

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 9 September 1962		2. LOCATION Topeka, Kansas		12. CONCLUSIONS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 10/0040Z		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 15-20 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE not rptd	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Tear drop shaped object size of silver dollar, orange in color with no unusual features, tail, trail, or sound noticed. At 30 dgr-35 dgr elev giving appearance of being about 20 miles away. No maneuvers with flight straight and slow at same elevation. Took appearance of star and faded in distance. Sighting at dusk. Object reflected sun. Direction of sighting and flight not reported.			11. COMMENTS Direction of flight not reported. Shape, description, and duration, however, are consistent with this analysis.		

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QD373ZCWJB202 ACTION: CIN-17

INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3, DIA-10,
DIA(CIIC)-3 (37)

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UNCLAS FROM 40DCOI 0443. FOR SAFOI, AND AFCEN. SUBJECT: UFO REPORT.

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: (1) SHAPE.....TEAR DROP. (2) SIZE
SILVER DOLLAR, (3) COLOR.....BRILLIANT ORANGE, (4) NUMBER ONE (1),
(5) N/A, (6) NO DISCRNABLE FEATURES OR DETAILS, (7) NO NOTICED
TAIL TRAIL OR EXHAUST, (8) NO SOUND.

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE: (1) OBSERVER FIRST NOTED OBJECT DUE TO
BRIGHT REFLECTION FROM THE SUN. OBJECT WAS TRAVELING AT A VERY SLOW
RATE OF SPEED. (2) OBSERVER STATES THAT OBJECT FIRST NOTED ABOUT
30-35 DEGREES ABOVE THE HORIZON AND ABOUT 20 MILES AWAY. (3)
OBJECT REMAINED AT ABOUT SAME ELEVATION UNTIL DISAPPEARANCE. (4)

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OBJECT MADE NO MANEUVERS, FLIGHT PATH SEEMED STRAIGHT AND SLOW. (5) OBJECT WAS VISIBLE FOR ABOUT 20 MINUTES TOTAL. (6) OBJECT FINALLY WENT OUT OF RANGE OF SIGHT, OR IT TOOK ON THE APPEARANCE OF A STAR SOME 15-20 MINUTES AFTER SIGHTING.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION. (1) GROUND VISUAL BY CIVILIAN.

D. TIME DATE OF SIGHTING AT ABOUT 10/0040Z DUSK.

E. OBSERVER MADE SIGHTING IN TOPEKA KANSAS; HIS LOCATION WAS 37TH ST. SOUTH, AT ABOUT THE 1200 BLOCK WEST.

F. OBSERVER WAS [REDACTED] CIVILIAN, AGE 50, ADDRESS [REDACTED] OCCUPATION LINOTYPE MACHINIST, USED TO WORK FOR BOEING IN WICHITA, KANSAS DURING THE B-29 PROGRAM. ALSO HAS A SON IN THE AIR FORCE AT JAMES CONNALLY AFB TAKING NAVIGATOR TRAINING AT THIS TIME.

G. WEATHER & WINDS. (1) CLEAR & NINE MILES VISIBILITY. WINDS WERE 150 DEGREES AT 5 KNOTS.

(2) REPORT FROM NEAREST AWS, AT 0000Z.

6000 250 AT 26 KNOTS

10000 290 AT 26 KNOTS

16000 260 AT 30 KNOTS

20000 260 AT 36 KNOTS

30000 260 AT 55 KNOTS

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50000 260 AT 52 KNOTS

NO RECORDING FOR 80,000.

NO THUNDER STORMS IN THE AREA.

VERTICAL TEMP GRADIENT;

SURFACE 75 DEGREES F.

6M 52 "

10M 37 "

16M 23 "

20 10 "

30 -38 "

50 -56 "

80 -56 "

NOTHING NOTED METEOROLOGICAL TO CAUSE PHENEMENON.

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NO OTHER REPORT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED REGARDING THE SIGHTING OF ANY
U.F.O. OBSERVER STATES THAT THE SPEED OF THE OBJECT WAS VERY SLOW
AND DID NOT DEMONSTRATE ANY MANUEVERS, AND WAS TEAR DROP SHAPED,
THESE APTLY DESCRIBE THE FLIGHT CHARACTERISTICS SHAPE OF A
HELICOPTER WHICH ARE IN WIDE USE AT THIS BASE.

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NOTE: Adv cy del to DIA.
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