

MILITARY AIR

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 19 Mar 60	2. LOCATION Vicinity North Platte, Nebraska		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 0530Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input checked="" 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 Military		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5-6 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS three	9. COURSE erratic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Mirage</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Three white lights in line formation, size of grapefruit; lights had various intensities and movements. Lights were brighter than surrounding stars and ground lights.		11. COMMENTS The most important clue in this report is probably the use of the word "haze" by the witnesses. An inversion or haze layer was probably present which resulted in the bright stars on the horizon or just below the horizon resulting in the effects experienced by the two pilots. It is concluded that a mirage of bright stars or ground lights was probably the cause of this sighting.	

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UNCLAS OS 2226 C. UFO. 15A (1) LIGHTS IN LINE FORMATION (HORIZONTAL)
(2) GRAPEFRUIT. (3) WHITE. (4) THREE. (5) LINE ABREAST. (6) NONE.
(7) NONE. (8) NONE. (9) VARIOUS INTENSITIES OF LIGHTS AND
MOVEMENTS. B (1) THREE LIGHTS BRIGHTER THAN SURROUNDING STARS OR
GROUND LIGHTS. (2) AIRCRAFT HEADING 261 DEGREES AND 240 DEGREES.
OBJECTS IN 10, 11 AND 12 O'CLOCK POSITIONS DURING SIGHTING. (3)
10 O'CLOCK TO AIRCRAFT, LEVEL. (4) MOVED INITIALLY FROM LEFT TO RIGHT
WENT OUT INDIVIDUALLY, RETURNED 5 MINUTES LATER ONE BY ONE MOVING
FROM RIGHT TO FAR LEFT (10 O'CLOCK) GETTING BRIGHTER. (5)
INSTANTANEOUSLY TO SOUTHEAST ONE BY ONE IN LINE ABREAST FORMATION.

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(6) 5 TO 6 MINUTES TOTAL. C (1) AIR VISUAL. (2) NONE. (3) T-33,
AGJ 535852 26000 FEET, 261 AND 240 DEGREES, 300 G. S. 340 TAS,
MCGUIRE AFB, NEW JERSEY. D (1) 200530Z MAR 60. (2) NIGHT.

E. 20 MILES NORTHEAST NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA AND 20 MILES SOUTHWEST,
NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA. F (1) N/A. (2) WILLIAM M. MAC INNES, CAPT.
141ST TFS, NJANG, IP, GOOD RELIABILITY, WILLIAM W. DIENER, CAPT.,
3415TH TECH SCHOOL, LOWRY AFB, PILOT, GOOD RELIABILITY. G. LOW
3000 FEET. GROUND COVER-CLEAR AT ALTITUDE 50 PLUS VISABILITY.

(1) 3000 FEET UNDER CAST EAST OF NORTH PLATTE, CLEAR 60 MILES WEST
OF NORTH PLATTE. (2) SFC 230/10, 6M 330/10, 10M 340/20, 16M 330/25,
20M 330/25, 30M 330/35, 50M 350/40. (3) CLEAR (4) 50 PLUS. (5) THIN
GROUND COVER (UNDERCAST 3000 FEET). (6) NONE. H. NONE. I.

DISTANCE TOO FAR TO EFFECT INTERCEPT OR IDENTIFICATION. UHF RADIOS
HAD BEEN WORKING WELL UP TO THE TIME OF OBJECTS, THEN NO CONTACT
COULD BE MADE WITH ANY STATION UNTIL 10 MILES NORTHEAST OF DENVER.

J. NONE. K. AIRDRONE OFFICER-UNABLE TO EVALUATE DUE TO SIGHTING
OF OBJECTS DURING FLIGHT OVER NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA. 1. NONE.

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

TO: LOWRY AFB, COLO

/UNCLAS/FROM: AFCIN-4E2 3-961-E

YOUR MSG OS 2226C, DTD 21 MAR 60. HOW WAS THE SIZE OF THE LIGHTS DETERMINED? WHAT WAS THE ACFT HEADING WHEN THE LIGHTS WERE FIRST SEEN? WAS ACFT HEADING CHANGED BEFORE LIGHTS FIRST DISAPPEARED? WHAT WAS THE ACFT POSITION WHEN HEADING WAS CHANGED, AND WHEN LIGHTS REAPPEARED? WHAT WAS THE ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF THE LIGHTS WHEN THEY APPEARED AND DISAPPEARED EACH TIME? HOW FAR APART DID THE LIGHTS APPEAR TO BE?

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UNCL OS 23530. YOUR AFCIN-4E2 3-961-E. ANSWER TO
 QUESTIONS FOLLOW: A. LIGHTS (3) ABREAST FIRST APPEARED IN AN
 11 O'CLOCK POSITION ABOUT LEVEL WITH THE HORIZON. LIGHTS APPEARED
 TO BE SLIGHTLY BRIGHTER THAN AVERAGE STAR AND GAVE THE SAME
 APPEARANCE OF STANDARD AIRCRAFT LANDING LIGHTS BY SIZE. B. AIRCRAFT
 HEADING APPROXIMATELY 270 DEGREES. C. LIGHTS DISAPPEARED AND
 REAPPEARED WHILE AIRCRAFT REMAINED ON ORIGINAL 270 DEGREES
 HEADING. D. AIRCRAFT CHANGED COURSE OVER NORTH PLATTE TO APPROXIMATELY
 215 DEGREES HEADING. E. FIRST APPEARANCE 255 DEGREES AND
 LEVEL WITH HAZY HORIZON. LIGHTS MOVED TO ABOUT 265 DEGREES

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AND DISAPPEARED. REAPPEARED APPROXIMATELY 5 MINUTES LATER AT
10 O'CLOCK OR 240 DEGREES AT ABOUT 15 TO 20 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON.
LIGHTS CONTINUED TO MOVE TO LEFT DISAPPEARING AND REAPPEARING AT
UNTIMED INTERVALS GROWING AND LESSENING WITH VARIED INTENSITY.
MOVEMENT APPEARED RELATIVELY SLOW WHEN LIGHTS DID MOVE ABOUT
THE APPARENT SPEED OF AN AIRCRAFT FLYING SOME 4 MILES AHEAD IN
AN OPPOSITE DIRECTION. F. FOR COMPARISON, LIGHTS APPEARED TO
BE 2000 TO 3000 FEET APART IF THEY HAD BEEN AIRCRAFT FLYING A
LOOSE TACTICAL FORMATION.

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UFO ANALYSIS SHEET

Location Wilson North Platte, Neb. area

Date 20 March 60 Hour (Z) 05-30Z

WX 3000' visibility, 60 mi vis, thin grad cover, wind 510 @ 10 knots
and NW @ 10-40 knots

Description 3 white lights in line formation, appeared
to be slightly brighter than average stars giving the same
appearance of standard alt lndg lights by size.

Direction of Motion ERRATIC

Satellite: (AFCIN-4F3, Phone 69219) No CONTINUITY OF
MOTION - IN SIGHT 5-6 MINUTES.

Astronomical Phenomena (Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc) METEORS RULED OUT
BECAUSE OF MOTION - NO PLANETS OR COMETS IN POSITION REPORTED.

Radar Analysis (AFCIN-4E1) N/A.

Natural Phenomena (Ball Lightning, etc) N/A.

Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc. POSSIBLY BALLOON - MOTION
NOT CONSISTENT WITH THAT OF AN AIRCRAFT.

Other POSSIBLY DUE TO A MIRAGE OR BRIGHT
STARS OR GROUND LIGHTS -

Evaluation of Source Reliability PROBABLY GOOD -

Analysis and Conclusions: THE MOST IMPORTANT CLUE IN
THIS REPORT IS PROBABLY THE USE OF THE
WORD HAZE BY THE WITNESSES. AN INVERSION
OR HAZE LAYER WAS PROBABLY PRESENT WHICH
RESULTED IN THE BRIGHT STARS ON THE HORIZON
OR JUST BELOW THE HORIZON ~~BEING~~ RESULTING
IN THE EFFECTS EXPERIENCED BY THE TWO
PILOTS. IT IS CONCLUDED THAT A MIRAGE OR
BRIGHT STARS OR GROUND LIGHTS WERE PROBABLY

RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS SIGHTING —