

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 4 Sep - 7 Oct 55		2. LOCATION LaGrand, Iowa		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Star ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 05/0330Z Sep nightly		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE civilian(GOC observers)			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION from one to two hours nightly		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS three	9. COURSE stationary		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Three red and green (alternating) objects seen in the northeast and southwest thru binoculars.				11. COMMENTS Investigated by Flight 2-A, 4602d AISS. Capella in NE, Altair in SW, Aldeberan in East (080 deg az) Antares in SW (low). Observation of stars	

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5 LEGRAD IA

6

A ROBERT TIERSON 39 LEGRAND IA FARMER

B NONE

7

A NONE

B 25MI 45 MI 65 MI 90MI

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C NONE

D NONE

E NONE

8 NONE

9 NONE

10 NONE

11 NONE

12 NO RADAR CONACT AND OFFICER HAS NO EXCLAMATION FOR IT

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29/0720Z SEP RJEDNG

UNCLASSIFIED OPNS 666 UFOB REPORT AS FOLLOWS

1

A ROUND

B PINHEAD

C RED AND GREEN FLASHING

D THREE

E NO

F NONE

G NONE

H NONE

I NONE

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2

A 15NNE 5 ALT 215 SSW 30 ALT 270 40 ALT

B N/A

C NONE

D NONE

E LOST IN CLOUDS

F 3 HRS

3

A GROUND VISUAL

B BINOCULARS

C NEGATIVE

4

A 29/9/55 0045Z

B NIGHT

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2. A. OBSERVE NIGHTLY

B. 015-230

C. UNAVAILABLE

D. NEG

E. UNAVAILABLE

F. TWO MINUTES

3. A. GROUND VISUAL

B. 8-5-33 BINOCULARS

C. N/A

4. A. 03/3110Z

B. NIGHT

5. NM [REDACTED] LEGRANDE, IOWA

6. A. [REDACTED], NEG, LEGRANDE, IOWA FARMER, AVERAGE.

7. A. CLEAR

B. 10,000 300/34

15,000 300/55

20,000 300/91

C. NEG

D. NEG

E. CLEAR

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/U N C L A S S I F I E D / 788-10-J-23 IAW AFR 200-2: UFOB

1. A. ROUND
- B. HEAD OF PIN
- C. RED & GREEN
- D. TWO
- E. NEG
- F. NEG
- G. NEG
- H. NEG
- I. NEG

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

AREA REPORT CONCERNS

LE GRAND, IOWA; MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA

AGENCY OF ORIGIN

Flight 2-A, 4602D AISS
St. Paul 11, Minnesota

DATE OF REPORT

14 Sep 55

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Mr. [REDACTED]
Mr. [REDACTED]

DATE OF INFORMATION

11 Sep 55

PREPARING OFFICER

WALTER EUGENE SAMPSON, 2/Lt. USAF

EVALUATION

REFERENCES (Content number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

SUBJECT

UFOB

SUMMARY (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112a.)

I. CONTENTS:

PART ONE: Description of Sighting by Mr. [REDACTED], Le Grand, Iowa, Farmer.

PART TWO: Description of Sighting by Mr. [REDACTED], Marshalltown, Iowa, Service Station Attendant, Shell Oil Co.

PART THREE: Supplementary Investigative Efforts.

PART FOUR: Comments of Preparing Officer.

II. SUMMARY: Objects were sighted by Mr. Robert [REDACTED] at GOC NAN MIKE 1-5 BLACK post at Le Grand, Iowa (GEOREF FJNN 1401). Mr. [REDACTED] telephoned the GOC post at Marshalltown, Iowa (GEOREF FJNN 0504) on 5 Sep 55, and contacted Mr. [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED], 39, had the objects in sight for two (2) hours and fifteen (15) minutes. The objects were in three (3) different quadrants. Mr. [REDACTED] 42, sighted only one of the objects and had it in sight for one (1) hour and fifteen (15) minutes.

III. INVESTIGATOR: M/SGT EDWARD M. HEALY AF 31191923

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part in the above
Edward M. Healy 14/Sgt
WALTER E. SAMPSON
2nd Lt., USAF
OIC Flt 2-A

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F. NEG

8. NEG

9. NEG

10. NEG

11. DUTY DIRECTOR 2ND LT R.H. BALLANTYNE : NO COMMENT.

12. NEG

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10/2055Z OCT RJEDNG

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I. SOURCE:

Marshalltown, Iowa

Occupation: Service Station Attendant

Qualifications: GOC Observer Approx. 3 Months

II. RELIABILITY: Reliability of Source could not be determined.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: Source received a telephone call from GOC post at La Grand, Iowa informing him of three (3) objects in different quadrants of the sky. Source observed only one (1) in the Northeast section. It had a steady green light with what appeared to be a flashing red light on it. The object did not appear to move at any time. The object was approximately thirty degrees (30°) above the horizon and when Source went off duty it still appeared to be in the same place. Source observed the object from 0445Z to 0600Z. The red light flashed at one (1) second intervals. Source stated object was fifty (50) feet in all dimensions. Source also stated the object appeared to be the size of a pea held at arms length but shape and distance from observer could not be determined. Source's point of observation was on top of a hotel. Source stated that there were high broken clouds and a slight haze over city.

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I. SOURCE:

Le Grand, Iowa

Occupation: Farmer

Qualifications: Three Years GOC Post Observer

II. RELIABILITY: Source is a college graduate (Liberal Arts) and appeared to be very truthful in all answers and opinions.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: Source noticed RED and GREEN flashing light in the Northeast approximately thirty (30°) degrees above the horizon. Distance object was from observer could not be determined. Source could not describe the shape of the object other than it appeared to be a light in the distance. Source observed the object for a total of two (2) hours and fifteen (15) minutes and in this time the object appeared to move from the Northeast to the Southwest very slowly and fade from view. Object appeared to be the size of a pinhead held at arms length. Observation made through seven (7) power binoculars did not reveal any other details. At the same time of the above sighting Source discovered two (2) more objects. Except for direction, the above details apply. The second appeared in the East and moved slowly to the West south west. The third appeared in the Northeast and moved slowly to the East South East. The objects were still in view when the Source quit his post. (0600Z) Source stated he had been observing these objects every night for a period of five (5) nights. Objects are first sighted anytime between 2330Z to 0330Z. Usually the one in the Southwest comes up first. Weather conditions on the night of these particular sightings was good. The sky was clear and the winds were calm. No storms were reported in the near area.

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/ U N C L A S S I F I E D / IAW AFR 200-2 UFOB 788-25-I-01

1.

A NEG

B NEG

C RED AND GREEN ALTERNATING

D THREE

E NEG

F NEG

G NEG

H NEG

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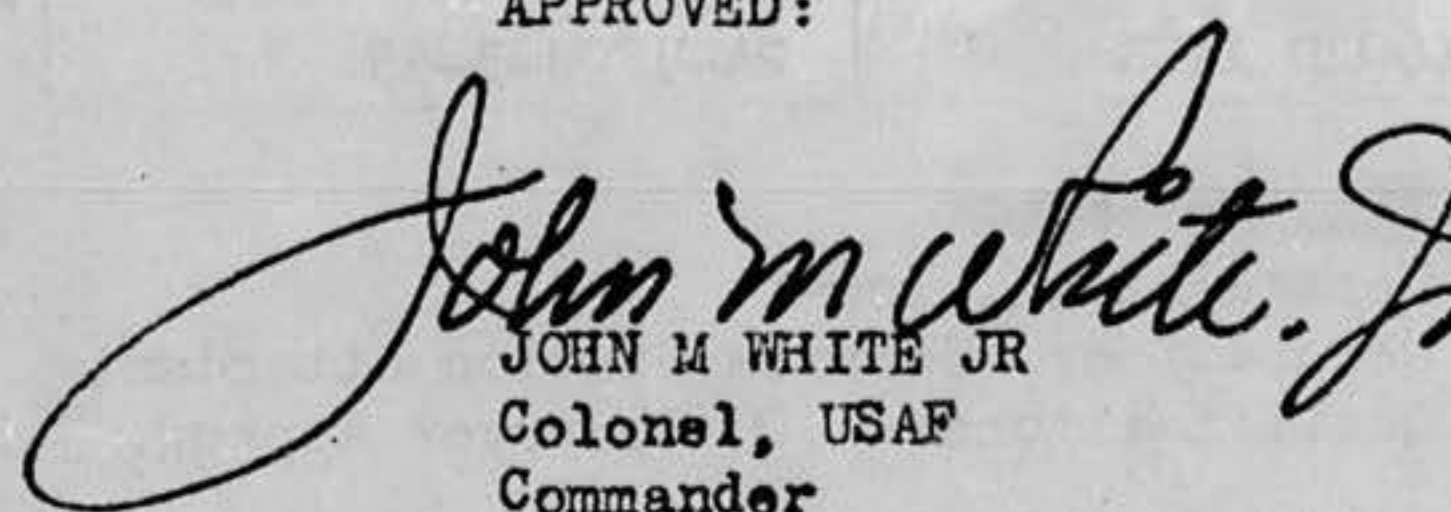
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APPROVED:



JOHN M WHITE JR
Colonel, USAF
Commander

UNCLASSIFIED

CLASSIFICATION

(SECURITY INFORMATION when filled in)

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. This UFOB was assigned to this Unit for investigation by Hqs, 4602D AISS. The initial report was obtained from the D/I 31st Air Division.

2. A thorough check was made of all research agencies in the Minneapolis area. There were no balloons from any of these agencies over Iowa at the time of the sighting. It was also noted that balloons from all these agencies carry only a flashing red light, and none carry a green or white light. "Moby Dick" balloons carry a white light. Further investigation brought out the fact that the lights on the balloons are of the type employed on the wing tips of aircraft and could not be observed from the ground if the balloon were over 10,000 feet away.

3. The U. of Minnesota observatory found nothing in their logs to indicate anything unusual on the night of the sighting.

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COMMENTS OF THE PREPARING OFFICER

1. It is the opinion of the preparing investigator that the sighting was a star or planet for the following reasons:

a. Continued observation of the morning star and/or a planet could produce the effect of the green and red lights. One observer saw a steady green light with a flashing red. The other observed a flashing green and red with no steady interval.

b. The lack of or almost lack of motion could be explained by the earth's rotation.

c. Investigation discovered no balloon nor astronomical activity that would account for the sighting.

for + in the absence of *Edward M. Healy w/sgt.*
WALTER E. SAMPSON
2nd Lt., USAF
OIC F2A

COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Concur with the opinion of the Preparing Officer that this sighting was astronomical in nature, probably caused by a star or combination of stars for the reasons listed above coupled with the fact that the objects were seen for a period of five successive nights.



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12 SEP 1955 07 43

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10,000 310/10

15,000

20,000 LIGHT/VAR

30,000 02/35

40,000 040/45

C UNLIMITED

D UNLIMITED

E NEG

F NONE

8 NEG

9 NEG

10 NEG

11 DUTY DIRECTOR 1ST LT JOHN R MORRISON USAF, NO COMMENTS

12 NEG

BT

05/1830Z SEPT RJEDNG

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I NEG

2.

A GOC DUTIES

B 20 DEGREE ANGLE ALL OBJECTS

C N/A

D NEG

E N/A

F ONE HOUR PLUS

3.

A GROUND VISUAL

B BINOCULAR

E N/A

4.

A 0330Z 5 SEP 55

B NIGHT

5. LA GRAND IOWA NM 1457

6. MR AND MRS [REDACTED] 39 YRS' LA GRAND IOWA, FARMER

MR [REDACTED] 42YRS , MARSHALL TOWN IOWA, SERVICE STATION

ATTENDANT

I NEG

7.

A CLEAR NEG WINDOOR STROMS

B 5 310/20

IN

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3 " 4X2a
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1. ROBERT PIERSON NEG LA GRANDE IA. FARMER

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2. N/A

G.

1. CLEAR SCATTERED CIELING

2. 5000-350/15 2-270-270/35

10000-260/25 30000-250/50

15000-270/40 40000-240/70

3. NEG

4. NEG

5. NEG

H. BALLON POSSIBLY - GOC

I. NEG

J. NEG

K. NEG

L. 1ST LT JOHN R MORRISON DUTY DIRECTOR. POSSIBLY A BALLON SIGHTING
NO CRT CONTACT

ET

11/1658Z SEP RJEDNG

7-1W*

1 Witness

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ACTION

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/U N C L A S S I F I E D/738-11-I-01 IAW AFR 220-2

A.

1. NEG
2. PEA
3. AFFIRMATIVE RED GREEN
4. THREE
5. NEG
6. NEG
7. NEG

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8. NEG
9. NEG

B.

1. GOC DUTIES
2. 24 WEST
3. 15 SOUTHWEST
4. 30 NORTHEAST
5. NEG
6. NEG

C.

1. GROUND VISUAL
2. BINOCULARS
3. N/A

D.

1. 24 Z 11 SEP 55
NIGHT

LA GRANDE IOWA NM 1358

F.