PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	12. CONCLUSIONS
16 Feb 61	3635N 6745W (ATLANTIC)	☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2245 GMT 170345Z	**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** Military	☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** / **9. COURSE**	☐ Other ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
1-3 min	1 / W	

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Unusual radar track. Abnormally large blip as compared to regular signal returns. Speed of objt estimated about 4500 knots, 3 paints of radar. Appeared 270° magnetic heading (azimuth). Disappeared 270° magnetic heading. Slight arc. Faded to W.

11. COMMENTS Objt was observed for 1-3 min on radar, with no visual sighting made. Speed of objt was reported to be 4500 knots. Objt was apparently seen on a mag heading of 270, and it disappeared on this same heading. What elevation was upon appearing and disappearing was not reported. In view of absence of pertinent info, this report is evaluated as Insufficient Data.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

Memo (AFCIN-4E), 19 Apr 61, Request for Review

1st Ind (AFCIN-4E1a/Mr. Bryant/jc/74201) 9 May 61

TO: AFCIN-4E (Maj Friend)

1. The report dated 14 Apr 61 from Andersen AFB has insufficient information upon which to base an evaluation. For example, "Description of flight path and maneuvers of object" is indicated as "N/A", and range of the target is not given.

2. Report dated 17 Feb 61 has been evaluated and evaluation indicates that considering speed of target, a reentry body (or meteorite) is about the only possibility if the target was real. The abnormally large size of the blip is not consistent with that type of target, however. Anomolous propagation or equipment malfunction are other possibilities. Check should be made of cognizant agencies to determine if reentry body or meteorites were in area.

3. Evaluation of report from 864th ACW Sq., Yuma, Ariz., dated 28 Feb 61, indicates chaff drop is most plausible explanation. Check of Air Force activities for possible chaff exercise could be made.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
STAFF MESSAGE DIVISION
UNCLASSIFIED MESSAGE

INCOMING

AF IN : 22208 (17 Feb 61), F/cem

ACTION : CIN-14

INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3 (21)
NNNN

SMD A035

CZCHQB462ZCDGA633

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FM HQ 551AEWCONWG OTIS AFB MASS

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RJEZSN/26AIRDIV SAGE HANCOCK FLD N Y

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UNCLAS 5510IN 2-442.

ACTION, ADC, 26 ADIV (SAGE), ATIC, AFCIN, SAFIS. UFO REPORT.

PER PARAGRAPH 15, AFR 200-2, UFO SIGHTING IS REPORTED AS

FOLLOWS: A. OBJECT DESCRIPTION (1) UNUSUAL RADAR TRACK (2)/AB-

NORMALLY LARGE BLIP AS COMPARED TO REGULAR SIGNAL RETURNS (3)

NOT APPLICABLE (4) ONE (1). (5) NONE (6) NONE (7) NONE

(8) NONE (9) SPEED OF OBJECT ESTIMATED ABOUT 4,500 KNOTS, 3

PAINTS ON RADAR. B. (1) LARGE SIZE AND UNUSUAL SPEED (2) 270

DEGREES MAGNETIC HEADING (AZIMUTH) (3) 270 MAGNETIC HEADING

(4) SLIGHT ARC (5) FADED TO THE WEST (6) 1.3 MINUTES

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C. (1) AIR ELECTRONIC APS-95 (2) NO VISUAL SIGHTING MADE (3) RC-121D NBR50118, 10,000 FT, TRUE COURSE 027 DEGREES, TRUE AIR SPEED 196 KNOTS HOME BASE OTIS AFB, MASS. D. (1) DATE-TIME GROUP 170345Z (2) NIGHT E. LOCATION: 36 DEGREES 35 MINUTES NORTH, 67 DEGREES 45 MINUTES WEST. F. AIRCRAFT COMMANDER CAPT HENRY R. BILZ. OBSERVERS: ROBERT J. SIMKO, SSGT, RADAR CREW CHIEF; JOHN C. BASARAB, A1C, RADAR OPERATOR; ROBERT E. FRANKE, A2C RADAR TECHNICIAN. ALL PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO 960 AEW&CON SQ. ALL OBSERVERS CONSIDERED HIGHLY QUALIFIED. G. WEATHER AND WINDS: (1) CLOUD DECK UNDERNEATH, CLEAR ABOVE. (2) WIND DIRECTION; 310 DEGREES AT 50 KNOTS AT AIRCRAFT ALTITUDE, JET STREAM ALOFT IN AREA POSSIBLE 150-180 KNOTS AND 300 DEGREES AT 30,000 FT. (3) ON TOP OF CLOUDS, BASES 4,000 FT, TOPS 7,000 FT. (4) UNLIMITED (5) BROKEN, SCATTERED, SIX-TENTHS COVER (6) NEGATIVE. H. NEGATIVE KNOWN I. NO INTERCEPT ACTION INVOLVED. J. NONE K. MAJOR KEITH H. MOREHOUSE, WING INTELLIGENCE OFFICER. REPORT SUBMITTED FOR POSSIBLE RELEVANCE TO ANY KNOWN ATMOSPERIC REENTRY. 1. NONE.

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