PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE

11 November 1957

2. LOCATION

White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.

3. DATE-TIME GROUP

Local _____

GMT 11/2220Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar

☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

Binoculars

5. PHOTOS

☐ Yes

☒ No

6. SOURCE

Civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

3 minutes

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

one

9. COURSE

not given

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Object which looked like a 4" fountain pen held horizontally at arm's length. The object seemed to change in color alternately from orange to gray. One end was a constant orange color. No sound. Appeared to have an arch-like path towards the earth's surface.

11. COMMENTS

Direction of movement of the object is not given. A balloon seen at dusk would appear orange Without knowing the direction of object, evaluation cannot be made. Possible a/c also.

12. CONCLUSIONS

- ☐ Was Balloon
- ☐ Probably Balloon
- ☐ Possibly Balloon
- ☐ Was Aircraft
- ☐ Probably Aircraft
- ☐ Possibly Aircraft
- ☐ Was Astronomical
- ☐ Probably Astronomical
- ☐ Possibly Astronomical
- ☐ Other _____
- ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
- ☐ Unknown

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3DO 24-195

19 NOV 1957

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted while traveling on U.S. Route 60 from Covington, Virginia to White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia (2 or 3 miles within the West Virginia state line) at approximately 2215Z to 2220Z, 11 November 1957.

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

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1. SYNOPSIS: [redacted] advised that at approximately 2215Z to 2220Z hours, 11 November 1957, while traveling with his wife, [redacted], and three (3) children on U.S. Route 60 from Covington, Virginia to White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, they sighted an object which looked like a 4" fountain pen held horizontally at arm's length. The object was to the left of the highway at a 20° to 25° angle at an estimated Azimuth of 210°. The object seemed to change in color alternately from orange to grey; the opposite end was a constant orange color. There was no unusual noise. The object looked like it had an arch-like path towards the earth's surface. [redacted] stated that he could not exactly tell between the tail of the object and the exhaust. They lost sight of the object when the sun's reflection no longer was reflecting off the object.

2. DETAILS:

AT CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA

a. On 12 November 1957, [redacted], Age 42, General Superintendent of [redacted] residing at [redacted] Road, Charleston, West Virginia was interviewed by Special Agent THOMAS G. REYNOLDS.

[redacted] related that he, his wife, [redacted] and three (3) children had sighted an object that looked like a 4" fountain pen held horizontally at arm's length. The object's nose seemed to change in color

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alternately from orange to grey and that at the opposite end was a constant orange color. [redacted] stated that there was only one object and that he did not hear any unusual noise. He further related that the object looked like it had an arch-like path towards the earth's surface. He said that he could not tell exactly between the tail of the object and the exhaust and that they lost sight of the object when the sun's reflection no longer was reflecting off the object.

[redacted] was traveling west on U. S. Route 60 from Covington, Virginia to White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia and stated that the object was sighted as they came to a hill approximately two (2) to three (3) miles within the West Virginia state line. He related that the sun had set and that the sun was either dead ahead or on the right of the highway at that point. The object was to the left of the highway at a 20° to 25° angle and at an estimated azimuth of 210° to 220°. [redacted] related that the method of his sighting was ground visual with the aid of 6 x 30 binoculars. Time of sighting was estimated as between 2215Z and 2220Z hours, 11 November 1957; was observed for a period of three (3) minutes and did not seem to be moving very rapidly. The light conditions were described as dusk and the sky clear.

In what direction was the object moving?

Location of observer was determined as: 38° 36" - North, 80° 28" - West.

[redacted] felt that in his opinion it was not a jet plane or a shooting star, as the object was moving too slow for either of the above.

WEATHER:

b. On 14 November 1957, [redacted], Meteorologist in charge U.S. Weather Bureau, Kanawha County Airport, Charleston, West Virginia furnished Special Agent THOMAS G. REYNOLDS with the following observations for Charleston, West Virginia on 1800Z, 11 November 1957:

Winds Aloft:

At the Surface	North, Northwest	at 4 KN
6000	100 Degrees	1 KN
10,000	280	11 KN
16,000	260	14 KN
20,000	280	19 KN
30,000	270	23 KN
37,000	270	74 KN

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Ceiling: Clear Sky

Visibility: 15 Miles

Cloud Cover: None

[redacted] advised that there are no weather facilities in the White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia area, but that all weather stations around the area reported clear skies with no restrictions to visibility. He stated that, in his opinion, the weather and winds would be very similar to that of Charleston, West Virginia in White Sulphur Springs at the particular time the object allegedly was sighted. He further advised that he could not account for the sighting and that there had not been any unusual or any known activity that could explain the sighting.

Stanley O. Bzapiewski Capt USAF
For and in the absence of
BERNARD J. DUFFY
Lt Col, USAF
District Commander

cc: Comdr, 783rd AC&W Sq.
Guthrie AF Station
Charleston, West Va.
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Dir OSI (trip)

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Headquarters, Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado

TO: Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: AFCIN 4E4,
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

The direction of movement of the object is not given. A balloon seen at dusk would appear to be orange as has been repeatedly proven, and if the wind is very strong will move slowly. Without knowing somewhat 3 direction the object moved, an evaluation cannot be made. RJH

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