PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE / TIME GROUP 28 Oct 66 1350Z	2. LOCATION Jefferson, New York 1 witness
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Aircraft(possible)
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer watched a bright silver colored object that appeared to accelerate rapidly and disappear away from the observer to the NE. The object appeared to be gently sloping on the top and flat on the bottom. The witness said that it could be compared to a bowlers hat. The description is consistent with that of an aircraft observation.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE NE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes XX No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes XX No	

FORM
FTD SEP 63 0-329 (TDE) Previous editions of this form may be used.

A. Description of the Object(s):

1. Shape: Gently sloping on top. Curving down and out on side. Flat on bottom. Described as resembling a bowler hat but not as pronounced on top.

2. Size compared to a know object:
About the size of a nickel viewed at arms length. Estimated to be about 75' across at the bottom compared to a watertower viewed in conjunction with object.

3. Color:

Bright or silver

4. Number:

One

5. Formation, if more than one:

N/A

6. Any discernible features or details:

None

7. Tail, trail, or exhaust, including size of same compared to size of object(s):

None

8. Sound; if heard, describe sound:

No sound heard (Subject in automobile with engine running)

9. Other pertinent or unusual features:

None

B. Description of Course of Object(s):

1. What first called the attention of observer(s) to the object(s):
Brightness

2. Angle or elevation and azimuth of object(s) when first observed:

NE 15 degrees above horizon

3. Angle or elevation and azimuth of object(s) upon disappearance:

NE 15 degrees above horizon

4. Description of flight path and maneuvers of object(s):
No apparent movement until just before disappearance/

5. How did the object(s) disappear:

Appeared to accelerate rapidly(due to diminishing size) and disappeared directly away from observers - to NE

6. How long (were) the object(s) visible:
20 seconds

C. Manner of Observation:

1. Ground - Visual
(Through windshield of automobile)

2. Optical Aids:
Sunglasses

3.

D. Time and Date of Sighting:

1. Zulu time-date group of sighting:
1350Z/28 Oct 66

2. Light conditions:
Approximately sunrise - Clear

E. Location of Observer(s):

41 degrees 48' N & 74 degrees 46' W

F. Identifying Information on Observer(s):

1. Military or Civilian: Civilian

2. Name: [redacted]

3. Age: 17

4. Mailing Address: [redacted] Jefferson, New York

5. Occupation: Asst. dairy sales clerk (Part-time)

6. Estimate of Reliability:
2 Apparently reliable sighting with adult in attendence.

G. Weather and Winds - Aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sightings:

1. Observer(s) account of weather conditions:
   Clear - Sunrise

2. Report from nearest AWS or U.S. Weather Bureau Office:

   Clear and 20 miles vsby

   Wind - 100 degrees/2k.

3. Ceiling:
   None

4. Visibility:

   20 miles

5. Amount of cloud cover:
   None

6. Thunderstorms in area and quadrant in which located:

   None

7. Vertical temperature gradient:

   No inversion - Standard lapse rate

H. Any Other Unusual Activity or Condition:
   None

I. Interception or Identification Action Taken:

   None

J. Location, approximate altitude, and general direction of flight of any air traffic or balloon releases in the area which might possibly account for the sighting:

V249-483 runs N-S directly over point of sighting.
V34 running NW-SE would have visable traffic.

K. Position, title and comments of the preparing officer:

This report offers very little information upon which to base a theory for the stimulus for the sighting. It is possible that the sunrise could have created a reflection on the windshield of the car however the cause of the unusual shape, as described, is unknown. It is possible that a C-121 aircraft with radar dome on top of fusilage could create a similar appearance if viewed at an angle although no such traffic could be confirmed. I believe that this sighting would have to be attributed to a reflection on the windshield with the scant amount of information available.

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L. Existence of physical evidence, such as materials and photographs:

None