

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 26 Apr 62	2. LOCATION Danville, Illinois		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 27/0100Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION 12 1/2" TX <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 type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian		<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Opal luminous objt 1/2 bright as Venus considered circular of spherical with light at base. Observed through 12 1/2" reflecting telescope, by amature astronomer while looking for comet seki-lines Elevation increasing.		11. COMMENTS Upper air observation balloon released at Peioria at 2300'. Winds fm 280° at 50,000 were 23 knots. Wind would carry balloon over Danville at approximately 0100Z/27 April. Balloon light also visible, elevation increasing. Balloon considered to be objt of sighting.	

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THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 222-2,  
PARAGRAPH 15:

A. DISCRIPTION OF OBJECT

(1) CIRCULAR - POSSIBLY SPHERICAL, BUT COULD NOT BE DETERMINED  
BECAUSE DEPTH COULD NOT BE SEEN.

(2) BY TELESCOPIC SIGHTING, IT APPEARS TO BE APPROXIMATELY  
TWICE THE SIZE OF VENUS. COULD BE SEEN BY NAKED EYE.

(3) OPAL, LUMINOUS, APPROXIMATELY ONE HALF AS BRIGHT AS VENUS

(4) ONE

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(5) NYA

ACTION /  
2 ) E(UFO)  
3 )

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PRIORITY

4 X 2a



(7) APPEARS TO HAVE LIGHT AT BASE OR 132 DEGREES WHICH IS APPROXIMATE SIZE OF 1 DEGREE OF THE CIRCUMFERENCE (VISIBLE BY TELESCOPIC LIGHTING ONLY)

(8) NONE

(9) N/A

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT

(1) SEARCHING FOR SCHI - LINES COMET

(2) 11 DEGREES ALTITUDE 320 DEGREES AZIMUTH

(3) APPROXIMATELY THE SAME

(4) TRAVELS APPROXIMATELY ONE HALF DEGREE IN 30 SECONDS DIRECTION TO THE NORTH WITH ELEVATION INCREASING

(5) SUDDEN DISINTEGRATION INTO PARTICLES, LUMINOUS IN NATURE (BY TELESCOPE) TO NAKED EYE IT JUST GOES OUT.

(6) 3 MINUTES 1922L/26 TO 1923L/26 APR BY WITNESS. OTHER OBSERVATION 1855/26 APR BY [REDACTED] (NAKED EYE)

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

(1) GROUND VISUAL

(2) TELESCOPE - REFLECTING 12 ONE HALF INCHES F8

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(3) N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

(1) 0122Z/27 APR 62

(2) DUSK

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: 40 DEGREES 7" N LAT, 84-36 W LONG  
MORNINGVILLE, ILLINOIS

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DANVILLE, ILLINOIS

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER.

(1) MR. [REDACTED] AGE 46, [REDACTED], DANVILLE, ILL.

PHOTO FINISHER, LEVEL OF SCHOOL 61, B.S. DEGREE IN GENERAL  
BUSINESS FROM UNIVERSITY OF ILL 1938 - AMATURE ASTRONOMER. MEMBER  
OF DANVILLE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY. PHOTO FINISHER FOR LAST 12 YRS  
WORK REQUIRES SOME DEGREE OF TECHNICAL KNOWLEDGE

G. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITIONS TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING:

(1) CLEAR - BELOW 80 DEGREES F

(2) SURFACE 150/14 GN 210/16 10M 200/20

16M 240/16 22M 250/14 32M 210/20

50M 280/23 80M NOT AVAILABLE

(3) NONE

(4) 12 MI

(5) 1/10-2/10 CIRRUS



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(6) NONE

(7) SURFACE TEMP OF 22 DEGREES C WITH GRADIENT OF 3 DEGREES PER THOUSAND FEET OF ALTITUDE

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. APPROXIMATELY 2300Z COLUMBIA, MO AND PEORIA, ILL  
US WEATHER BUREAU RELEASE UPPER AIR OBSERVATION BALLONS

K. PREPARING OFFICER, CAPT ROBERT E. BOOTH, A03033999, 3361ST  
INSTRUCTOR SQ., CHANUTE AFB, ILLINOIS, BELIEVES THAT THE GROUND  
SIGHTING WAS A UPPER AIR OBSERVATION BALLON RELEASED BY FACILITIES  
MENTIONED IN PAR J ABOVE.

WITNESS STATES THAT A BALLON OVER RANTOUL, ILLINOIS SIZE APPROX  
50 INCHES DIAMETER WOULD GIVE THE APPEARANCE OF THE SIGHTING IN THE  
TELESCOPE. THE CLOSER TO DANVILLE IT MOVED THE SMALLER THE  
DIAMETER WOULD NEED TO BE TO GIVE SAME APPEARANCE. OTHER SIGHTINGS  
IN THE AREA WERE TOO CLOSE FOR ANY USEFUL TRIANGULATION. OTHER  
WITNESSES OF THE SIGHTING WERE. MR. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] DANVILLE. MR. [REDACTED] DANVILLE  
AND MR. [REDACTED] DANVILLE. ALL WITNESSES  
ARE BELIEVED TO BE RELIABLE.

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