

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

<b>1. DATE</b> 8 Sep 55	<b>2. LOCATION</b> Cedar Rapids, Iowa		<b>12. CONCLUSIONS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical  <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
<b>3. DATE-TIME GROUP</b> Local _____ GMT 09/0455Z	<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		
<b>5. PHOTOS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<b>6. SOURCE</b> civilian		
<b>7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b> 3 min	<b>8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b> 1	<b>9. COURSE</b> E	
<b>10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING</b>  Cigar shaped. 25' long, bright orange, no sound, faded from view.		<b>11. COMMENTS</b>  4602d evaluated: Possible a/c.	

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### COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. In the opinion of the Preparing Officer, this sighting was probably caused by an aircraft for the following reasons:

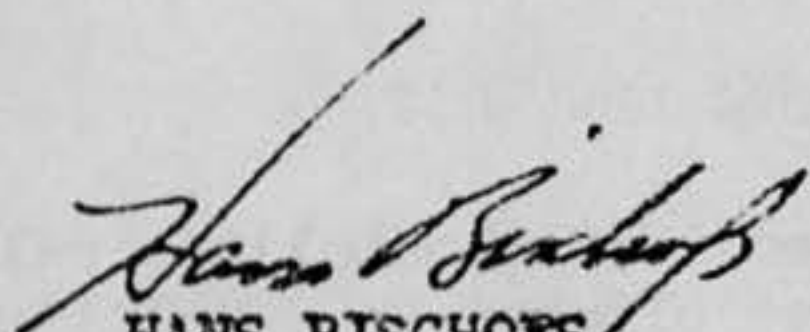
a. The time of the sighting coincides with the landing time of a Beechcraft Bonanza type A/C in that the object was sighted at ~~090455Z~~ and the A/C landed at ~~090503Z~~. The airport is located six miles south of the city accounting for the time difference of approximately five minutes from the time the object faded out of sight and the A/C landed.

b. The bright orange color can be explained by the reflection of the city lights on the plane or the red light of the plane itself.

c. The lack of motion might have been caused by wind currents or a light plane travelling at a low rate of speed head on towards the observer.

d. Such an A/C would not give off a sound considering the distance from which the object was observed.

e. The investigation revealed no balloon or astronomical activity that would account for the sighting.

  
HANS BISCHOPF  
Captain USAF  
AOIC

### COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Concur with the opinion of the Preparing Officer that this sighting was probably caused by the Beechcraft Bonanza type aircraft mentioned in the report.



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5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE civilian (15 yrs old)		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 - 2 mins	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE W to E to S	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING  One cigar shaped obj, orange in color, appearance of 50 rangelights together, flew west to east and then south. Buzzing sound was heard.			11. COMMENTS  Duration of sighting and buzzing of noise suggest that sighting was generated by an a/c.	

Witness

IN

ACTION

7

25 SEP 1955 07 23

*[Handwritten initials]*

1  
2701N-4E4  
3  
4 " 4x2a

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MI WPC165 YMA197NGA099

PP RJEDEN RJEDWP RJEPAG RJEMKF

DE RJEDNG 31

P 242100Z

FM COMDR 789TH AC&W SQDN OMAHA NEBR

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJEDWP/COMDR ATIC WP AFB COLO

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C NEG

4.

A 24 SEPT 0300Z

D NITE

5. PN2202

6.

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ 7.32 ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ S IOWA 15 SCHOOL

3

PAGE THREE RJEDNG 31

7.

A CLEAR NO CLOUDS

B

C NEG

D NEG

E NEG

8. NEG

9. NEG

10. NEG

11.

12.

BT

24/2145Z SEPT RJEDNG

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RJEDNG/COMDR 31ST ABIV ST PALL 11 MIAM

BT

/ U N C L A S S I F I E D / ORG 659 WFOB REPORT AS FOLLOWS

1.

A CIGAR

B 50FT LONG 20FT WIDE OVERHEAD

C ORANGE

D ONE

E NO

F 50 RANGE LITES HOOKED TOGETHER

G NONE

H BUSSING

I NONE

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2.

A

B OVERHEAD

C 250

D FLEW WEST TO EAST AND THEN SOUTH

E OUT OF RANGE

F 1-2 MIN

3.

A GROUND-VISUAL

B NEG

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IN

ACTION

RAO 10

WPB025 YMA035NGA01

12 SEP 1955 07 45  
11 SEP 55 04 10

MM RJEDEN RJEDWP RJEPHQ RJEDKF

DE RJEDNG 3I

M 10 1520Z

FM COMDR 789TH AC&W SQ OMAHA NEBR

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO

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RJEDKF/COMDR CADF GRANDVIEW AFB MO

RJEDNG/COMDR 31ST ADIV ST PAUL MINN

BT

UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPTS 620 UFOB REPORT AS FOLLOWS

1

232325

- A CIGAR SHAPED
- B 25 FT LONG
- C ORANGE
- D ONE
- E STATIONARY
- F NONE
- G NONE
- H NONE
- I NONE

*Handwritten:*  
D. TE  
1 270 IN - AEA  
3  
4 " 4x2a

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2

A UNUSUAL COLOR

B UNKOWN

C UNKOWN

D E TO W

E FADED

F THREE MINUTES

3

A GROUND VISUAL

B BINOCULARS

C N/A


4

A 090455Z

B NIGHT

5 PM 1551

6

A  CEDAR RAPIDS PHOTOGRAPHE CHIEF OVSERVER

B N/A

7

A CLEAR

B NONE

C 15,000 BRKN

D 18,000 BRKN

E NONE



8 NONE

9 NONE

10 NONE

11 NONE

12 NO EXPLANATION

BT

10/1615Z SEP RJEDNG

273390

IN  
Witness  
12 SEP 1955 07 43

1270 IN - 4EA  
4 " 4X2a  
11

RC135

WPE147 YNA155NGA076

RR RJEDEN RJEDWP RJEPHQ

DE RJEDNG 29A

R 101730Z

FM COMDR 31ST ADIV SNELLING AF STA ST PAUL MINN

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJEDWP/COMDR ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEPHQ/D/I HQTRS USAF WASH DC

BT

UNCLASSIFIED/D/01N 3088A PD UFOB PD ((A) (1) CIGAR SHAPED  
(2) TWENTY FIVE FEET LONG ( TWO MILES AWAY) (3) BRIGHT ORANGE (4)  
ONE (5) NOT APPLICABLE (6) NONE (7) NONE (8) NO SOUND (9) NONE (B)  
(1) USUAL COLOR (2) TWENTY FIVE DEGREES (3) TWENTY FIVE DEGREES (4)  
URFOB FLEW EAST AND FADED (5) FADED (6) THREE MINUTES (C) (1) GROUND  
VISUAL (2) BINOCULARS (3) NOT APPLICABLE (D) (1) 9/0455Z (2) NIGHT  
(E) PM 2159 CEDAR RAPIDS IOWA (F) (1) STEVE SEDLACEK CEDAR RAPIDS  
IOWA PHOTOGRAPHER CHIEF OBSERVER OF AREA (2) NOT APPLICABLE (G) (1)  
CLEAR (2) MOLINE WX 15000 BROKEN VISIBWITY EIGHT MILES WINDS OUTH TO  
NORTH AF FIVE KNOTS (3) UNKNOWN (4) SCATTERED (5) THUNDER STORMS IN  
AREA (H) NONE (I) NONE (J) NONE (K) NONE (L) E.A. OATHOUT 1ST LT DUTY  
DIRECTOR ADDC CONTROLLER REMARKS: NO RADAR CONTACT WITH OBJECT. NO  
EXPLANATION: GEOREF POSITION PM 1551BT PD ENG MSG LT STERN ACTING  
D/I 31ST ADIV LOCAL SOURCES CHECKED. NONE RELEASED ANY BALLOONS ANSWERING  
DESCRIPTION PD

BT

101732Z SEP RJEDNG

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5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE <b>Civilian</b>			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <b>Approx three (3) minutes</b>		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <b>One (1)</b>	9. COURSE <b>Easterly</b>		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING <b>One (1), cigar shaped object about 25 feet long, unusual orange color, seen for a period of three minutes. The object flew east and faded. Local sources checked for balloon possibility with negative results.</b>			11. COMMENTS <b>Investigation assigned to Det 2, 4602d AISS. Results of investigation to be recorded on this card upon receipt of AF Form 112 on this case.</b>		

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SUBJECT

UFOB

AREA REPORTED ON

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, USA

FROM (Agency)

Detachment 2, 4602d AISS

DATE OF REPORT

22 Sept 55

DATE OF INFORMATION

8 Sept 55

EVALUATION

PREPARED BY (Officer)

HANS BISCHOFFS, Captain, USAF

SOURCE

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

TT D/OPNS 620, COMDR 789th AC&amp;W Sq., Omaha, Nebr.

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 112-Part II.)

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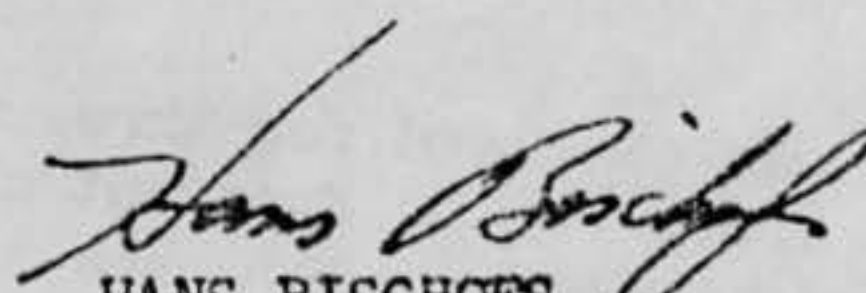
PART ONE: Description of sighting by Mr. [REDACTED] HW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Occupation, photographer, age 24; on duty as a GOC observer. No military experience.

PART TWO: Supplementary Investigative Efforts

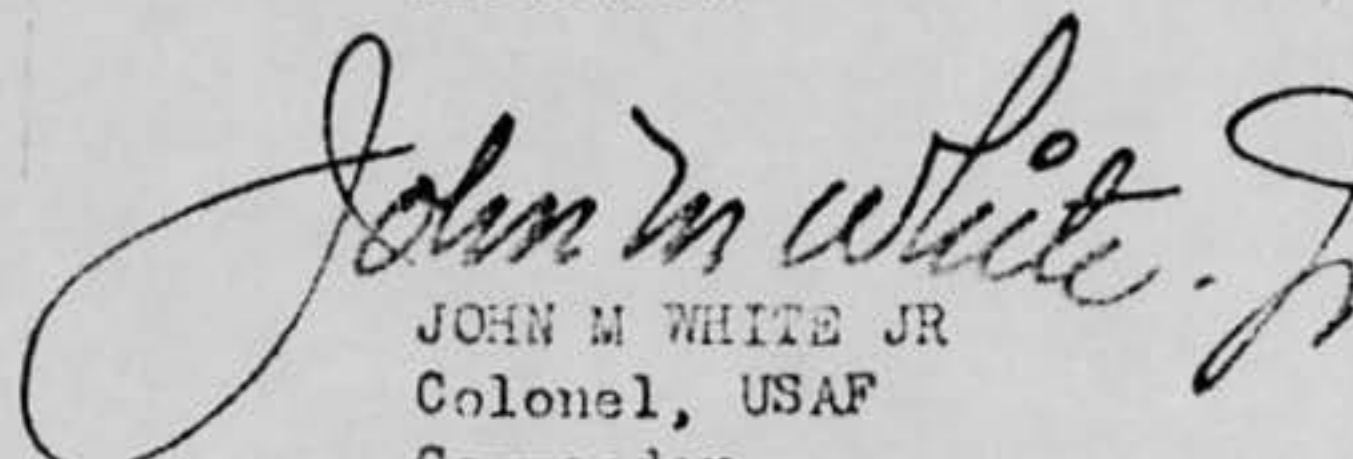
PART THREE: Comments of Preparing Officer

II. SUMMARY: An unidentified flying object was sighted by an observer at GOC observers post at Cedar Rapids, Iowa (GEOREF FJPM 2058). Object initially observed at 090455Z Sept. 55 and was kept under surveillance for three minutes. Then the object faded out of sight in three to four seconds. The observer was Mr. [REDACTED] Photographer at Television Station KCRG, Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The follow-up investigation consisted of a more thorough interview of the observer and a check of other possible sources of activity in the area on that date.

III. INVESTIGATORS: CAPT. HANS BISCHOFFS AO 784842  
S/SGT. PAUL J. MOLINI AF 17336795

  
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**I. SOURCE: Steve Sedlacek**

Address: 1105 C Avenue NW, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Age: 20

Occupation: Photographer

Education: High School Graduate and one year of college

Qualifications: GOC observer for eight months. News photographer for television station KCRG, 1st Avenue and 1st Street W, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

**II. RELIABILITY:** SOURCE was very sincere and did his utmost to be of service to the investigator. He was highly cooperative and very deliberate in his answers.

**III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING:** The object was cylindrical in shape, from 25 to 50 feet in length (length of object determined by comparing it to a neon sign mounted on a ten story building). The object was sighted approximately five miles in the NE, about three hundred feet above the horizon. It was a bright phosphorescent orange in color.

The sighting was observed for three minutes with the naked eye and through six power binoculars. There was no apparent change in characteristics when the object was observed through binoculars.

No motion was connected with the sighting and no sound was heard. No vapor trail was seen.

The object faded to the E in three to four seconds and was not seen again. The sighting was over the business area of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. No photographs were taken.

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### SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. A check with the CAA at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Municipal Airport revealed that the following aircraft were in the area the evening of the sighting:

- a. At ~~090436Z~~ Sept 55 a Cessna type A/C landed at the field on VFR.
- b. At ~~090503Z~~ Sept 55 a Beechcraft Bonanza type A/C landed at the field on VFR.
- c. At ~~090546Z~~ Sept 55 a jet type A/C reported in at an altitude of 37,000 feet with his next reporting point as Evansville, Indiana.

2. The information received from the Cedar Rapids Weather Bureau indicated a negative report. Wind, SE, 12 knots. Clouds, 10,000 feet, scattered. Visibility, 12 miles. Temperature, 67 degrees. Dew point 54.

3. 6th Weather Mobile Station at Cedar Rapids Municipal Airport reported that balloons were launched daily at the following times:

- a. ~~0730~~ - ~~0800~~ hrs. CST
- b. 1330 - 1400 hrs. CST
- c. 1930 - ~~2000~~ hrs. CST

However, they indicated that the balloon released at 1930 - ~~2000~~ hrs., at the time of the sighting would have climbed to an altitude of approximately 100,000 feet.