PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 19 November 1963	2. LOCATION Mt. Dora, Florida	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other Unreliable Report ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local GMT 19/0720Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1½ Minute	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE S

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Stretched oval with bright white color having yellowish, reddish tinge. Also observed at 19/2100Z. Only dimmer. 19/0720, pairs in eschelon. 19/2100Z 4 in trail. High speeds and instantaneous turns. Observers feels not a/c came out of south made 45 deg turn and climbed straight up.

11. COMMENTS

Unreliable report. Apparently distortion of balloon or a/c sighting with inversion contributing to appearance.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

19/0720Z

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INCOMING

AF IN: 35976 (23 Nov 63) K/1c3

ACTION: NIN-9

INFO: SAF-OS-3, XOP-1, XOPX-4, DIA-25, DIA-CIIC-2, (45)

SMB A096

ZCZCHQB036ZCVJB648

RR RUEAHQ

DE RUCQAQ 9 23/0353Z

ZNR

R 222043Z

FM 306 BOMB WG MCCOY AFB FLA

TO RUWGALE/ADC

RUEAKN/AIRDIVPROV 26 STEWART AFB NY

RUCDAQ/AFSC

RUEAHQ/HQ USAF WASH DC

RUEAHQ/OSAF WASH DC

RUCSBR/SAC

RUEADH/8AF WESTOVER AFB MASS

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UNCLAS DCOI 63-084. UFO. (AFCIN) (SAFOI) (DIC)

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT(S).

(1) STRETCHED OVAL

(2) DIME

(3) 19/0720Z BRIGHT WHITE WITH YELLOW REDDISH TINGE.

19/2100Z SAME AS EARLIER ONLY DIM.

(4) 4

(5) 19/0720Z PAIRS IN ECHELON. 19/2100Z 4 IN TRAIL.

(6) HIGH SPEEDS AND INSTANTANEOUS TURN. CONVINCED OBSERVER OBJECTS WERE NOT NORMAL AIRCRAFT.

(7) NONE

(8) NONE

(9) NONE

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT (S):

(1) JUST HAPPEN TO LOOK IN SKY.

(2) 45 DEGREES FROM HORIZONTAL.

(3) OVER HEAD.

(4) CAME RAPIDLY OUT OF SOUTH MADE ONE INSTANTANEOUS 45 DEGREE TURN AND CLIMBED STRAIGHT UP.

(5) DIMINISHED IN SIZE AND DISAPPEARED.

(6) 11/2 MINUTE.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) GROUND VISUAL

(2) NONE

(3) NONE

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) 19/0720Z AND 19/2100Z

(2) DARK NIGHT AND DAY

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER(S):

ON ROUTE 4412 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTH OF MT DORA, FLORIDA.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER(S):

(1) [redacted]JR, AGE 20 MAILING ADDRESS - [redacted]

[redacted], ORLANDO, FLA. UNEMPLOYED - JUST OUT OF THE MARINES. WAS ONCE CAP GROUND OBSERVER.

(2) N/A

G. WEATHER AND WINDS, ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING:

(1) CLEAR

(2)

	19/0156Z	19/2055Z
SURFACE	018/2K	CALM
6M	110/20	110/25
10M	080/20	070/18
16M	240/10	300/20
20M	320/25	280/20
30M	320/35	280/25
50M	290/35	270/40
80M	270/28	290/18

(3) NONE

(4) 10 NAUTICAL MILES

(5) .3 AND .4

(6) NONE

(7) 19/0720Z

0-1000 SURFACE INVERSION -2 DEGREES C FROM NORMAL

1000-900 -5 DEGREES FROM NORMAL

900-880 SUBSIDENCE INVERSION -7 DEGREES

880-650 -9 DEGREES

650-620 INVERSION -12.5 DEGREES

620-TROPO -12

19/2100 - SAME AS 0720 EXCEPT NO SURFACE INVERSION

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. NONE

K. CHIEF, COMBAT INTELLIGENCE DIVISION. WEATHER OFFICE MCCOY AFB STATED THAT WITH THE DOUBLE INVERSION BALLOONS RELEASED FROM NEAR BY STATIONS COULD POSSIBLY HAVE PRODUCED MULTIPLE ILLUSIONS BUT THAT CONSIDERING WINDS AND THE FACT OF TWO DIFFERENT SIGHTINGS, THIS WOULD NOT BE LIKELY. THERE WERE NO AIRCRAFT FROM MCCOY OR SANFORD NAVAL AIR STATION IN THAT PARTICULAR AREA AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING. NOTHING UNUSUAL WAS DETECTED BY AC&W OR APPROACH CONTROLS AT THE TIME OF SIGHTINGS. OBSERVER IN QUESTIONING SEEMED RELIABLE

HOWEVER ON EARLIER CALL TO HIS FAMILY HOME ELICITED THE COMMENT THAT "HE IS SEEING THINGS AGAIN." NO LOGICAL EXPLANATION OF ACTUAL OBJECTS IN THE AREA CAN BE MADE BY PREPARING OFFICER.

BT

NOTE: ADVANCE COPIES TO DIA AND NIN.