZE, BUT A BRILLIANT, CRESCENT SHAPE GLOW MADE AN UNUSAUAL APPEARANCE. THE MOON WAS 1/4 FULL ON THE NIGHT IN QUESTION AND MOONSET WAS AT 0149Z. I QUESTIONED SEVERALSERVICE STATION ATTENDANTS ON HIGHWAY 47 BETWEEN OREANA AND CISCO, ILLINOIS. NO ONE QUESTIONED OBSERVED ANY UNUSUAL OBJECT IN THE SKY ON THE NIGHT IN QUESTION. I AM CONVINCED THAT MRS. [redacted] WAS OBSERVING THE 1/4 MOON THROUGH EITHER A HAZE LAYER OR A FLEECY CLOUD. ATTACHMENT ONE.

THE METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS WERE EXTRAPOLATED AND/OR OBSERVED FROM MAPS AND CHARTS FOR DECATUR,

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ILLINOIS. A. WIND DIRECTION AND SPEED AT ALTITUDES (FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL).

DECATUR		CHANUTE
WINDS	27/0000Z	
6,000	320/15	340/25

12,000	330/20	330/20
16,000	320/30	320/30
20,000	320/35	330/40
30,000	300/50	330/50
50,000	260/40	260/40
80,000	LGT/VRBL	LGT/VRBL

B. WEATHER DATA AT DECATUR IS NOT AVAILABLE. THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE REGULAR REPORTING LOCATIONS AND LOCATED AROUND DECATUR.

(1) RAN-CHANUTE AFB APPROXIMATELY 45 MILES NE.

27/0135Z	CLEAR 12	AC W--N.
27/0156Z	CLEAR 12	75/69 W3 AC W-N
		VSB LWR SE
		K DRFTG OVR RNWY
27/0246Z	120 SCATTERED 15	K DRFTG OVR RNWY.

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7. TAIL ABOUT HALF THE SIZE OF THE OBJECT APPEARED ONCE FOR ONE SECOND.

8. NOT NOTICEABLE SOUND.

9. NONE.

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT (S):

1. OBSERVER'S ATTENTION WAS DIRECTED TOWARD THE OBJECT BY HER 7-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER.

2. APPROXIMATE 10 DEGREE ANGLE OF ELEVATION ABOVE THE HORIZON. AZIMUTH OF APPROXIMATELY 270 DEGREES CLOCKWISE FROM NORTH.

3. SAME AS B (2) ABOVE.

4. OBJECT REMAINED FAIRLY STATIONARY.

5. OBJECT FADED OUT RAPIDLY AND DISAPPEARED IN THE ORIGINAL LOCATION.

6. OBJECT WAS VISIBLE FOR APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

1. GROUND VISUAL.

2. NONE

3. SIGHTING MADE FROM MOVING AUTOMOBILE.

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

1. BETWEEN 0130Z AND 0200Z 27 JULY 1960

2. DUSK.

BASIC REPORTING DATA OF MRS. [redacted],

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER (S):

OBJECT OBSERVED WHILE TRAVELING IN AN AUTOMOBILE FROM MONTICELLO, ILLINOIS, 40 02N 88 34W TO OREANA, ILLINOIS, 39 56N 88 52W, ON HIGHWAY 47.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER (S):

MRS. [redacted], AGE 25, OCCUPATION, HOUSEWIFE, [redacted] DECAUR, ILLINOIS. ESTIMATE OF RELIBILITY [redacted].

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

SEE ATTACHMENT 1

2. REFERENCE PARAGRAPH 17, AFR 200-2, THE FOLLOWING ARE THE FINDINGS AND COMMENTS OF INVESTIGATION OFFICER:

A. QUESTIONED MRS. [redacted] AT 1930Z, 28 JULY 1960, AT HER RESIDENCE. SHE WAS RIDING IN THE FRONT SEAT OF A CAR DRIVEN BY HER HUSBAND ON HIGHWAY 47 ABOUT DUSK ON 26 JULY 1960 (0130Z, 27 JULY 1960). SHORTLY AFTER PASSING THROUGH MONTICELLO, ILLINSOIS, ON A WSW HEADING, HER 7-YEAR OLD DAUGHTER CALLED HER ATTENTION TO A BRILLIANT OBJECT IN THE SKY. THE OBJECT WAS A FIERY REDDISH-ORANGE COLOR, SLIGHTLY

ABOVE THE HORIZON, AND SLIGHTLY TO HER RIGHT. THE [illegible]

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UNCLAS OSD 32G. SECTION ONE OF TWO SUBJECT: UFO

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

1. CRESCENT SHAPE.

2. SIZE OF HALF DOLLAR HELD AT ARM'S LENGTH.

3. REDDISH-ORANGE.

4. ONE.

5. N/A.

6. BRILLIANT GLOW.

7. TAIL ABOUT HALF THE SIZE OF THE OBJECT APPEARED ONCE FOR ONE SECOND.

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6. BRILLIANT GLOW.

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UNCLAS OSD 32G. FINAL SECTION OF TWO SUBJECT: UFO

(2) SPRINGFIELD: ILL. APPROXIMATELY 30 MILES W.

27/0100Z	CLEAR 15 MILES	80/72 W5 FEW CU
27/0200Z	70 SCATTERED 15 MILES	78/71NW2
27/0300Z	30 SCATTERED 15 MILES	76/71 S3
	90 SCATTERED	

(3) CHAMPAIGN, ILL. APPROXIMATELY 25 MILES ENE.

27/0100Z	MSG	
27/0200Z	CLEAR 15	75/69 SW5
27/0300Z	HI THIN BROKEN 15 MILES	73/69

AREA CLOUD COVER: NONE OR VERY FEW CLOUDS

ARAA VISIBILITY: UNLIMITED.

CB'S NW OF PEORIA APPROXIMATELY 50 MILES OR MORE NW.

TEMPERATURE GRADIENT FROM PEORIA 27/0000Z SOUNDING.

6-10M	10 DEGREES C
10-16M	15 DEGREES C
16-20M	8 DEGREES C
20-30M	23 DEGREES C
30-50M	35 DEGREES C
50-80M	UNK

OTHER METEOROLIGICAL ACTIVITY WHICH MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR SIGHTING:

PEORIA, APPROXIMATELY 50 MILES NW, RELEASES RAWINSONDE BALOON APPROXIMATELY 2000Z EACH DAY. BALLOON WOULD BE AIRBORNE APPROXIMATELY 2 TO 3 HOURS AND UP TO 60,000 OR 70,000 FT. THIS WOULD MERIT FURTHER INVESTIGATION IF THE OBJECT WAS NEARLY STATIONARY.

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