PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 1 May 196	2. LOCATION South Hadley, Massachusetts		D Was Balloon Probably Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1115 GMT 011615Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATIO	N Ground-Radar Air-Intercept Radar	Possibly Balloon Was Aircraft Probably Aircraft Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS D Yes No	6. SOURCE Civilian		Was Astronomical Probably Astronomical Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 sec or longer	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	9. COURSE Varied	O Other	
objt size of pea. Sighted 80° elevation moving fm SSW. Disappeared 65-70° elevation moving to NE. Traveled straight at first, then made very sharp abrupt left turn then sharp right turn. Apparent distances between turns was about 4" at arms length. Turned left again, straightened out and then disappeared.		observed by witness was an a/c in the traffic pattern at Westover AFB, even theough the witness states that he was positive it was not. Due to lack of corroborating witnesses, this report is evaluated as Insufficient Data.		

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UNCLAS 99DCOI 5229. COFS FOR AFCIN, OSAF FOR SAFIS.

REFERENCE AFR 200-2, PARAGRAPH 15

A. (1) ROUND

- (2) PEA
- (3) BRIGHT WHITE SILVER
- (4)1
- (5) N/A
- (6) NO
- (7) N/A
- (8) NO

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(9) NONE

B. (1) MOTION

(2)89DEGREES EL - MOVING FROM SSW

- (3)65 70 DEGREES EL MOVING TO N.E.
- (4) TRAVELLED STRAIGHT AT FIRST, THEN MADE VERY SHARP ABRUPT LEFT TURN THEN SHARP RIGHT TURN. APPARENT DISTANCES BETWEEN TURNS WAS ABOUT 4 INCHES AT ARMS LENGTH. TURNED LEFT AGAIN, STRAIGHTENED OUT AND THEN DISSAPPEARED.
 - (5) FADED OUT

(6)20 SEC OR LONGER

C. (1) GROUND VISUAL

(2) NO

(3) N/A

D. (1) 08157 1 MAY 61 /6/5 2

(2) DAYLIGHT CLEAR

E - S HADLEY - MASS.

SOUTH HADLEY (GRAMBY) MASS. OCCUPATION - STUDENT AT HOLYOKE TRADE H.S.

G. (1) CAVU

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(2) SURFACE 210/6 6,000' - 200/10, 10,000 - 260/25 16,000' - 290/30, 20,000' - 270/45, 30,000' - 270/75

- (3) 10,000 SCATTERED HI BROKEN
- (4) 15MI
- (5) AS ABOVE
- (6) NO
- H. NONE OBSERVED
- I. NONE
- J. LOCATION IS CLOSE TO WESTOVER AFB; TOWER REPORTS CONSTANT USE OF
 TRAFFIC PATTERN ALSO CONSIDERABLE TRAFFIC AT ALTITUDE. TRAFFIC
 AT ALTITUDE PULLED CONTRAILS, SUBJECT UFO DID NOT. SPRINGFIELD
 BOMB PLOT (12 RBS SITE AT WESTOVER AFB) REPORTS NO INFORMATION
 AVAILABLE.
- K. TSGT MELVIN LIEBERMAN, NCOIC, COMBAT INTELLIGENCE BRANCH, 99DCOI,

 99 BOMB WING (HVY) WESTOVER AFB, MASS. OBSERVER SEEMED QUITE

 SINCERE AND APPEARED CERTAIN HE HAD SEEN SOMETHING EXTRAORDINARY.

 LIVING CLOSE TO WESTOVER, HE HAS SEEN JETS ALMOST EVERY DAY

 INCLUDING F104'S, F102'S, B-52'S, AND B-47'S. HE HAS ALSO SEEN

 WEATHER BALLOONS AND HE IS POSITIVE THAT THE SIGHTING WAS NONE

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OF THESE. I FEEL THAT THERE IS INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION TO DRAW EVEN TENATIVE CONCLUSIONS AT THIS LEVEL.

L. NO.

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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION JOINT MESSAGEFORM SPACE BELOW RESERVED FOR COMMUNICATION CENTER 1961 MAY 9 CLASSIFICATION OF REFERENCE ACCOUNTING ORIG. OR REFERS TO TYPE MSG (Check) PRECEDENCE JOHNYE Routine BOOK MULTI BINGLE ACTION AF 99DCOI 5229 UNCL INFO SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FROM: ATIC WPAFB O TO: RJEXDH WESTOVER AFB MASS UNCLASSIFIED AFCIN-4E 57 AIR DIV/YOUR UNCL MSG 99DCOI 5229 DTD 4 MAY 61. WHAT WAS THE AZIMUTH OF THE OBJECT WHEN FIRST AND LAST SEEN? REQUEST INFORMATION AS TO THE EXTENT OF THE TURNS MADE BY THE OBJECT. IN HOW LARGE AN AREA OF THE SKY DID THE OBJECT MANEUVER? REQUEST CLARIFICATION OF THE DURATION AND TIME OF THE SIGHTING. IN ADDITION; REQUEST A CHECK BE MADE TO DETERMINE IF A BALLOON WAS IN THE AREA AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING. WHAT WAS THE VERTICAL TEMPERATURE GRADIENT AT THE TIME? DATE 08 YEAR HONTH MAY 1961 SIGNATURE / SYMBOL AFCIN-4E

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Maj Robert J. Friend

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TO ATIC WPAFB OHIO

UNCLAS 99DCOI 5583. REFERENCE YOUR UNCL MSG AFCIN-4E 5-1778 7 7 Lund DTD 9 MAY. UFO OBSERVER WAS CONTACTED FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS. HE REAFFIRMED THAT THE OBJECT WAS FIRST OBSERVED ALMOST DIRECTLY OVERHEAD, APPROXIMATELY 80 DEG ELEVATION AND MOVING FROM SSV APPROXIMATELY 200 DEG AZIMUTH. OBJECT DISAPPEARED ABRUPTLY ON A HEAD-ING OF NNE, APPROXIMATELY 030 DEG AT AN ELEVATION OF ABOUT 65 DEG TO 70 DEG. OBJECT APPEARED TO FLY A DOG LEG MANUVER TO THE LEFT WITH EXTREMELY ABRUPT ANGULAR HEADING CHANGES. OBSERVER STATES THE LENGTH OF EACH LEG OF THE DOG LET WAS ABOUT EQUAL TO A 4" RULER HELD AT ARMS

LENGTH. OBJECT APPEARED TO DIMINISH IN SIZE IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO DIS-

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APPEARENCE. ENTIRE SIGHTING APPEARED TO OCCUR IN A RECTANGULAR AREA OF SKY SUBTENDED BY A 4IN X 14IN OBJECT HELD AT ARMS LENGTH. DURATION OF SIGHTING WAS 26 SEC TO 30 SEC. CORRECTION TO ITEMD D(1) OF INITIAL REPORT; SHOULD READ 1615Z 1 MAY 61. NO WEATHER BALLONS WERE KNOWN TO BE IN THE VICINITY, NEAREST STATION USING BALLOONS IS ALBANY NEW YORK. VERTICAL TEMPERATURE GRADIENT NOT RECORDED THIS STATION; FORECASTER STATES DATA COULD BE COMPUTED IF DESIRED ALTITUDES WERE GIVEN. NO TEMPERATURE INVERSION LAYER WAS REPORTED.

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