PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 9 September 1962	2. LOCATION Topeka, Kansas	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 10/0040Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15-20 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE not rptd

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Tear drop shaped object size of silver dollar,orange in color with no unusual features, tail, trail, or sound noticed. At 30 dgr-35 dgr elev giving appearance of being about 20 miles away. No maneuvers with flight straight and slow at same elevation. Took appearance of star and faded in distance. Sighting at dusk. Object reflected sun. Direction of sighting and flight not reported.

11. COMMENTS

Direction of flight not reported. Shape, description, and duration, however, are consistent with this analysis.

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QD873ZCWJB202 ACTION: CIN-17

INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3, DIA-10, DIA(CIIC)-3 (37)

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A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: (1)SHAPE.....TEAR DORP. (2) SIZE SILVER DOLLAR, (3) COLOR.....BRILLIANT ORANGE, (4) NUMBER ONE (1), (5) N/A, (6) NO DISCRNABLE FEATURES OR DETAILS, (7) NO NOTICED TAIL TRAIL OR EXHAUST, (8) NO SOUND.

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE: (1) OBSERVER FIRST NOTED OBJECT DUE TO BRIGHT REFLECTION FROM THE SUN. OBJECT WAS TRAVELING AT A VERY SLOW RATE OF SPEED. (2) OBSERVER STATES THAT OBJECT FIRST NOTED ABOUT 30-35 DEGREES ABOVE THE HORIZON AND ABOUT 20 MILES AWAY. (3) OBJECT REMAINED AT ABOUT SAME ELEVATION UNTIL DISAPPEARANCE. (4)

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OBJECT MADE NO MANEUVERS, FLIGHT PATH SEEMED STRAIGHT AND SLOW. (5) OBJECT WAS VISIBLE FOR ABOUT 20 MINUTES TOTAL. (6) OBJECT FINALLY WENT OUT OF RANGE OF SIGHT, OR IT TOOK ON THE APPEARANCE OF A STAR SOME 15-20 MINUTES AFTER SIGHTING.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION. (1) GROUND VISUAL BY CIVILIAN.

D. TIME DATE OF SIGHTING AT ABOUT 10/0040Z DUSK.

E. OBSERVER MADE SIGHTING IN TOPEKA KANSAS; HIS LOCATION WAS 37TH ST. SOUTH, AT ABOUT THE 1200 BLOCK WEST.

F. OBSERVER WAS [redacted] CILILIAN, AGE 50, ADDRES[redacted] OCCUPATION LINOTYPE MACHINIST, USED TO WORK FOR BOEING IN WICHITA, KANSAS DURING THE B-29 PROGRAM. ALSO HAS A SON IN THE AIR FORCE AT JAMES CONNALY AFB TAKING NAVIGATOR TRAINING AT THIS TIME.

G. WEATHER & WINDS. (1) CLEAR & NINE MILES VISIBILITY. WINDS WERE 150 DEGREES AT 5 KNOTS.

(2) REPORT FROM NEAREST AWS, AT 0000Z.

6000	250	AT	26 KNOTS
10000	290	AT	26 KNOTS
16000	260	AT	30 KNOTS
20000	260	AT	36 KNOTS
30000	260	AT	55 KNOTS

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50000 260 AT 52 KNOTS

NO RECORDING FOR 80,000.

NO THUNDER STORMS IN THE AREA.

VERTICAL TEMP GRADIENT;

SURFACE	75	DEGREES F.
6M	52	"
10M	37	"
16M	23	"
20	10	"
30	-38	"
50	-56	"
80	-56	"

NOTHING NOTED METEOROLOGICAL TO CAUSE PHENEMENON.

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NO OTHER REPORT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED REGARDING THE SIGHTING OF ANY U.F.O. OBSERVER STATES THAT THE SPEED OF THE OBJECT WAS VERY SLOW AND DID NOT DEMONSTRATE ANY MANUEVERS, AND WAS TEAR DROP SHAPED, THESE APTLY DESCRIBE THE FLIGHT CHARACTERISTICS SHAPE OF A HELICOPTER WHICH ARE IN WIDE USE AT THIS BASE.

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NOTE: Adv cy del to DIA.
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