

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 24 November, 1960	2. LOCATION Sault Ste Marie, Michigan	12. CONCLUSIONS <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
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 24/0532Z	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	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 1/2 Minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	9. COURSE Varied
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round orange object, size of a large star observed as appearing to move at high speed with three stops. Course zig-zag from 70 deg elev at 180 azimuth fading in distance at 50-55 deg elev 110 azimuth. Stops were for duration of 1 1/2 second, No sound trail or exhaust accompanied the observation. Sighting with naked eye. Normal lapse rate with no inversions.		11. COMMENTS Speed too great for balloon although zig-zag pattern of flight indicates possibility. Distance object traveled indicated speed of about 400 knots at 30,000-ft. Object in level flight at this altitude would appear to have the same elevations in the sighting and with the extreme shortness of of the "stopping" indications are that this was an aircraft flying a generally straight course with a few slight lateral motions.

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FM COMDR SSMADS K-I SAWYER AFB GWINN MICH

TO RJMPAL/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJEDSQ/COMDR AIR TECH INT CEN WPAFB OHIO

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UNCLAS SSOIN 11-U-53-4. UFO REPORT.

A.

1. THE OBJECT WAS TOO DISTANT TO DISCERN ANY PARTICULAR SHAPE OTHER THAN ROUND

2. IT APPEARED TO BE ABOUT THE SIZE OF A LARGE STAR OR VENUS

3. ORANGE

4. ONE

5. N/A

6. NO (AS IN ONE)

7. NO TAIL TRAIL OR EXHAUST

itic
1. 4E (UFO)
2. 4X
3. 4X

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8. NO SOUND

9. THE OBJECT APPEARED TO BE MOVING AT HIGH SPEED AT TIMES
IT WOULD STOP AND AT OTHER TIMES IT WOULD ZIG ZAG

B.

1. AT FIRST HE THOUGHT THE OBJECT WAS A SATELITE HOWEVER AFTER
WATCHING IT A FEW SECONDS THE STOPPING STARTING AND ZIG ZAGGING
DREW HIS ATTENTION MORE CLOSELY TO THE OBJECT

2. APPROX 70 DEGREES EL. AT 180 DEGREES AZ.

3. APPROX 50-55 DEGREES EL. AT 100 DEGREES AZ

4. A ZIG ZAG FLIGHT PATH WITH SUDDEN STOPPING AND STARTING

5. FADED IN THE DISTANCE

6. APPROX ONE AND ONE HALF MINUTES

C.

1. NAKED EYE

2. NIL

3. NIL

D.

1. 24 NOV 68 0032 EST (0532Z)

2. NIGHT

E.

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1. 46 DEGREES 29'N 84 DEGREES 20'W (SAULT STE MARIE MICH)

2. FB 4029

F.

1. MR. [REDACTED] 16, [REDACTED] SAULT STE MARIE MICH

[REDACTED]
MR [REDACTED] C/O MRS [REDACTED]

(FRIEND OF THE ABOVE OBSERVER ASSUME APPROX. SAME AGE

2. N/A

G.

1. CAVU

2. 5000' 240/20 10000' 270/45 16000' 260/45

20000' 290/80 30000' 280/100 50000' 280/50

60000' 280/35

3. CLEAR

4. 15 PLUS

5. NIL

6. NO

H.

1. NIL

2. NIL OBSERVER REPORTED NO NORTHERN LIGHTS

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3. NIL

I.

1. NIL

J NO TRAFFIC IN AREA

K F/L ROBERT L. HOLLAND IDENT OFFICER BRAVO CREW

THIS OBJECT WAS SEEN BY TWO PERSONS AT THE SAME TIME (ONLY ONE INTERVIEWED) THE INITIAL REPORT WAS CALLED IN ONLY A FEW MOMENTS AFTER THE SIGHTING TOOK PLACE; (THE DELAY IN COMPILING THIS REPORT IS DUE TO A MIX-UP IN OBSERVERS PHONE NUMBER AND THE INABILITY OF THIS OFFICER TO REACH HIM AFTER THE INITIAL CALL-IN WHICH WAS MADE TO SSM AIR FORCE STATION TO S/SGT HICKS. IT IS FELT THAT AN ACTUAL SIGHTING TOOK PLACE. THIS REPORTING OFFICER QUIZZED THE OBSERVER AT LENGTH AND HIS ANSWERS WERE ALL CLEAR AND DEFINITE AND CONTAINED NO OVERTONES OF EXCITEMENT OR HYSTERIA IF THE WEATHER BALLOON LAUNCHED AT BISMARCK ND WAS STILL AIRBORNE AT 0532Z 24 NOV 68 WHICH IS 25;32 AFTER THE LAUNCHING TOOK PLACE AT BISMARCK, THIS COULD HAVE BEEN WHAT THE OBSERVER SIGHTED. THE ZIG-ZAGGING AND APPARENT STOPPING COULD HAVE BEEN ATRIBUTED TO SHIMMER EFFECT OF A TEMPERATURE INVERTION CAUSING THE OPTICAL ILLUSION OF ZIG-ZAG. A STRAIGHT LINE DISTANCE FROM BISMARCK TO

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SAULT STE MARIE IS APPROX 680 NM. THIS MEANT THE BALLOON WOULD HAVE AVERAGED 27 K PER HOUR OVER THE DISTANCE. THE UPPER WINDS FLOW WAS ALMOST DUE EAST, (REF 500 MB CHART 24 NOV 60) WITH SPEEDS AS INDICATED PREVIOUSLY.

L. NONE

BT

25/1516Z NOV RJEDGS

JOINT MESSAGEFORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

UNCLASSIFIED

SPACE BELOW RESERVED FOR COMMUNICATION CENTER

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02/16/02

PRECEDENCE	TYPE MSG (Check)			ACCOUNTING SYMBOL	ORIG. OR REFERS TO	CLASSIFICATION OF REFERENCE
ACTION ROUTINE	BOOK	MULTI	SINGLE	AF	SSOIN 11-U-60-1	UNCLAS
INFO						

FROM:

ATIC W-P APB

TO:

K. I. SAWYER APB, MICH

UNCLAS/AFCIN-4E2x

12-3474-E

SSMADS YOUR MSG SSOIN 11-U-60-1, DTD 25 NOV 60, REQ BOTH WITNESSES BE RECONTACTED TO CLEAR UP THE FOLLOWING POINTS CONCERNING THEIR SIGHTING: WHEN THE OBJ STOPPED, HOW LONG DID IT REMAIN STATIONARY? HOW MANY TIMES DID IT STOP DURING THE TIME IT WAS IN VIEW? THE MANNER IN WHICH THE OBJ DISAPPEARED? THE FACT THAT THE ELEVATION OF THE OBJ VARIED ONLY 15-20 DEGREES INDICATES THAT IT MUST HAVE BEEN CLIMBING AT A SHARP ANGLE, REQ CLARIFICATION OF THIS POINT. HOW WAS THE DURATION OF THE SIGHTING DETERMINED? REQ A CHECK BE MADE TO DETERMINE IF A BALLOON WAS LAUNCHED IN THE AREA OF THE SIGHTING. REF PAR G (7), AFR 200-2, DTD 14 SEP 59, REQ THE LAPSE RATE FOR THE AREA BE INCLUDED IN YOUR RPT.

DATE	TIME
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MONTH	YEAR
NOV	1960

SYMBOL		SIGNATURE	
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UNCLASSIFIED			

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