

UFOB INDEX CARD

AISS-UFOB-247-55

<p>1. DATE 30 July 1955</p>	<p>2. LOCATION Shelby, IOWA</p>	<p>12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon</p>
<p>3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 30/0600Z July 1955</p>	<p>4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual      <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual      <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar</p>	
<p>5. PHOTOS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <i>NO IMAGE</i> <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>6. SOURCE Civilian</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical</p>
<p>7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <i>STILL IN SIGHT</i> AT least 2 1/2 hours</p>	<p>8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One (1)</p>	<p>9. COURSE Stationary</p>
<p>10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING  One (1) object, the size of a quarter penny at arms length, appeared to be red, white, green, and flashing. The object seemed to remain stationary throughout the duration of sighting. Photographs taken. Pilot over the area stated he could see no object.</p>		<p>11. COMMENTS  Due to the duration of the sighting and the description of the sighting, and the fact that pictures were taken an investigation was authorized to Detachment #2, 4602d AISS. The results of investigation to be recorded on this card upon receipt of AF Form 112 on this case.</p>

## AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

AF 682207

ARFA REPORT CONCERNS

SHELBY, IOWA, USA

AGENCY OF ORIGIN

Flight 2-A, 4602d AISS  
St. Paul 11, Minnesota

DATE OF REPORT

8 August 1955

B287907

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

MR. THOMAS M. STOKER

DATE OF INFORMATION

30 July 1955

PREPARING OFFICER

WALTER E. SAMPSON, 2/Lt., USAF

EVALUATION

REFERENCES (Control number, direction, previous report, etc., as applicable)

SUBJECT

UFOB

SUMMARY (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112a.)

## I. CONTENTS:

PART ONE: Description of sighting by Mr. [REDACTED], Shelby, Iowa, [REDACTED] at Farmer's Savings Bank, Navy Veteran.

PART TWO: Supplementary Investigative Efforts.

PART THREE: Comments of Preparing Officer.

II. SUMMARY: Object was sighted by a group of observers at GOC KILO METRO 33 BLACK post at Shelby, Iowa (GEOREF FJKM 3531). Object was kept under surveillance until 30/1000Z. Members of the group were: Mr. [REDACTED], 33, Manager, Shelby Fertilizer Co.; Mr. [REDACTED], 18, works for Mr. [REDACTED] and owns camera with which pictures of object were taken; Mr. [REDACTED], 16, also works for [REDACTED]; Mr. [REDACTED], 20, an accountant for O Gage City Steel Co., Omaha, Nebraska and Mr. [REDACTED], post supervisor who reported the sighting.

III. INVESTIGATORS: CAPT HANS BISCHOF S AO 784842  
LT WALTER E. SAMPSON 26233A

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GXU N C L A S S I F I E D / O I N 1855A PD UFOB PD(1) DESCRIPTION OF THE  
OBJECT (AL UNKNOWN (BL ONE FOURHT PENNY AT ARMS LENGTH-10/15A 2 MI E  
GOC POST (C) RED WHITE GREEN FLASHING (D) ONE (E) NO (F) NONE (G) NONE  
(H) NONE (I) NON (2) DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT (A) FLASHING LIGHTS  
B(B) 10/15A 2 MI EAST OF GOC POST (C) STILL UNDER OBSERVANCE (D)  
MOTINLESS (E) NONE (F) 29/2400C-30 /00 24C-30 /0 230C- OBJECT STILL  
UNDER SURV ( )3) MANNER OF SOBSERVANCE (A) GRUND VISUAL (B) SEVEN  
POWER (C) NONE (4) TIME AND DATE (A) 30/0600Z B) NIGHT (5) FJKM  
3531 SHELBY IOWA (6) IDENTIFYING INFO (A) MR T██████████ BANKERS FARMERS  
SAVINGS AND TRUST SHELBY IOWA (B) NONE (7) WEAHTER AND WINDS ALOFT (AL  
SCATERED VIS GOOD NEG RAIN OR OTHER (B) SCATTERED 110 DEGREES AT



**PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD**

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<b>3. DATE-TIME GROUP</b> Local _____ GMT <u>30/0600Z</u>	<b>4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
<b>5. PHOTOS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<b>6. SOURCE</b> civilian		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Vega, Capella <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
<b>7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b> still in sight after 2½ hrs	<b>8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b> one	<b>9. COURSE</b> stationary	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
<b>10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING</b> One obj, size of quarter penny at arms length, appeared to be red, white, green, and flashing. Obj seemed to remain stationary throughout duration of sighting. Photographs taken. Pilot over area stated he could see no obj.		<b>11. COMMENTS</b> Capella in NE, 50 deg az 30 deg elevation. Vega in NW at 300 deg az, 30 deg elevation.	

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FROM (Agency)

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PART ONE

Flight 2-A, 4602d AISS

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I. SOURCE:

Address: Shelby, Iowa

Occupation: Cashier, Farmer's Savings Bank, Shelby, Iowa.

Qualifications: GOC Post Supervisor

II. RELIABILITY: Not possible to judge from information available.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: Source noticed flashing lights in sky "north east 10 miles and high." Lights "Changed from red to green to white as lights changed on this object. Once in awhile a light beam would come in front to a point. Also a shadowy white beam coming to a point would show below the object." At 30/0845Z another object with the same characteristics was sighted to the northwest. The size of the first object appeared to be that of a "pea" held at arms length. The object did not appear to move. Observation through 7 power binoculars did not reveal any details. At 30/0830Z it looked like an oncoming car, one mile away. Weather was scattered clouds, but good visibility, wind was estimated 30 knots from 110 degrees. Pictures of the object (See Incl. 1) were taken with an 81mm Compar lens camera Reflex 1 Compco single picture type, 620.

1 Incl:  
Negative

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## SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. Upon assignment to Detachment 2 for investigation Capt Bischofs began to conduct the investigation, however, he was unable to develop any leads. The investigation was then turned over to Flight 2-A since the initial report and photographs had gone to the D/I 31st Air Division.

2. Checking with research agencies in this area revealed that there were no ballons from Minneapolis over Iowa at the time. Also the lights carried on ballons are generally white or possibly red and white flashing.

3. At 30/0730Z July 55 a B-25 type aircraft, #AF8170, passed within five (5) miles of the object and was asked by the AC&W site at Omaha if they could see the object. The pilot reported he could not see it.

4. When the film was developed by the 514th Materiel Sqdn Photo Lab nothing showed. (See Part One, Incl 1)

5. It is believed that Moby Dick ballons carry only a white light.

6. The U. of Minnesota Observatory said that there was nothing astronomical that would cause such a sighting on that night.



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**PART THREE**


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**COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:**

1. In the opinion of the Preparing Officer, this sighting was possibly caused by an airplane, for the following reason:

- a. The color of the lights and their flashing would be those of an aircraft
- b. The lack of motion could be explained by wind or by a helicopter or a convertiplane.
- c. The description of the white lights sounds like landing or maybe search-lights.
- d. Investigation discovered no ballon or astronomical activity that would account for the sighting.

  
**WALTER E. SAMPSON**  
 2/Lt., USAF  
 Officer in Charge

**COMMENTS of Approving Officer:**

1. - This headquarters does not agree with the possibility of an aircraft generated sighting as set forth by the Preparing Officer for the following reasons:

- a. The duration of the sighting was too long for that of an aircraft sighting.
- b. The object appeared to remain motionless for more than two and one-half hours.

2. This headquarters offers the hypothesis that this sighting was possibly caused by a balloon for the following reasons:

- a. The object remained high and motionless for a long period of time.
- b. Viewing of ordinary white light through low power optical instruments such as the binoculars used can induce colors which the object does not actually possess.
- c. Balloons of the rawinsonde type, released from Air Force Weather Stations and detachments thereof daily, can be seen after dark up to an altitude of forty thousand feet without visual aids.
- d. The revolving of the balloon or oscillation of the suspension train (carrying the modulator unit), caused by wind currents, could account for the flashing lights and the beams of light which at times came from the object.

