

**PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD**

1. DATE 3 Oct 55		2. LOCATION Oxford, Pa		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 03/1715Z		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		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE civilian		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 3	9. COURSE varied	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Obj had appearance of chute that had not opened. Originally two objs observed. Another appeared to eject from one of the two making a total of 3 objs/ no sound. Straight flight. Faded out of sight. Objs appeared to have tails.			11. COMMENTS Possible Balloon.		

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### BACKGROUND INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. The forecaster on duty at the US Weather Station, McGuire AFB, New Jersey (GeoRef NJAL 3402) was contacted for confirmation of the winds aloft over southeastern Pennsylvania on 3 October 1955. The forecaster was queried as to what weather station a balloon could be launched from to be in the vicinity of Oxford, Pennsylvania at the time of the UFOB sighting. The answer was the Greater Pittsburg Airport, Pennsylvania (GeoRef GJPL 0227).

2. A check with the US Weather Bureau at Greater Pittsburg Airport, Pennsylvania revealed that radiosonde balloons had been released from that station at the regular hours of 0400, 1000, 1600 and 2200 EST. The forecaster on duty stated that only under very unusual conditions would one of their weather balloons drift as far east as Oxford, Pennsylvania. If for some reason the balloon did not burst at the designated time and altitude, it would be possible that a balloon from Greater Pittsburg Airport could have drifted with the winds into the general vicinity of the UFOB sighting.

3. The Ground Meteorological Section, 24th AA Group, near Swarthmore, Pennsylvania (GeoRef GJPK 4153) was contacted and the following information was received: Due to the winds aloft, at all altitudes, blowing from west to east, it would have been impossible for the balloons released by this section or any other weather station east of the UFOB sighting to be in the vicinity of Oxford, Pennsylvania on 3 October 1955.

4. GOC Filter Center at Trenton, New Jersey (GeoRef NJAL 1513) was contacted but had no information concerning any sightings in the vicinity of Oxford, Pennsylvania on 3 October 1955. The Trenton Filter Center contacted the GOC Filter Center at Baltimore, Maryland (GeoRef GJPK 2319) with negative results.

5. The Flight Service Center at Olmstead AFB, Middletown, Pennsylvania (GeoRef GJPL 1510) was contacted and revealed no information on the unidentified flying object observed in the vicinity of Oxford, Pennsylvania on 3 October 1955.

6. The Base Operations Officer at Lakehurst Naval Air Station, New Jersey (GeoRef NJAL 4102) was contacted and a check of the records revealed that none of their ships (Blimps) were flying in the vicinity of the UFOB sighting on 3 October 1955.

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COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER:

- In the opinion of the Preparing Officer, the UFOB sighting reported by the observer near Oxford, Pennsylvania at 03/1615Z Oct 55 was probably a radiosonde weather balloon drifting with the wind.
  - The appearance of the UFOB from the observer's description and memory sketch seemed to bear strong resemblance to a radiosonde weather balloon.
  - The direction and speed of the winds aloft seems to extend the possibility of a radiosonde weather balloon from the Greater Pittsburgh Airport being sighted in the vicinity of Oxford, Pennsylvania on 3 October 1955.
  - The fact that the UFOB was not sighted by other observers suggests that it was an identifiable object.
  - SOURCE stated that "weather balloon equipment" had been located in the vicinity of the UFOB sighting in the past.
- The observer's description of shape, size, distance, speed, and direction, plus the absence of sound, seems to rule out the chance of the UFOB being self-propelled, therefore increasing the chance that it was probably a friendly object.

*Chester B Hanson*  
CHESTER B HANSON  
Captain, USAF  
Officer in Charge

COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Concur with the opinion of the Preparing Officer that this sighting was probably caused by a radiosonde type weather balloon.

*Jmw*

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THESE INFO RE: [REDACTED]:

(1) 1. OBJECT THAT HAD NOT OPENED GOING UP, 30 MIN. IN.

A. UNKNOWN.

C. UNKNOWN.

I. ORIGINALLY TWO. ANOTHER APPEARED TO EJECT FROM ONE OF THE TWO, MAKING A TOTAL OF THREE OBSERVED.

E. ONE HEADING N, ONE HEADING W, AND ONE HEADING SE GOING UP.

F. NONE

G. UNKNOWN

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H. NONE

I. ESTIMATED OBJECTS MOVING AT 40-50 MILES PER HOUR.

(2) A. UNKNOWN

B. UNKNOWN

C. UNKNOWN

D. STRAIGHT FLIGHT

E. FADED OUT OF SIGHT.

F. TWO MOVING OBJECTS -10-15 MIN, ONE DRIFTING 20 MIN.

(3) A. GROUND VISUAL.

B. NEGATIVE.

C. NEGATIVE. 40, 30 FT ALI

(4) A. 715Z 3 OCT 55.

B. DAY.

(5) 30 DEG 45 N 70 DEG W (OXFORD, PAIN.)

C. SCHOOL BUS DRIVING. AGE UNKNOWN.

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B. CAP SENIOR PILOT DELAWARE WING, NCCA, 2000 HOURS LIGHT PLANES  
GOOD RELIABILITY.

(7) A. CAVU-VERY SLIGHT HAZE.

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290 DEG 15K, 30,000 280 DEG 40K, 50,000 270 DEG 60K, NO READING AT

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HIGHER ALTITUDES.

D. CAVU

E. NONE

F. NONE

G. NONE

(8) BOTTOM OF HAZE AT 6,000.

(9) NEGATIVE

(10) UNKNOWN

(11) WG INTEL OFFICER. NO COMMENTS

(12) NONE

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THE FOL INFO ADDED TO ABOVE: PAR (1) G. OBJECTS APPEARED TO HAVE TAILS,  
TRAILING SMALL CLOUD WHICH DISPERSED QUICKLY. OBJECTS APPEARED ABOUT  
THE SIZE OF A 5 INCH PENCIL HELD AT ARM'S LENGTH.

PAR (11) SIZE APPEARS QUESTIONABLE DUE TO ALTITUDE.

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<b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>		
AREA REPORT CONCERNS <b>OXFORD, PENNSYLVANIA</b>		
AGENCY OF ORIGIN <b>Flight 3-H, 4602d AISS</b>	DATE OF REPORT <b>13 October 1955</b>	
SOURCE OF INFORMATION <b>Mr [REDACTED]</b>	DATE OF INFORMATION <b>3 October 1955</b>	
PREPARING OFFICER <b>CHESTER B HANSON, Captain, USAF</b>	EVALUATION	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) <b>FONECON between Capt Hanson and A/IC DeRudder, Hq 4602d AISS, 4 October 1955; TT Msg FR COMDR 4710th AIRDEFWG, NCCA, WILM DEL, DTG 04/1435Z Oct 55.</b>		
SUBJECT <b>UFCB</b>		
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.)		
<p><b>I. CONTENTS:</b></p> <p><b>PART ONE:</b> Description of sighting by Mr [REDACTED], [REDACTED] with [REDACTED], Oxford, Pennsylvania (GeoRef GJPK 4647)</p> <p><b>PART TWO:</b> Supplementary Investigative Efforts</p> <p><b>PART THREE:</b> Comments of Preparing Officer</p> <p><b>II. SUMMARY:</b> An unidentified flying object was reported to the Operations Officer on duty at New Castle AFB, Wilmington, Delaware (GeoRef GJCK 2540) by Mr [REDACTED] after sighting the object at 03/1615Z Oct 55 near Oxford, Pa. The following report is the result of an interview with the above mentioned observer and various other agencies in the vicinity of the sighting whose assistance was sought in determining the probable cause of the sighting.</p> <p><b>III. INVESTIGATOR:</b> M/Sgt Albert C Sisk, AF 20811542</p>		
<p><i>Chester B Hanson</i> CHESTER B HANSON Captain USAF Officer in Charge</p>		
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I. SOURCE: Mr [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] St., Oxford, Pa. (GeoRef GJPK 4647)

Age: 48

Occupation: Garage Owner and School Bus Driver

Education: High School

Qualifications: Major in CAP, Delaware Wing, Senior Pilot, 2,000 hours in light planes

II. RELIABILITY: Good. SOURCE was contacted personally

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE stated he was standing beside his car on the northern outskirts of Oxford, Pa. at 03/1615Z Oct 55 when he sighted an object to the north. His first impression (being a pilot) was that someone had parachuted from an aircraft and the parachute was a streamer (did not inflate). He did not hear or see an aircraft in the vicinity. The shape of the object was similar to a cigar standing on end. The color was dull white, gray or aluminium.

SOURCE was facing north, the object appeared to be approx 70° above the horizon at an altitude of approx 40,000 feet and at a distance estimated to be approx 40 miles. The object appeared to be drifting with the wind with no apparent means of propulsion visible. SOURCE observed this object for approx 20 minutes as it drifted to the south-east at a speed approx 40 to 50 mph, at which time the object faded from sight. A small amount of what seem to be smoke or gas appeared near the base of the object momentarily but dissipated very quickly.

SOURCE estimated the size of the UFOB to be as large as a 5" pencil held at arms length.

SOURCE also sighted two (2) very small dark objects adjacent to the large object. One was positioned north of the large object and moved slowly to the north until it faded from sight. This object was observed for a period of approx 15 minutes. The second small object was positioned to the west of the large object and moved slowly to the west until it, too, faded from sight. This second object was observed for a period of approx 7 to 8 minutes. SOURCE described these small objects as mere specks.

The day was clear with a slight surface wind.

No photographs were taken of the UFOB.

SOURCE stated that "weather balloon equipment" had been located in the vicinity of the UFOB sighting in the past.



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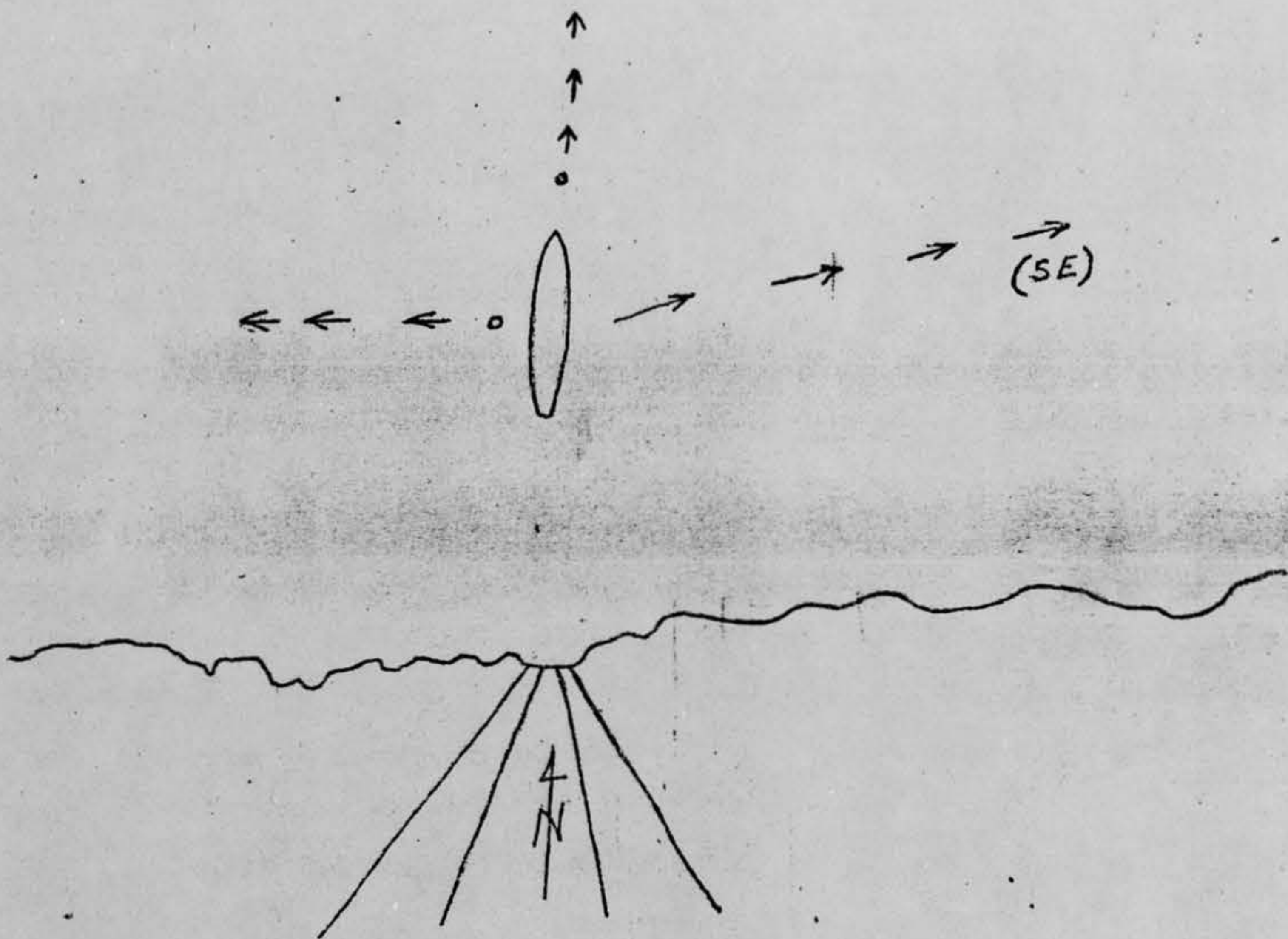
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Incl #1, SOURCE'S Memory Sketch of Object's Movements:



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- C. NEGATIVE. 40,00 FT ALT
- (4) A. 1715Z 3 OCT 55.
- B. DAY.
- (5) 39 DEG 45 N 76 DEG W (OXFORD, PENN.)
- (6) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~. SCHOOL BUS DRIVER. AGE UNKNOWN. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~  
OXFORD PA.
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- C. NONE
- D. CAVU
- E. NONE
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- G. NONE
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