PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	12. CONCLUSIONS
5 November 1957	Scotia, Nebraska	☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1730 GMT 05/2330Z	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	**6. SOURCE** Civilian	☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS**	**9. COURSE**
not given	one	down then up

☒ Other unreliable rpt
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Noise was heard overhead which sounded like a helicopter and an odor similar to burning fuel. Object looked like a balloon and appeared to be descending. Observers stated they seemed to be paralyzed for a short period of time upon sighting the object. The object did not reach the ground and began ascending into the air again and disappeared.

11. COMMENTS

Hearsay information - possibly balloon; however, case evaluated as unreliable report.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

1010 Federal Office Building
Omaha 2, Nebraska
November 13, 1957

Colonel Kenneth W. King
District Commander, USAF
13th District Office of
Special Investigations
Offutt Air Force Base
Omaha, Nebraska

Dear Colonel King:

This will confirm telephonic communication between Lieutenant Colonel William J. Spratt and Special Agent in Charge Joseph E. Thornton on the morning of November 13, 1957, concerning the alleged sighting of a balloon in the vicinity of Scotia, Nebraska, on November 5, 1957, at about 5:30 PM. The following information was furnished to our Resident Agent, Joseph R. Partington, at Grand Island, Nebraska, by Mr. [redacted] Hastings, Nebraska.

Mr. [redacted] stated he talked with a Mr. [redacted] on November 9, 1957, at Hastings, Nebraska. [redacted] is an employee of the [redacted] in Hastings. He informed Mr. [redacted] he had recently been visiting at Scotia, Nebraska, and while there had talked with two boys who were farmers and who advised about 5:30 PM, November 5, 1957, while at their farm home, they heard a noise overhead which sounded like a helicopter and indicated they could smell an odor similar to burning fuel. According to [redacted] these two boys looked up into the air and saw an object which looked like a balloon and which appeared to be descending. Upon sighting this object, they indicated they appeared to be paralyzed for a short period of time. The object did not reach the ground and began ascending into the air again and disappeared.

Mr. [redacted] also advised Special Agent Partington he was in Kearney, Nebraska, on November 7, 1957, attending a furniture auction at the Lightner Auction Sales Company and while there talked with an individual whose last name was [redacted] first name unknown. Mr. [redacted] told him he saw an object resembling a balloon in the Kearney,

[redacted] got info from [redacted] who told the story by two farm boys (2nd hand info). Another person [redacted]

Nebraska, area on November [illegible], 1947. Mr. [redacted] described [redacted] as being about 50 years of age, [illegible] feet 10 inches, heavy build, weight 24[illegible] pounds, dark hair, round smooth face. He presume[redacted] is a used-furniture dealer and is undoubtedly known to the people who operate the auction sale at Kearney, Nebraska.

In the event any further information is obtained, it will be immediately relayed to you.

Very truly yours,

Joseph E. Thornton

JOSEPH E. THORNTON
Special Agent in Charge

5 NOVEMBER 1957 SIGHTINGS

ATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
	Gulf of Mexico	Mil (RADAR & Vis)	1. Astro (METEOR) 2. Bad: Other (SPURIOUS RETURNS)
	Springfield, Ohio	Glenn, Rutherford	Other (GROUNDLIGHT)
	Kearney, Nebraska	Schmidt	Other (HOAX)
	Eglin AFB, Florida	Military (RADAR)	Other (MALFUNCTION/ ELEC INTERFERENCE)
	Sarasota, Florida	Downs	Aircraft
	Hilton, New York	Cillitte	Aircraft
	Travis County Prison, Georgia	Hooks	Aircraft
	Great Neck, New York	Frankel	Aircraft
	Theriot, Louisiana	Duplantis	Astro (VENUS)
	Rochester, New York	Schuchart	Aircraft
	Williams Bay, Wisconsin	Poblocki	Astro (VENUS)
	Port Arthur, Canada	Mulit	Astro (VENUS)
)	Green Bay, Wisconsin	Nickols	Insufficient Data
	Atlanta, Georgia	Ethridge	Aircraft
	Aiken, South Carolina	James	Astro (VENUS)
	Woodstock, Georgia	Hitt	Other (UNRELIABLE REPORT)
	Delevan, Wisconsin	O'Neil	Aircraft
	Scotia, Nebraska	Winslow	Other (UNRELIABLE REPORT)
	SSW of New Orleans, Louisiana	Merint/SS Hampton Rhodes	Insufficient Data
	Wentzville, Missouri	Clements	Aircraft
	Walworth, Wisconsin	Templeton	Balloon
	St Louis, Missouri	Dunn	Astro (VENUS)
	Long Beach, California	Military	Other (MIRAGE)
-10	Finland AFS, Minnesota	Military & Civilian	Astro (VENUS)
	Atlantic (Not Given/R Zone)	Military	Astro (METEOR)
	Regina, New Mexico	Thomason	Insufficient Data
	Newburgh, New York	Phillips	Insufficient Data
	Gimili RCAF Station, Canada	Multi	Insufficient Data
	Towner, North Dakota	Eaton	Astro (VENUS)
	Roseburg, Oregon	Merle	Astro (VENUS)
	Lynchburg, Virginia	Sage	Astro (AURORA)
	Chattanooga, Tennessee (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Astro (METEOR)
	W Port Washington, Washington	Miller	Astro (VENUS)
	Steelrock, Oregon	Landers	Astro (VENUS)
	Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri	Multi (4 cases)	Astro (AURORA)
	Eatonton, New Jersey	Begell	Insufficient Data
	Chattanooga, Tennessee (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Aircraft
	Texas, New Mexico Area	Multi (Mil & Civ)	Astro (VENUS)
	Long Beach, California	Zibello	Other (UNRELIABLE REPORT)
	Los Angeles, California	Ybarra	Astro (VENUS)
	Paris, Illinois (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Aircraft
	San Antonio, Texas	Yarbrough	Astro (METEOR)
	Kansas City, Missouri	Abrams	Astro (VEGA)
	New Orleans, Louisiana	Roberts	Astro (METEOR)
	San Diego, California	King	Astro (ALDEBARAN)
	Williams Bay AFS, Wisconsin	Military	Insufficient Data
	Santa Fe, New Mexico	Valdes	Other (GROUND LIGHT)
	Del Rosa, California	Smith	Aircraft