

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 Apr 61		2. LOCATION Hanna City AFS, Illinois		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1820 GMT 21/0020Z Apr 61		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input checked="" 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 Military		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 hr 4 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	9. COURSE ---	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object at very high altitude picked up on radar. Height estimated at 97,000 ft on bearing 096 degree s. Disappeared at 10,000 ft after slow descent on heading of 095 deg. Descent at 10 nm variation.			11. COMMENTS Radar analysts believed object to be balloon. The behavior of the target (speed, rate of descent, and evident size of target) all point to this conclusion, heavy appearance being due to either low inflation or heavy load of the instrument package.		

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RJEDSQ/ ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJETHQ/ HQ USAF WASH DC

RJETHQ/ SECRETARY AIR FORCE WASH DC

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UNCLAS FROM 79100P 2134. FOR AFCINGN SAFIS. IMMEDIATE
ATTENTION IS REQUIRED. SUBJECT: UFO. THE FOLLOWING UFO
REPORT IS SUBMITTED IAW PARA 15, AFR 220-2. A. (1) N/A,
(2) N/A, (3) N/A, (4) ESTIMATED ONE, (5) N/A, (6) N/A,
(7) N/A, (8) N/A, (9) N/A. B. (1) HIGH ALTITUDE, (2) 97,00
FT AT 096 DEG. (3) 10,000 FT AT 095 DEG. (4) PERPENDICULAR
DESCENT WITH A 10 NM VARIATION. (5) FADED FROM RADAR INDICATOR,
(6) 1 HR 4 MIN. C. (1) GROUND-ELECTRONIC, FPS-GA, (2) N/A,
(3) N/A. D. (1) 0020Z/ 21 APRIL 61. (2) DUSK. E HANNA CITY
AFS,
ILL - 2 MI WEST OF HANNA CITY. IF. (1) N/A, (2) RICHARD LHITMER,

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A/3C, 791 RADAR SQ (SAGW). RADAR OPERATOR (SAGE), VERY GOOD.
WILLIAM L. MAULE II, A/1C, 791 RADAR SQ. (SAGE), RADAR
OPERATOR (SAGE), EXCELLENT. G. (1) IAW INFO RECEIVED WINDS
WERE HEAVY, WITH RAIN SHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS FORECASTED
FOR THE AREA. (2) SFC WINDS FROM SE AT 20 TO 35 KNOTS, WITH GUSTS
TO 45 KNOTS. WINDS ALOFT NOT AVAILABLE. (3) 1 TO 2 THOUSAND
BROKEN TO OVERCAST. (4) 1-3 MILES. (5) UNK. (6) UNK. (7) UNK.
H. NONE. I. NONE. J. N/A. K. THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNKNOWN
WAS SIMILAR TO A DESCENDING BALLOON, HOWEVER, DUE TO HEAVY
WINDS AND THE AMOUNT OF DRIFT, THE DESCENDING OBJECT SEEMS TO

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INDICATE A HEAVIER OBJECT. THUNDERSTORMS AND SEVERE
TURBULANCE WERE ALSO FORECASTED AT ALL LEVELS IN THIS AREA.
A SMALL VARIATION IN THE ANTENNA TO THE RIGHT OR LEFT OF THE
OBJECT WOULD CAUSE THE OBJECT TO DISAPPEAR FROM THE RADAR
INDICATOR, WHICH INDICATED THAT THE OBJECT HAD A SMALL
REFLECTING SURFACE. AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING, THERE WERE NO
KNOWN AIRCRAFT IN THE AREA. L. NONE.

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AEROSPACE TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AFCIN-4E/Maj Friend/vw/69216

SUBJECT: UFO Report (Radar)

25 April 1961

TO: AFCIN-4E1

1. It is requested that the attached UFO Report (Radar) be analyzed and your comment forwarded to the Aerial Phenomena Branch.

2. A copy of the format used to report sightings of unidentified flying objects is attached for your information.

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PHILIP G. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
AFCIN-4E

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1 Inc TWX, 21 Apr, 1 cy
2 Par 15, AFR 200-2

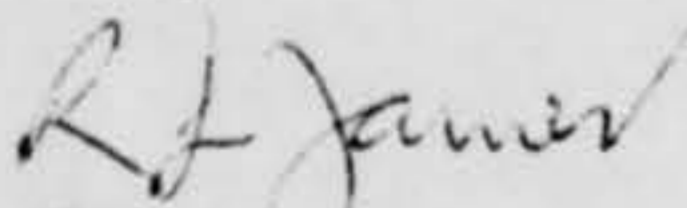
Memo, AFCIN-4E, 25 Apr 61, UFO Report (Radar)

1st Ind (AFCIN-4E1a/Mr. Bryant/jc/74201)

28 Apr 61

TO: AFCIN-4E (Major Friend)

This office concurs in the opinion expressed in the basic message, that the target probably was a balloon. The behavior of the target (speed, rate of descent, and evident size of the target) all point to that type of target. Heavy appearance of the target might be due to either low inflation of the balloon, or to a heavier than normal load of instruments, etc.



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