

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 22 Jul 61	2. LOCATION 60nm S of Louisville, Kentucky		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0315 GMT 220915Z	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 Civilian		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE W-E	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Echo I <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING White-reddish objt, size of star with intensity of star. Straight W-E direction at fast pace. Faded fm sight.		11. COMMENTS Witnesses stated that objt was 80,000' altitude, but did not state how this estimation was made. It is particularly impossible for anyone to estimate altitude of an objt in sky at night without knowing its true size. Probable sighting of Echo I. Due to direct flight path, duration, size, and color.	

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UNCLAS/CHOIN 7036. SUBJ: UFO. FOR: INTELLIGENCE, AFCIN,
SAFOI. REF PART 15, AFR 200-2. A. KQL SMALL OVAL. KWL STAR TO
PLANET SIZE. KEL WHITE - POSSIBLE REDDISH. KRL ONE. KTL NONE. KYL
HAD APPROXIMATE INTENSITY OF A STAR. KUL KIL KOL NONE. B. KQL WHILE
SITTING IN COCKPIT ENROUTE TO OHARE APT. KWL APPROX 80,000 FEET
IN ACFT, S ONE O, CLOCK POSITION. KEL UNK. KRL PROCEEDING STRAIGHT
IN A WEST TO EAST DIRECTION AT A FAST PACE. KTL FADED. KYL TEN
MINUTES. C. KQL VISUAL. KWL NONE REPORTED. KEL OBSERVED BY PILOT
OF DC-8 KEASTERN 156) AND CREW PERSONNEL IN COCKPIT. D. KQL ^{22/} WVK
0915Z JUL 61. KWL NIGHT. E. KQL NOT RPTD. KWL 60 NM SOUTH OF

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LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY. F. NOT GIVEN. G. KQL CLEAR
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A STRONG POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT THE SIGHTING COULDS HAVE BEEN A
WEATHER BALOON RELEASED FROM A STATION WEST OF LOUISVILLE. THIS, IN
CONJUNCTION WITH A WESTERLY FLOW OF AIR ACROSS THE SECTOR COULD HAVE
POSITIONED A BALOON IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA OF LOUISVILLE AT THE TIME
OF THE SIGHTING. CHADS WEATHER STATION CONFIRMED A WESTERLY FLOW UP
WOND AT ANA ALTITUDE BELOW 80,000 FT. L. NONE. M. PILOT
OF DC-8 STATED THE OBJECT MIGHT BE AN OBJECT IN SPACE.

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