

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 17 Nov 65 13/0020Z	2. LOCATION Bedford, Virginia
3. SOURCE Military, Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro (VENUS) ✓
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 50 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	Object appeared as a ball of fire moving in a southwesterly direction. The object was flashing and it was moving against a strong wind. Altitude: 1000ft. The night was clear and there were no known a/c in the area. The object gradually diminished in size and disappeared over the horizon. The object was first sighted by three separate police units. Later, two radar operators sighted the same object. A series of meteor showers were in progress at the time of the sighting and the shower activity was at its peak at the time of the sighting.
7. COURSE SW	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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FOR ADC(ADDIN): 26AIRDIV (260IN): AFSC (SCF): HQ USAF (AFNIN):

OSAF(SAFIO): WAADS (WAODC-I) SUBJ: UFO SIGHTING. IN ACCORDANCE

WITH AFR200-2 THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED;

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

(1) ROUND

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(2) BETWEEN THE SIZE OF A GRAPEFRUIT AND A BASKETBALL HELD AT
ARMS LENGTH.

(3) AT FIRST SIGHTING OBJECT WAS EXTREMELY BRIGHT, IT LATER
DIMMED TO A REDDISH HUE OF VARYING INTENSITY, ALTITUDE

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WAS ESTIMATED AT 1000 FEET.

(4) ONE

(5) N/A

(6) LOOKED LIKE A BALL OF FIRE

(7) NONE OBSERVED

(8) NONE HEARD

(9) NONE REPORTED

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

(1) ATTENTION OF OBSERVERS WAS CAUSED BY AN UNKNOWN AIRBORNE
OBJECT AT LOW ALTITUDE MOVING ACROSS THE SKY. SAID OBJECT
BEING BRIGHT, AND BIGGER THAN A STATIONARY STAR. OBJECT WAS
MOVING AGAINST A 35 KNOT WIND FROM THE WEST

(2) ANGLE APPROXIMATELY 360 DEGREES, AZIMUTH 035 DEGREES

(3) ANGLE APPROXIMATELY 345 DEGREES, AZIMUTH 005 DEGREES

(4) FLIGHT PATH WAS ON A SOUTH WEST HEADING AT AN

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UNDETERMINED SPEED.

(5) GRADUALLY DIMINISHED IN SIZE AND DISAPPEARED OVER THE
HOROZIN IN A SW DIRECTION.

(6) PATROLMAN KECK OBSERVED THE OBJECT APPROXIMATELY 50
MINUTES. OBJECT DISPLAYED AN ON AND OFF LIGHT. THREE (3) SECONDS
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OFF AND ABOUT 1 1/2 MINUTES ON STARTING WITH WHITE LIGHT, CHANGING
TO ORANGE TRAVELING FROM EAST TO WEST.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) GROUND-VISUAL

(2) NONE USED.

(3) N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) 18/0020Z.

(2) NIGHT, CLEAR

(3) N/A

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS: LATITUDE 37 DEGREES 25 MINUTES
NORTH, LONGITUDE 79 DEGREES 35 MINUTES WEST. NORTH OF BEDFORD
WEST OF BEDFORD RADIO TOWER, BEDFORD, VA. SEPERATE POLICE UNITS
OBSERVED OBJECT FROM VARIOUS POINTS ON A SW HEADING.

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F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF OBSERVERS:

- (1) SGT RAY WEBSTER, POLICE OFFICER, (BEDFORD POLICE DEPT),
615 NTH STREET, BEDFORD, VA. PHONE 536-9390
- (2) PATROLMAN KECK, BEDFORD POLICE, BEDFORDVA. PHONE: 586-1540.
- (3) DEPUTY SHERIFF, B. G. JONES, RT #1, BEDFORD, SHERIFF'S
OFFICE, ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY. PHONEC 586-7718.

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- (4) S/SGT WILLIAM A. CHICK, AF14664438, 606 SOUTH STREET,
BEDFORD VA., AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING OPERATOR WITH EIGHT
(8) YEARS OF EXPERIENCE IN RADAR OBSERVATIONS.

- (5) A/2C WILLIAM A. CUNNINGHAM, AF14742595, 649TH RADAR
SQUADRON, BEDFORD AFS, BEDFORDVA. AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND
WARNING OPERATOR, EXPERIENCED IN RADAR OBSERVATIONS.

G. WEATHER:

- (1) CLEAR, COLD, NO CLOUDS
- (2) OBTAINED FROM THE DUTY FORECASTER, DET. 41, 12TH
WEATHER SQUADRON LOCATED AT THE WASHINGTON AIR DEFENSE SECTOR,
WIND VELOCITY IN DEGREES & KNOTS FROM SURFACE TO 80,000 FEET:

SURFACE	280 DEGREES	35K
6,000	280 DEGREES	45K

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10,000	280 DEGREES	50K
15,000	280 DEGREES	70K
20,000	280 DEGREES	90K
30,000	280 DEGREES	105K
50,000	270 DEGREES	50K
80,000	NOT AVAILABLE	

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(3) CLEAR

(4) 15 PLUS

(5) NONE

(6) NONE

(7) OBTAINED VERTICAL TEMPERATURE GRADIENT FROM THE DUTY
FORECASTER, DET. 41, 12TH WEATHER SQUADRON AT THE WASHINGTON
AIR DEFENSE SECTOR:

SURFACE	PLUS	45 DEGREES
6,000	PLUS	39 1/2 DEGREES
10,000	MINUS	27 DEGREES
16,000	PLUS	14 DEGREES
20,000	PLUS	2 DEGREES
30,000	MINUS	43 DEGREES

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50,000 MINUS 3 DEGREES

80,000 NOT AVAILABLE

H. ANY OTHER UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OR CONDITION: NONE ACCOUNTED FOR.

I. INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN: N/A

J. THE DUTY FORECASTER, DET. 41, 12TH WEATHER SQUADRON AT THE
WASHINGTON AIR DEFENSE SECTOR STATED THAT HE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF
ANY WEATHER BALLOONS BEING RELEASED IN THE AREA. THEREPORTING

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OFFICIAL CHECKED WITH CHARLESTON WEATHER DET AND WAS INFORMED

CHARLESTON WEATHER DET AND NO KNOWLEDGE OF ANY SCHEDULED OR

UNSCHEDULED WEATHER BALLOONS BEING LAUNCHED.

K. POSITION, TITLE, AND COMMENTS OF THE PREPARIN OFFICER:

RICHARD C. RENAIRI, 2LT MN CEM SUPERVISOR.

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(1) OBJECT WAS FIRST SIGHTED BY THREE (3) SEPERATE POLICE
UNITS APPROXIMATELY 3 MILES NORTH OF BEDFORD, DIRECTLY WEST OF
BEDFORD RADIO TOWER AT 0020Z OR 0720 LOCAL. INFORMATION WAS
RELAYED TO THIS UNIT AT 0040Z OR 0740 LOCAL. OBJECT DISAPPEARED
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OVER THE HORIZON SW OF ROANOKE AT 0050Z OR 0750 LOCAL.

(2) THE SECOND SIGHTING OF THE SAME OBJECT WAS REPORTED
BY TWO (2) RADAR OPERATORS WHO WERE IN THE BEDFORD AREA AT THE
TIME. SECOND REPORT CALLED IN TO THIS UNIT AT 0225Z.

(3) UPON RECEIVING INITIAL REPORT, CREW CHIEF SEARCHED THE
AREA WITH BOTH HRIS BUT NO CONTACT WAS MADE. NO CONTACT MADE
ON THE PRIS ALSO.

(4) A CHECK WITH THE WASHINGTON AIR DEFENSE SECTOR INDICATED
NO AIRCRAFT UNDER THEIR OPERATIONAL CONTROL IN
THE AREA OF THE SIGHTINGS.

(5) A CHECK WITH FAA, LYNCHBURG, ROANOKE, AND LEESBURG
ARTCCS REVEALED NO KNOWN OR SCHEDULED AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA OF
THE SIGHTING.

,953: LEESBURG ARTCC ALSO INFORMED THIS UNIT THAT A
SERIES OF METEOR SHOWERS WERE IN PROGRESS AT THE TIME OF THE

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SIGHTING AND THE SHOWER ACTIVITY WAS AT ITS PEAK AT THE TIME
OF THE SIGHTING.

(6) NO ABNORMAL OBJECTS OR DISPLAYS WERE OBSERVED ON THE
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RADAR AT THIS STATION.

(7) PREPARING OFFICER CONCLUDES THAT AT THE TIME OF THE
SIGHTING AND IN THE AREA OF THE SIGHTING, THERE WERE NO KNOWN
AIRCRAFT, BALLONS, OR OTHER CONTROLLED AIRBORNE OBJECTS WHICH
MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE OBJECT SIGHTED,

L. EXISTENCE OF PHYSICAL EVIDENCE: NONE

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