

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 4 Jul 61		2. LOCATION Bethlehem, Connecticut		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0010 GMT 040510Z		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 Civilian		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE SE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round, distinct form at first, twinkled later when passing overhead. Size of quarter, bright red. Appeared 0° elev, 270° az. Disappeared 50° elev, 110° az. Straight path--slow apparent motion. Seemed to disappear behind high thin clouds to SE.		11. COMMENTS Presence of just 1 light rules out possibility of a/c, especially when only 1 red light was seen when it was near overhead. Additional info from witness indicates that another individual made a similar observation, and this individual determined objt was a helium filled weather balloon released by an artist. Artist released balloons on 4 and 5 Jul 61. Objt in question was probably balloon released on 4 July.			

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10 JUL 61 20 20z

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FM 57AIRDIV WESTOVER AFB MASS

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJEZSN/26AIRDIV HANCOCK FLD NY

RJEDCG/ATIC WPAFB OHIO

RJEZHC/COFS USAF

RJEZHC/CSAF WASH DC

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UNCLAS 99DCOI 7975. FOR AFGIN AND SAFIS.

REFERENCE OUR 99DCOI7937. FURTHER

COMMUNICATION FROM OBSERVER, DR [REDACTED], INDICATES THAT SIMILAR

OBSERVATION WAS MADE BY ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL ON FOLLOWING DAY.

THIS INDIVIDUAL MADE HIS OWN INVESTIGATION AND DETERMINED THAT

PHENOMEN WERE ACTUALLY HELIUM FILLED WEATHER BALLOONS RELEASED

BY AN ARTIST NAMED TALBOT AT WASHINGTON CONN WITH RAILROAD

FLARES ATTACHED. THESE RELEASE OCCURRED ON THE MORNING OF

4 AND 5 JULY. PREVAILING WINDS WOULD HAVE CARRIED BALLOONS

ON COURSE DESCRIBED. BELIEVE THIS SATISFACTORILY EXPLAINS THIS

SIGHTING.

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UNCLAS 99DCOI 7937. FOR AFCIN AND SAFIS.

REFERENCE AFR 200-2. PARAGRAPH 15.

A. (1) ROUND - DISTINCT FORM AT FIRST, TWINKLED LATER WHEN PASSING OVERHEAD.

(2) QUARTER DOLLAR

(3) BRIGHT RED

(4) 1

(5) N/A

(6) NONE

(7) NONE

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(8) NONE

(9) NONE

B. (1) RED LIGHT ON WESTERN HORIZON WHERE NO LIGHTS ARE NORMALLY PRESENT.

(2) 0 DEGREE ELEV - 270 DEGREE AZ.

(3) 50 DEGREE ELEV - 110 DEGREE AZ.

TELEPHONED
TO
NO.
TIME
Date
By:

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(8) NONE

(9) NONE

B. (1) RED LIGHT ON WESTERN HORIZON WHERE NO LIGHTS ARE NORMALLY PRESENT.

(2) 3 DEGREE ELEV - 270 DEGREE AZ.

(3) 50 DEGREE ELEV - 110 DEGREE AZ.

(4) STRAIGHT PATH - SLOW APPARENT MOTION.

(5) SEEMED TO DISAPPEAR BEHIND HIGH THIN CLOUDS TO S.E.

(6) 15 MIN.

C. (1) GROUND VISUAL.

(2) NONE.

(3) N/A.

D. (1) 0510Z - 0025Z 4 JUL 61

(2) NIGHT.

E. WESTERN SIDE OF TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, CONN. HOUSE IS [REDACTED]
OF [REDACTED] - [REDACTED].

F. (1) [REDACTED], AGE 46, BETHLEHEM, CONN, VET, DR.

[REDACTED] IS CAPT, USAFR, PILOT, WW II.

(2) N/A.

G. (1) CAVU - HIGH THIN CLOUDS TO SE.

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(2) SURFACE - 300/4, 6,000 FT - 270/25, 10,000 FT - 250/35,
16,000 FT - 250/45, 20,000 FT - 250/60, 30,000 FT - 230/75,
50,000 FT - 230/30, 80,000 FT -

(3) 10,000 FT

(4) 15 MI

(5) 8000 FT SCATTERED - 10,000 FT BROKEN

(6) NONE

H. NONE.

I. NONE.

J. NO INFO AVAILABLE.

K. MAJ ROBERT E. NELSON, CHIEF, COMBAT INTELLIGENCE BRANCH

20,000 FT - 200/00, 80,000 FT -

(3) 10,000 FT

(4) 15 MI

(5) 8000 FT SCATTERED - 10,000 FT BROKEN

(6) NONE

H. NONE.

I. NONE.

J. NO INFO AVAILABLE.

K. MAJ ROBERT F. NELSON, CHIEF, COMBAT INTELLIGENCE BRANCH,
INTELLIGENCE DIV, 99TH BOMB WING, WESTOVER AFB MASS.

DR. [REDACTED] STATES THAT HE HAS SEEN TRANSITORY AERIAL
PHENOMENA WHEN FLYING BUT THAT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME THAT
HE HAS EVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS. HE SAID THAT THE SIGH-
TING COULD BE CORROBORATED BY TWO YOUNG BOYS, AGE 15 WHO
WERE PRESENT.

L. NONE

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