

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 7 Jul 61	2. LOCATION 5 mi NW of Copenish, Michigan		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2300 GMT 080400Z	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 1 hr	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1 then 4	9. COURSE Varied	☐ Other <u>UNIDENTIFIED</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☒ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING First Appeared as a basketball in shape and size. About 45 min later split into 4 objts about size of baseballs. Bluish to red. Stayed in close formation. Moved very slowly. Appeared to be very high and down low behind tree top level and disappeared. Disappeared gradually to W. (WEATHER INFO RECEIVED FROM HQ. (C. H. H.))		11. COMMENTS There were no known a/c operating in area at time of sighting. Objts, or lights, were observed intermittently over a period of 2 hrs. Although there was no known a/c in area, it is possible that lights were on a private helicopter. However, this report will be carried as Unidentified until such time that more info is received that will allow a valid conclusion.	

UFO ANALYSIS SHEET

Location NW of Copemish, Michigan

Date (Local) 7 July 61

Hour (Local) 2300

Hour (Z Time Group) 080400Z July 61

Satellite: (Det 5 ATIC, Ext 3279) -----

Astronomical Phenomena (Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc) -----

Radar Analysis (AFCIN-LE1) N/A

Natural Phenomena (Ball Lightning, etc) -----

Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc -----

Other Unidentified

Evaluation of Source Reliability Unknown

Analysis and Conclusions: There were no known aircraft operating in the area at the time of the sighting. The objects, or lights, were observed intermittently over a period of two hours. Although there was k no known acft in the area, it is possible that the lights were on a private helicopter. However, This report will carried as Unidentified until such time that more information is received that will allow a valid conclusion.

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PR/scc

ACTION: CIN-17

INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3 (24)

SMB C 207

ZCHQE837ZCYJB020

PP RJEZHQ

DE RJEDGS 27

ZNR

P 082100Z

FM COMDR SMADS K I SAWYER AFB MICH

TO RJWFAL/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJEDAH/COMDR 30ADIV TRUAX FIELD WISC

RJEDSQ/COMDR ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE WASH DC

RJEZHQ/HQ USAF WASH DC

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UNCLAS/SMOIN 07-U-61-002, ATTN: SAFIS AFCIN, SUBJECT UFO REPORT.
IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2, PARA 15, THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS
SUBMITTED.

A. 1. ROUND

2. FIRST APPEARED AS A BASKETBALL. ABOUT 45 MIN LATER SPLIT IN
4 OBJECTS ABOUT SIZE OF BASEBALLS.

3. BLUISH TO RED

4. SEE ITEM 2

5. STAYED IN CLOSE FORMATION

6. NONE

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7 NONE

8. NONE

9. VERY BRIGHT BUT MOVING VERY SLOWLY

B. 1. UNUSUAL LIGHT

2. APPROX 45 DEGREES ELEVATION, APPRX 330 DEGREES AZIMUTH FROM
COPEMISH, MICHIGAN

3. APPRX 10 DEGREES ELEVATION, 270 DEGREES AZIMUTH FROM SAME
TOWN.

4. APPEARED TO BE VERY HIGH AND COME DOWN LOW BEHIND TREE TOP
LEVEL AND DISPERD

MR BALT T 6. AU HR

2 U U

- N/A

D. 1. 08/0400Z

2. NIGHT

E. 5 MI NW COPEMISH, MICHIGAN

F. 1. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, COPEMISH, MICHIGAN, WAITRESS, RELIABILITY

UNKNOWN

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G. 1. CLEAR

2. SURFACE 360 DEGREES 6 KNOTS; 6000, 040 DEGREES 15 KNOTS;
10,000, 020 DEGREES 15 KNOTS; 16,000, 360 DEGREES 20 KNOTS;
20,000, 350 DEGREES 20 KNOTS; 30,000, 320 DEGREES 25 KNOTS;
80,000, 290 DEGREES VARIABLE

3. HIGH THIN SCATTERED

4. 15 PLUS

5. SAME AS 3

6. NONE

7. 14.4 CENT SURFACE, MINUS 54 CENT AT 80,000 FEET

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. NONE

K. TSGT MCGREW, NOOIC OPERATIONS, 752 RADRON, EMPIRE AFS, MICH.
COMMENT: NO ON THE SPOT INVESTIGATION MADE BY MCGREW. ATTEMPTS
MADE BY SMADS TO CONTACT HILLEY. SAC HAD NO FLIGHTS IN VICINITY.
NO LOCAL MILITARY FLIGHTS. NO COMMERCIAL AT THAT TIME. HILLEY
TO BE CONTACTED ON 10 JULY 1961. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WILL BE
FORWARDED.

L. NONE

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08/2206Z JUL RJEDGS

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AF IN : 51587 (12 July 61) K/dfa
INCOMING

ACTION: CIN-17

INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3 (24)

SMB A 192

ZCZCHQB685ZCYJA382

RR RJEZHQ

DE RJEDGSH 4

ZNR

R 121815Z

FM COMDR 752 RADRON EMPIRE AKS MICH

TO RJEDAH/COMDR 30 ADIV TRUAX FLD WIS

RJEDSQ/AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WP AFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/HQ USAF WASH D C

RJEZHQ/SECRETARY OF AIRFORCE WASH D C

RJWFAL/HQ ADC ENT AFB COL

INFO RJEDGS/COMDR SMADS K I SAWYER AFB MICH

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UNCLAS DCE-0-07-002. ATTN: 30 TH ADIV (30-OIC) ;

HQ USAF (AFCIN) SECRETARY AIR FORCE (SAFIS):SMADS (SMOIN). REF

UNCLAS MSG SMOIN 07-U-61-002, THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

IS SUBMITTED. AT APPROX 08/0400Z JULY 61, [REDACTED], AGE 17,

OCCUPATION, PROJECTIONIST, ADDRESS BEULAH MICHIGAN, AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] WERE PARKED APPROX 5 MILES EAST OF BEULAH MICHIGAN. A BLUISH

WHITE LIGHT APPEARED OVERHEAD TRAVELING SE TO NW, SPEED ABOUT SAME

AS A JET TYPE AIRCRAFT, ABOUT 1 MINUTE LATER THE OBJECT SEEMED TO

STOP AND CAME DOWN TO ABOUT TREE TOP LEVEL AND THEN WENT UP AGAIN

TO ABOUT 20 DEGREES ELEVATION. THE OBJECT CAME DOWN AGAIN TO ABOUT

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TREE TOP LEVEL AND DISAPPEARED. APPROX 1 SECOND LATER THERE WAS A BRIGHT GLOW BEHIND THE TREES. AFTER ABOUT 2 MINUTES OBSERVATION THE COUPLE DROVE TO BEULAH MICHIGAN AND PICKED UP [REDACTED] AGE 17: OCCUPATION FRUIT FARMER, ADDRESS BEULAH MICH AND [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] AGE 20, OCCUPATION PLUMER ADDRESS BENZONIA MICH. THE FOUR RETURNED TO THE PLACE PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED, AT APPROX 0415Z. THE OBJECT LIGHTED BACK OF A NEARBY HOUSE SIMILAR TO A FULL MOON, BRIGHTENING AND FADING INTERMITTENTLY. AFTER ABOUT 15 MIN THEY LEFT FOR ZIMMERMAN ROAD WHICH IS ABOUT 3 MILES NW, ARRIVING ABOUT 0445A. ENROUTE TO ZIMMERMAN ROAD THEY WERE ABLE TO OBSERVE A FAINT ROTATING BEACON INSIDE OF THE GLOWING OBJECT. AFTER PARKING ON ZIMMERMAN ROAD THE GLOW COULD BE SEEN IN THE TREES SE OF THEIR POSITION. ABOUT 5 MINUTES LATER 1 RED OBJECT ABOUT THE SIZE OF A GRAPEFRUIT CAME FROM THE WOODS ABOUT 2 FT OFF THE SURFACE, MOVING VERY SMOOTHLY, SPEED APPROX, THE SAME AS A BICYCLE. SUDDENLY A WHITE OBJECT APPEARED ABOUT 3 FT FROM THE RED ONE AND THEN MERGED INTO ONE AND SPLIT AGAIN. AFTER A FEW SECONDS THE RED OBJECT DISAPPEARED. SUDDENLY 4 OBJECTS APPEARED BEHIND THE AUTOMOBILE. 2 RED AND 2 WHITE ONE OF EACH ON EACH SIDE OF THE ROAD, COMING TOWARD THE BACK OF THE AUTOMOBILE, APPROX LEVEL WITH THEIR SITTING

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POSITION IN THE AUTOMOBILE. THEY BECAME VERY FRIGHTENED AND LEFT FOR BEULAH. (TIME ABOUT 0520Z) ENROUTE THEY WERE ABLE TO OBSERVE THE SAME BEACON AS PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED. THEY PICKED UP MR & MRS [REDACTED] PARENTS OF [REDACTED] AND PROCEEDED TO ZIMMERMAN ROAD ARRIVING APPROX 0600Z. THE BEACON WAS PRESENT. THE RED AND WHITE OBJECT WERE NOT OBSERVED UPON RETURNING. AFTER TAKING PARENTS AND [REDACTED] HOME THE THREE BOYS RETURNED APPROX 0700Z, THEY WERE [REDACTED] OBSERVE ANY OBJECT OF ANY TYPE. THERE WAS NO SOUND OF ANY TYPE AT ANY TIME. COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICIAL. WITNESSES APPEARED TO BE SINCERE IN THEIR OBSERVATION. THE COAST GUARD AT TRAVERSE CITY, MICHIGAN STATED THAT THERE WAS NO AIR SEA RESCUE MISSION IN THE AREA AT TIME OF UFO SIGHTING. IN REFERENCE TO WITNESS STATEMENTS NO TENTATIVE IDENTIFICATION COULD BE MADE.

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12/2020Z JUL RJEDGSH

DATA PROCESSING DIVISION
CLIMATIC CENTER, USAF
Air Weather Service (MATS)
Asheville, North Carolina

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: CCBPD

SUBJECT: Copies of Radiosonde Data

30 Aug 1961

TO: Air Force Technical Intelligence Center
Foreign Technology Division, TD-E
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. Reference: Telephone request to this Division 9 August 1961.
2. We are inclosing photocopies of radiosonde adiabatic charts for period 1 through 5 August 1961 from Flint, Michigan/Bishop Airport, and Pittsburgh, Pa./Greater Pittsburgh Airport.
3. The forms for Pittsburgh have not been processed and corrected.

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

PALLAS L. TYE, JR.
Captain, USAF
Administrative Officer

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Radiosonde data #/2 stns

COPIES TO
ATTN OF: CCDDP

SUBJECT: Copies of Radiosonde Data

31 Jul 1961

TO: Air Force Technical Intelligence Center
Foreign Technology Division, TD-2
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. Reference: Telephone requests to this Division on 5 Jul and 12 Jul 61, and our shipment on 7 Jul 61.

2. We are inclosing photocopies of radiosonde adiabatic charts for 19-21 May 61 from Valparaiso, Florida/Eglin AFB. These are the remaining charts requested in your telephone call on 5 Jul 61.

3. Also inclosed are photocopies of adiabatic charts for 3-7 Jul 61 from Flint, Michigan/Bishop Airport. Flint is the closest radiosonde station to Toledo, Ohio, requested in your telephone call on 12 Jul 61.

FOR THE DIRECTOR

PALLAS L. TEE, JR.
Captain, USAF
Administrative Officer

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Photocopies f/Eglin AFB & Flint, Mich