

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 13 May 61	2. LOCATION Charleston, W. V.		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2045 GMT 140145Z	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 5-10 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE W-E	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Circular, size of dime, starlike, white, pulsating forward motion. Slight erratic lateral motion. Faded out in the E.		11. COMMENTS It is possible that weather balloon launched by weather bureau was objt seen by witness. It was reported that balloon remained in general area where it was launched for some time, and pulsating motion reported could have caused by varying wind velocities.	

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Date 15 MAY  
By: [Signature]  
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RJEZHQ/SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE WASH 25 D C

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UFO/UNCLAS/FROM 7830CO 05-459. ATTN: AFCIN SAFIS SUBJ: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT (UFO). IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2' DTD 14 SIP 59' THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED:

A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT:

- (1) CIRCULAR
- (2) DIME (STARLIKE)
- (3) WHITE
- (4) ONE (1)
- (5) N/A
- (6) PULSATING FORWARD MOTION

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2  
3-4 E (ufo)  
4-4200

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(7) NONE

(3) NONE

(9) SLIGHT ERRATIC LARERAL MOTION

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

(1) RELATIVE BRIGHTNESS AND MOTION

(2) HIGH (ALMOST OVERHEAD) IN THE WEST

(3) CLOSE TO THE HORIZON IN THE EAST

(4) GENERALLY STRAIGHT WEST-EAST MOVEMENT

(5) FADE-OUT IN THE EAST

(6) FIVE - TEN MINUTES

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) GROUND-VISUAL

(2) N/A

(3) N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) 0145Z/14 MAY 1961

(2) NIGHT

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: EAST CHARLESTON' W.VA.' NEAR WEST VIRGINIA STATE CAPITOL' 33 DEGREES 20 MINUTES NORTH' 81 DEGREES 40 MINUTES WEST.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER:



CHARLESTON ' W. VA.' SALES ENGINEER' RELIABILITY: GOOD

G. WEATHER AND WINDS:

FORM 485-10 (REV. 11-60) PREPARED BY THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, WASHINGTON, D.C.

(2) REPORT FROM US WX BUREAU OFFICE AT KANAWHA COUNTY

AIRPORT ON WINDS:

SURFACE WINDS AT 140058Z - 270 DEGREES' 3 KNOTS

WINDS ALOFT AT 132325Z - 6000 ' 050 DEGREES 2 KNOTS

8000 180 DEGREES 3 KNOTS

32D AD(S) WEA WINDS ALOFT FORECAST VALID FROM 132100Z TO

140900Z:

5000 - 230 DEGREES 20 KNOTS

10000 - 330 DEGREES 20 KNOTS

15000 - 330 DEGREES 30 KNOTS

20000 - 340 DEGREES 30 KNOTS

30000 - 330 DEGREES 70 KNOTS

50000 - 330 DEGREES 30 KNOTS

80000 - NOT AVAILABLE

(3) CLEAR' CEILING UNLIMITED

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(4) TEN MILES

(5) NONE

(6) NONE

(7) TEMPERATURE' 66 DEGREES' DEW POINT' 55 DEGREES

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. A 100 GRAM WEATHER BALLOON WAS LAUNCHED AT KANAWHA COUNTY AIRPORT BY THE US WEATHER BUREAU AT 1825 EASTERN STANDARD TIME (132325Z).

R. JOHN J. CONCANNON CAPT. USAF OPERATIONS OFFICER.  
AN OBSERVER LOCATED APPROXIMATELY FOUR MILES SOUTH OF KANAWHA  
COUNTY AIRPORT SIGHTED AN OBJECT AT 140145Z HIGH OVERHEAD MOVING  
IN AN EASTERLY DIRECTION. AT 132325Z THE US WX BUREAU LAUNCHED  
A 100 GRAM WEATHER BALLOON FROM KANAWHA COUNTY AIRPORT. THE  
BALLOON WAS UNDER OBSERVATION FOR TWENTY-SEVEN MINUTES DURING WHICH  
TIME DUE TO RELATIVELY LOW WINDS ALOFT IT REMAINED OVERHEAD IN  
THE IMMEDIATE CHARLESTON VICINITY FOR QUITE SOME TIME. IT REACHED  
A MAXIMUM ALTITUDE OF 25000 FT. WINDS ALOFT FORECASTS FROM 32NRCC  
WEA WOULD INDICATE THE BALLOON ON A SOUTH-EASTERLY COURSE. THE  
ALTITUDE AND OVERHEAD POSITION OF THE BALLOON WOULD MAKE IT HARD

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FOR THE OBSERVER TO DETERMINE ITS ACTUAL COURSE. DUE TO THE RE  
PORTED DESCRIPTION AND WX BUREAU INFORMATION I ASSUME THAT  
THE WEATHER BALLOON WAS A POSSIBLE CAUSE FOR THE SIGHTING.

L. NONE

BT

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