[redacted]

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
27 July, 1960

2. LOCATION
Chanute AFB, Illinois

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local _____
GMT 27/07/7Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
X Ground-Visual
☐ Ground-Radar
☐ Air-Visual
☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
X ☐ No

6. SOURCE
Military

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
5 seconds

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
One

9. COURSE
NE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
Bright green ball with orange tail six feet long observed travelling from SW to NE. Size of grapefruit including tail. Disappeared behind a cloud layer.

11. COMMENTS
Description and duration of sighting correspond to observation of "fireball" type of meteor.

12. CONCLUSIONS
☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon
☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft
X Was Astronomical Meteor
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical
☐ Other _____
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

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1250
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FM CHANUTE TECH TNG CEN ATC CHANUTE AFB ILL

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RJEDSQ/ATIC WPAFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/HQ USAF (AFCIN) WASH DC

RJEZHQ/SEC OF AF SAFIS WASH DC

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UNCLAS OSD 32-G. SUBJECT IS UFO.

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

1. ROUND.

2. GRAPEFRUIT SIZE, LENGTH INCLUDING TAIL 5 FEET.

3. BRIGHT GREEN BALL, TAIL A BRIGHT ORANGE.

4. NUMBER ONE.

5. N/A

6. NONE

7. TAIL APPROXIMATELY5 1/2 FEET LONG

8. NO SOUND

TELEPHONED
TO
NO.
TIME
Date
By:

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CHANUTE AFB ILL, REPORTED NEGATIVE SIGHTING. MR [redacted]

FAA TOWER OPERATOR, UNIV OF ILL AIRPORT, CHAMPAIGN, ILL

REPORTED NEGATIVE UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS. MR [redacted]

OF THE OBSERVATORY, UNIV OF ILL, REPORTED NO ONE ON DUTY AT

THE TIME OF AMN STELLES OBSERVATION. MAJ DAVISON, COMDR 791

AC&W HANNA CITY, ILL REPORTS NO UNUSUAL RADAR BLIPS AND

NEGATIVE GROUND CONTROL INTERCEPTS BY AIR DEFENSE SECTOR AT THAT

TIME. IT IS THE REPORTING OFFICERS OPINION THAT THE SIGHTING BY

AMN STELLE FITS THE DESCRIPTION OF MR. [redacted] OF THE UNIV OF ILL

AS THAT OF A METEOR ENTERING THE UPPER ATMOSPHERE.

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2. 5,000-330/30K

10,000-340/25K

15,000-340/35K

20,000-340/40K

30,000-300/50K

50,000-280/25K

80,000-UNK

3. M 4200 BROKEN, HIGH BROKEN

4. 10 MI

5. 6/10

7. PLUS 19 OC

H. METEROROLOGICAL SHOWER ACTIVITY PREDOMINATE THIS TIME OF YEAR FROM THE DELTA AQUARIAN GROUP.

I. N/A.

J. NONE.

K. PREPARING OFFICER: 1LT RALPH A. HANSON, ASST BASE OPERATIONS OFF, CHANUTE AFB, ILL. S/SGT COVEY, D. A. TOWER OPERATOR ON DUTY AT

9. NONE.

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

1. BRIGHT GLOW AS AN ARC WELDER.

2. ELEVATION 45 DEGREES, ASIMUTH 160 DEGREES.

3. ELEVATION 45 DEGREES, ASIMUTH 140 DEGREES.

4. TRAVELING RAPIDLY FROM SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST.

5. BEHIND CLOUD LAYER.

6. 5 SECONDS.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

1. GROUND VISUAL.

2. NO OPTICAL AIDS.

3. M/A.

D. TIME AND DATE:

1. 0717Z 27 JUL 50.

2. NIGHT.

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER, WEATHER OBSERVER SITE LOCATED ON NORTH EDGE OF RUNWAY 29-27, CHANUTE AFB, ILL.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION: S[redacted], DET 3, 8 WEATHER GP (MATS) CHANUTE AFB, ILL. AIRMAN STELLE IS A FIVE LEVEL WEATHER OBSERVER, RELIABILITY; EXCELLENT.

G. WEATHER AND WIND.

1. STRAT CUMULUS AND HIGH CIRRUS WITH CUMULA NIMBUS TO THE SOUTHEAST WITH OCCASSIONAL LIGHTINING.

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file UFO

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ACTION: CIN

INFO : SAFS, OOP

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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

27/1200Z 70SCATTERED 15 MILES 78/71NW2

27/000Z 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

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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 DE433 :
50-80M	UNK

OTHER METEOROLIGICAL ACTIVITY WHICHMIGHT ACCOUNT FOR SIGHTING:

PEORIA, APPROXIMATELY 50 MILES NW,RELEASES RAWINSONDE BALOON APPROXIMATELY 0000Z EACH DAY. BALLOON WOULD BE AIRBORNE APPROXIMATELY 2 TO 3 HOURS AND UP TO 60

000 OR 70,000 FT. THIS WOULD

MERIT FRTHER INVESTIGATION IF THE OBJECT WAS NEARLY STATIONARY.

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NOTE: Section I is AF IN 4902 (29 Jul 60)