PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	12. CONCLUSIONS
23 November 1957	Joliet, Illinois	☐ Was Balloon ☒ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 24/0105Z	**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** GOC 5 Airline pilots & Radar	☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 minutes	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** one	**9. COURSE** not given
		☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Large round brilliant white object, orange when passing behind thin cloud. Object seemed to hover at times. Had straight course when moving.

11. COMMENTS

Description has characteristics of a balloon seen at dusk. There was a balloon released at Moline, Illinois at about 0000Z. Probably Balloon.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

Prob balloon

RAZ11

SQF0Z7 YMB0Z2AHAZ1STAHH3Z6

PP RJEDDN RJEDWP RJEPHQ RJEPNB

DE RJEDAH 6H

P 24Z115Z

FM COMDR 755TH ACWRON

TO RJEDDN/COMDR ADC

RJEDAH/COMDR 37TH ADIV

RJEDWP/COMDR AIR INTELLIGENCE CENTER

RJEPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS USAF

RJEPNB/COMDR EADF

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/UNCL/UFOB 1648

1. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT(S):

   A. ROUND

   B. LARGE

   C. BRILLIANT WHITE ABOVE OVERCAST, ORANGE WHEN PASSING BEHIND THIN CLOUD

   D. ONE

   E. N/A

   F. NONE

   G. NONE NOTICEABLE

   H. NEG

   I. NONE

2. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECTS:

   A. BRILLIANT COLOR

Characteristics of balloon when seen at dusk

C. 10000 FT

D. STRAIGHT COURSE WHEN MOVING, OBJECT SEEMED TO HOVER AT TIMES

E. OUT OF SIGHT

F. 5 MIN

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

A. NAKED EYE - Airborne

B. NONE

C. OBJECT SEEN BY FIVE INDIVIDUAL COMMERCIAL AIRLINE'S PILOTS

4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

A. 24/2103Z 2105 - 6 = 1905 local

B. DUSK

5. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS:

A. 5 MI NE OF V10 AND V33 AIRWAYS

B. JOLIET ILLINOIS

6. IDENTIFYING INFO OF ALL OBSERVERS

CIVILIAN

TWA [redacted], TWA [redacted] AM AIRLINES [redacted], NORTHWEST [redacted], UNTIED [redacted].

PILOTS NAMES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THESE FLIGHT NUMBERS

MILITARY NONE

7. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIMES OF SIGHTING:

A. THIN SCATTERED OVERCAST 8000 TO 10000 FT

B. 1. SSW 18

2. 290/40 WNW

3. 280/35 W

4. 300/45 WNW

5. 310/60 NW

6. 320/65 NW

7. 300/70

8. NON APPLICABLE

as indicated by wind plot, it appears that a balloon, which was released at Moline, Ill. at about 0000Z, made slight zig zags to the EAST and was sighted in the Joliet area.

Prob Balloon

C. 10000 THIN OVERCAST

D. 15 MI

E. SCATTERED CLOUDS

F. NONE

8. UNUSUAL ACTIVITY IN THE AREA: NONE

A. NONE

B. NONE

C. NONE

9. INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION OF ACTION TAKEN:

NONE

10. LOCATION OF KNOWN AIR TRAFFIC IN AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING:

ROUTINE CIVILIAN AIRLINE TRAFFIC

11. POSITION TITLE/COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER:

WO-W1 BACA, EDMUND H., DIRECTOR

A. NONE

12. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:

A. UNKNOWN

B. NONE

13. MISC. COMMENTS OF OBSERVER: NONE

REMARKS (COMMENTS BY THE REPORTING CONTROLLER)

CAA GROUND RADAR OPERATOR, J. J. MURPHY, REPORTED A CONTACT FOR TEN SWEEPS ON HIS SCOPE. (50) MILES (SW) OF CHICAGO. BEARING (253) DEGREES FROM MIDWAY AIRPORT. AIRCRAFT REPORTING SIGHTING WERE ALL ON DIFFERENT AIRWAYS.

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