

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 1 May 1962		2. LOCATION Alexandria, La.		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 02/0405Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☐ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 35 min.		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE NNW (?)	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Large light similar to N star. White x with bluish red halo. Flight path hesitating and wandering with right and left oscillations. Objt dimmed with distance Observed in N and disappeared in NNW. Initial observation at 40° elev. Faded at 20-25 elev.				11. COMMENTS Sighting has characteristics of balloon sighting. Balloons released at 2300 EST (which would be 2200 CT fm England AFB. This AFB is NW of Alexandria.)	

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Attached is AF Form 112a giving detailed information on unidentified flying object observed on 2 May 62 between the hours of 0405-0440Z. Object was observed with unaided eye from a stationary point (ground level) in West Central Alexandria, La. (3118N/9228W)			
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REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

a. Description:

(1) Shape: Appeared as large light similar to North Star in size and brightness when viewed from the ground.

(2) Size compared to a "pea" when held in the hand at about arms length.

(3) Color: White center with bluish-red halo effect resembling hot flame.

(4) Number: One

(5) Formation: N/A

(6) Discernible features or details: Seemed to hesitate and waver or oscillate to left or right, then continue to move on NNW course. Pattern repeated at irregular intervals.

(7) While moving object appeared to have a tail similar to a comet or falling star.

(8) No sound was associated with observation.

(9) Other pertinent or unusual features: Observer states that he believed object to be considerably brighter than the Echo satellite was on previous observations (by himself).

b. Course of Object: (Azimuths recorded from TV antenna rotor markings.)

(1) Observer states that he was attempting to locate the North Star in order to point it out to his companion when object was sighted.

(2) Angle or Elevation: Approximately 40 degrees from observation point, (when first appeared)

(3) Angle or Elevation on disappearance: 20-25 degrees NNW of observation point.

(4) Wavering or oscillating, intermittently hesitating then continuing on general NNW course.

(5) Object disappeared over horizon at approximately 2240 hours (Local) (0440Z), 1 May 62. Light faded in intensity as it moved away from observer, and was barely visible upon disappearance over the horizon.

(6) Object was visible for a period of 35 minutes.

c. Manner of Observation:

(1) Ground-visual

(2) No optical aids. Observer has uncorrected 20 - 20 vision.

(3) Sighting made from stationary point on ground.

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d. Time and Date of Sighting: 0405-0440Z, 2 May 1962 (2205-2240 Local, 1 May 1962). Observer states that night was very dark - no moon light.

e. Location of Observer: 3118N/9228W (Point in West Central portion of the city of Alexandria, Louisiana).

f. Identifying Information on Observer: Civilian, [REDACTED] St., Alexandria, Louisiana. Student (part-time) LSU Alexandria. Estimate intelligent, reliable observer.

g. Weather and Winds-Aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sighting:

(1) Observer's account of weather: "Dark, but very, very clear night with an occasional wispy cloud."

(2) Report from nearest AWS or U.S. Weather Bureau:

WIND DIRECTION	VELOCITY	ALTITUDE	TEMP (Centigrade)
NW	2 Kts	Surface	+15
300 deg	25 Kts	6,000ft	+8
300	25	10,000	+4
270	30	16,000	-9
280	35	20,000	-18
240	75	30,000	-41
240	40	50,000	-63
270 (est)	10 (est)	80,000 (est)	-65 (est)

(3) Ceiling: Unlimited

(4) Visibility: 15 miles

(5) Cloud cover: None (clear)

(6) No thunderstorms in area and quadrant of sighting.

(7) Temperature gradient: 3 degrees per 1000 ft.

h. No unusual natural phenomenon noted which could account for sighting.

i. No interception or identification action taken.

j. Check with surveillance activities revealed no flight activity equating to area of sighting.

k. This report has been prepared by SSgt Royce G. Borden, Intelligence Operations Specialist, 401st Tactical Fighter Wing, England AFB, La.

COMMENT: Preliminary analysis indicates that observed object was very probably an airborne balloon, possibly of the type used by weather surveillance activities for taking "Pi-Ball" reading with ground instruments.

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