PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 25 Feb 67 75/2325Z	2. LOCATION Sioux City, Iowa 2
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION INSUFFICIENT DATA FOR EVALUATION PHOTO: INSUFF. DATA.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 3	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Each object visible for 1-2 minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observer watched three saucer shaped objects with round domes on top, traveling at approximately two minutes intervals toward the northeast. There was not exhaust or sound noted. Objects came into sight from the SW and disappeared into the one at a time. Each object was visible for 1-2 minutes. Lack of object details and foreground and/or background detailed precludes a satisfactory evaluation. No scale factor can be used to size the object.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE NE	
8. PHOTOS [X] Yes [ ] No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE [ ] Yes [X] No	

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INCOMING MESSAGE

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ACTION: RDC-4

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10AF: FTD AT AFSC: AFIN AT USAF SAFOI AT OSAF. UFO REPORT.

REFERENCE PARA 11, AFR 80-17. A. DESCRIPTION: (1) SAUCER SHAPED

WITH ROUND DOME ON TOP CENTER (2) APPOX 12 FEET IN DIAMETER

(3) GRAY COLORED (4) THREE OBJECTS (5) EACH FOLLOWED PATH OF THE

OTHER AT APPROX TWO MINUTE INTERVALS. ONLY ONE OBJECT IN SIGHT AT

A TIME (6) DOME ON TOP (7) NO EXHAUST OR TRAILS (8) NO SOUND

(9) NO OTHER PERTINENT OR UNUSUAL FEATURES. B. COURSE OF OBJECTS:

(1) OBSERVERS WERE TAKING PICTURES OF A SHEET USED AS A PARACHUTE

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TIED TO A MOTORCYCLE WHEN FIRST OBJECT APPEARED (2) ANGLE OF ELEVATION AT TIME OF PICTURE WAS 10 DEGREES (3) OBJECTS CAME INTO SIGHT FROM THE SOUTHWEST AND DISAPPERED INTO THE NORTHEAST ONE

AT A TIME CONTINUED A STRAIGHT PATH PASSING NEARLY OVER THE OBSERVERS AT AN ALTITUDE OF 50-60 FEET. ANGLE OF EVALATION UPON DISAPPERANCE WAS 10 DEGREES (4) FLIGHT PATH WAS STRAIGHT AND LEVEL (5) OBJECTS GRADUALLY DISAPPEARAJ INTO THE NORTHEAST. (6) EACH OBJECT WAS VISIBLE FOR 1 - 2 MINUTES. TOTAL TIME OF OBSERVATION WAS APPROX FIVE MINUTES. C. OBJECTS WERE OBSERVED BY UNAIDED EIGHT SIGHT. D. TIME OF SIGHTING ENDED AT 252325Z FEB. LIGHT CONDITION WAS DAYLIGHT, E. OBSERVERS WERE AT THE NORTHERN EDGE OF SIOUX CITY, IOWA JUST EAST OF HIGHWAY 7 ON [redacted]OAD ON TOP OF A HILL. 96'25'' WEST, 42'30" NORTH. F. THE OBSERVERS WERE: N[redacted]S 16 YEARS, [redacted] SIOUX CITY, IOWA. [redacted]7 YEARS, [redacted] SIOUX CITY, IOWA. BOTH ARE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND APPEAR TO BE VERY RELIABLE. G. WEATHER AND WINDS: (1) CLEAR AND WINDY (2) SFC 160 DEGREES/17 KNOTS, 6M 240/15, 10M 280/23, 16M 320/27, 20M 320/34, 30M 320/46, 50M 320/54, 80M 320/15 (3) NO CEILING (4) 12 MI VISIBILITY (5) CLOUDS BETWEEN 1/10

AND 5/10 THIN CIRRUS. (6) NO THUNDERSTORMS (7) VERTICAL TEMP GRADIENT:
-0.62 DEGREES CENTIGRADE PER 1000 FEET ESTIMATED. H. NONE I. DIRECTION
CENTER AT 30TH AIR DIV REPORTS NO AIR ACTIVITY IN AREA AT THAT TIME.
J. NEVILLE C HERBERT, CAPT USAF, INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, 30AD, SIOUX
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SIGHTING. REFERENCE PARA 12A: OBSERVER ROBERT COPELAND TOOK A
PICTURE OF THE THIRD OBJECT FROM A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 600
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CLEAR AND THE OBJECT IS WELL DEFINED. PHOTOGRAPHY WILL BE FORWARDED
TO FTD (TDETR), WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO BY CERTIFIED MAIL.
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FILE WITH
SIOUX CITY, IOWA
CASE

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

May 3, 1967

Dear Mr. [redacted]

We have received some word from our photographic interpreters concerning the unidentified flying object photograph submitted by the Sioux City youths and which you have discussed with Major Rhoads of my staff.

A letter from the Project Blue Book office will be going to Sioux City within the next few days, and we know you will want to check your sources to be sure the letter is received before you publish anything. I know you would not want the boys to read about it in the JOURNAL before they receive their letter.

The photographic analyses revealed that if the witnesses' estimates of the size of the object are correct, the object would be located about 430 feet from the camera. The camera focal length versus the size of the image as it appeared in the photograph were used in determining this. Lack of either foreground or background detail precluded the use of a scale factor to verify the actual size of the object. The image is such that no specific details are visible other than a circular object with some type of protrusion. As such, no positive explanation can be made of the object. However, there is no evidence in the photograph to indicate that the object might be extraterrestrial.

If you wish any additional information, feel free to call.

Sincerely,

EARLE P. NASE
Lt Colonel, USAF
Deputy Chief, Operations Branch
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [redacted]

Project Blue Book

TDET/UFO

26 May 1967

UFO Observation

Mr. [redacted]nd
[redacted]
Sioux City, Iowa 51104

Reference your recent observation and photograph of an unidentified flying object.

We are returning your print, as stated in our letter of 5 May 1967. Once again, we wish to thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
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Analysis revealed that if the object had a diameter of 12 feet, it would be located 430 feet from the camera, but if the object was located 600 feet from the camera, it would have a diameter of 17 feet.

Lack of foreground and/or background detail precluded a scale factor to measure the size of the object.

The original photograph will be forwarded as soon as a copy has been made. The copy is being made for the case history only. Under no circumstances will the photograph be released to the news media. Thank you for submitting the photograph for analysis.

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HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book

Photo/intelligence data for comprehensive analysis

PHOTO ANALYSIS REPORT

NR 67-31

DATE OF REPORT 27 April 1967

SUBJECT UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

LOCATION SIOUX CITY, IOWA

DATE 25 February 1967

PHOTOGRAPHY

AF _____ IR _____ QUALITY _____

P NRS 1 Polaroid print (B&W)

1. PURPOSE: This report is in response to Work Order Number 67-36 submitted by Major Quintanilla, TDETR, to determine the identity of the object photographed.

2. ANALYSIS: The photography appears genuine insofar as content is concerned. Examination of the submitted Polaroid-type print has negated double exposure and/or retouching. The object appears to be circular in planform with a flat-topped "superstructure". Source indicated the object had a diameter of approximately 12 feet and was located approximately 600 feet from the camera when photographed. The camera focal length versus the size of the image as it appears in the photography was computed. The results indicate that if the object had a diameter of 12 feet, it would be located 430 feet from the camera; but if the object were located 600 feet from the camera, it would have a diameter of 17 feet. Lack of foreground and/or background detail precluded a scale factor to size the object. No satisfactory explanation could be made of the object.

PHOTO ANALYSIS BY:

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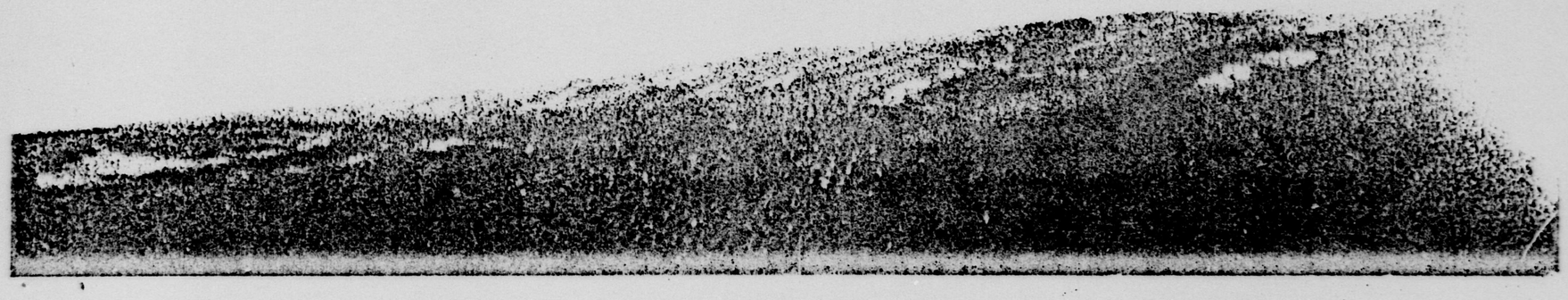

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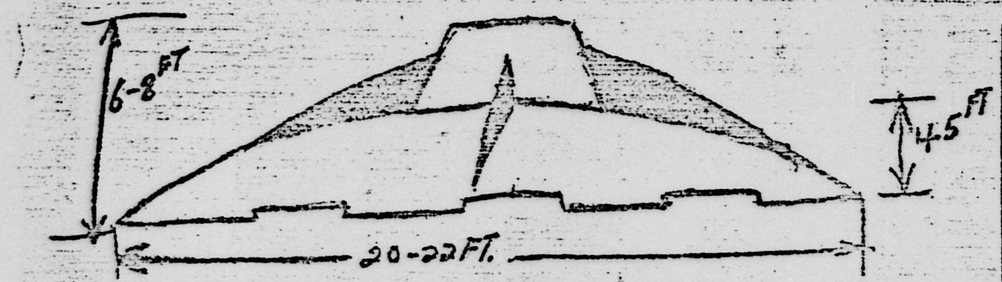
FILE WITH CASE

Air Force Stumped by 'UFO' Photo Taken by Sioux Cityans



A 16-year-old Sioux City boy drew this picture from memory of one of the three "flying saucers" he and an 18-year-old friend saw and photographed. He said the objects were about 20 to 22 feet in diameter; six to eight feet deep, and had domes on the top. He also said there were peculiar grooves across the flat bottoms. They were described as being made of dull metal, not unlike zinc. They flew 50 feet overhead. U.S. Airforce still has the Polaroid-type picture.

By GENE ANDERSON
Journal Staff Writer

It was a clear, crisply cool day in Sioux City.

Patches of snow could still be seen on the surrounding hills.

From their vantage point high on a hill, the two teen-age boys could see for miles in every direction.

It was about 5:30 in the afternoon, about an hour before sunset. The boys had returned to the hill to retrieve a pair of gloves they had left earlier in the day.

What they were about to see scared them badly. The 18-year-old boy still refuses to discuss it with anyone . . . even his parents.

The 16-year-old youth confided in his parents and a priest, seconds. This time, we took a picture of it."

Were they flying saucers?

"Not really," said the boy. "They looked more like inverted coffee cups than saucers," he added.

What did they look like?

Answered the youth, "They were about 20 to 22 feet in diameter. From top to bottom, they must have been 6 to 8 feet deep. There was kind of a dome on top."

What color were they?

"Dull metal," said the youth. "Not shiny like aluminum; more like the zinc in garbage cans," he added.

Did he notice anything else about them?

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On Friday, The Journal talked with Maj. D. G. Rhoads in the same Penta-



Journal Photo by Anders

A Sioux City priest, who asked to remain unidentified, points to the direction (southwest) from which three unidentified flying objects came as they flew directly over the heads of two teen-agers here earlier in the spring, according to the youths. About 2[illegible] yards to the left of the priest and not shown is the new Congregational Church. Below is Iowa Highway 7 and the Buckwalter addition.

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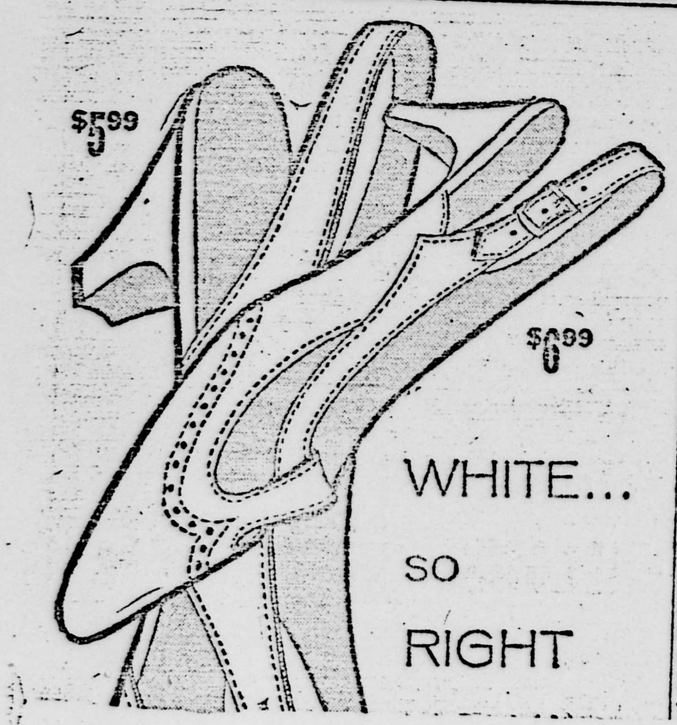



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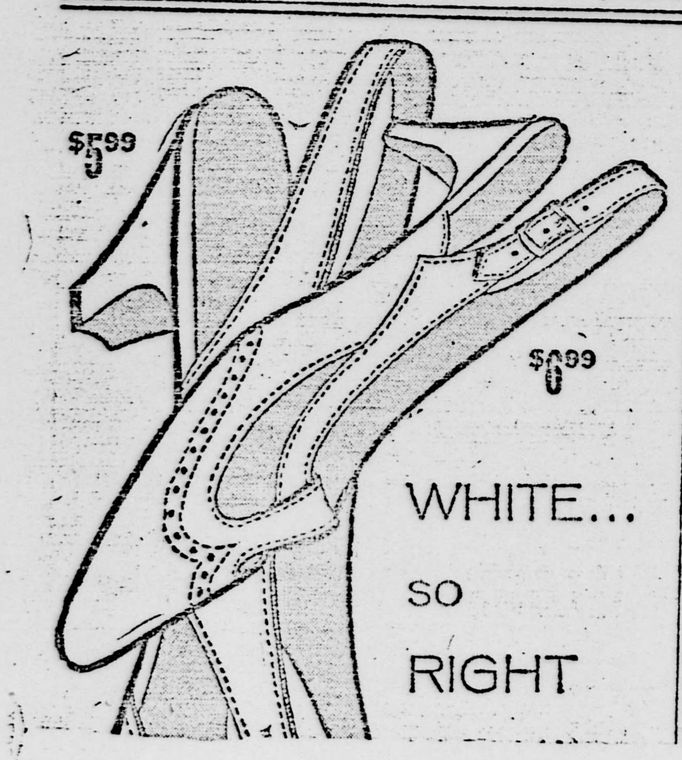

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