

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>2 May 59</u>	2. LOCATION <u>New York</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical  <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>2345 Z 0106</u> GMT <u>02/2345Z &amp; 03/0106Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Binoculars <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE <u>Military &amp; Civilian</u>		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>1 hr 8 mins</u>	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>one</u>	9. COURSE <u>East</u>	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING <p>Three rpts (1) Tear drop shape, shining, disappeared w/darkness. In sight 45 mins. (2) Squarish at first, then rnd, size of silver dollar, bluish-white, moving in SW direction. In sight 30 mins. (3) Radar - had no logical sequence, but most were within 35 NM radius of Bradley Field. Permanent fade out after 1 hr 8 mins.</p>		11. COMMENTS <p>THE ATIC conclusion is that the obj of this sighting was probably a balloon.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 10px auto;"><p style="text-align: center;">RETURN TO:</p><p style="text-align: center;">Director Aerospace Studies Inst ATTN: Archives Branch Maxwell AFB, Alabama</p><p style="text-align: right; font-size: 1.2em;">K 243.6012-1 May 1959</p></div>	

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/UNCLASSIFIED/NY AIR DEFSECT 04705 NYOIN. SUBJECT: UFOB.

A. (1) APPEARED SQUARISH AT FIRST, THEN ROUND (2) SILVER DOLLAR  
(3) BLUISH-WHITE (4) ONE (5) NEGATIVE (6) NEGATIVE (7) NEGATIVE  
(8) NEGATIVE (9) NEGATIVE.

B. (1) ILLUMINATION OF OBJECT (2) 30-40 DEGREE ANGLE FROM COCKPIT  
IN LEVEL FLIGHT (3) NEGATIVE (4) MOVING IN A SOUTHWESTERNLY DIRECTION  
(5) OBJECT DID NOT DISAPPEAR (6) 30 MINUTES.

C. (1) VIEWED BY THE NAKED EYE FROM THE AIR (2) NONE (3) VISCOUNT  
710; FLIGHT 355 ON 2 MAY, TRANS-CANADA AIRLINES; 15,000 FEET;  
HEADING NORTH BUT REVERSED DIRECTION AND CHASED IT; 215 KNOTS,

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/270 TAS; HOME STATION - MONTREAL.

D. (1) 2 MAY 59 2345Z (2) DUSK.

E. DIRECTLY OVER POUGHKEEPSIE N.Y. (3142N- 7358E).

F. CIVILIAN: ~~REDACTED~~, MONTREAL,  
CANADA; RESPONSIBLE; FIRST OFFICER ON VISCOUNT FOR TRANS-CANADA  
AIRLINES (2) NONE.

G. SOURCE REPORTED PERFECT WEATHER. NYADS WEATHER REPORT FOR STEWART AFB  
AREA: (1) WSW (2) 05 KNOTS WSW (3) 6500 (4) 15 MILES (5) BROKEN AT 6500  
(6) NONE

(7) NONE.

H. NONE.

I. NONE.

J. NONE.

K. BERTRAM AVIS, 1LT, USAF, INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, HQS NY AIR  
DEFSECT, MCGUIRE AFB NJ. INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE FOR PRELIMINARY  
ANALYSIS, HOWEVER, FIRST OFFICER MERCER INDICATED "A POSSIBLE  
BALLOON."

L. NONE.

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/UNCLASSIFIED/NY AIR DEFSECT 04741 NYOIN. SUBJECT: UFOB.

A. (1)(2)(3) NEGATIVE (4) ONE (5)(6)(7)(8)(9) NEGATIVE.

B. (1) SENIOR DIRECTOR (NYADS) REQUESTED THAT NEW YORK AADCP TRACK UFO AT 03/0100Z AFTER BEING INFORMED OF UFO REPORTS FROM TRANS-CANADA AIRLINES VISCOUNT AND WESTCHESTER COUNTY AIRPORT TOWER OPERATOR (2) 20,000 FEET ELEVATION (3) 5,000 FEET ELEVATION (4) OBJECT HAD NO DEFINITE FLIGHT PATTERN. RADAR PLOTS FORMED HAD NO LOGICAL SEQUENCE BUT MOST WERE WITHIN 35 NM RADIUS OF BRADLEY FIELD, CONN (5) PERMANENT FADE OUT (6) ONE HOUR EIGHT MINUTES.

C. (1) GROUND-ELECTRONIC RADAR AFPS-36 (2) NONE (3) NEGATIVE.

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D. (1) 03/0106Z MAY 59 (2) NIGHT.

E. FORT HANCOCK (4027N-7400W).

F. (1) NEGATIVE (2) [REDACTED], FORT HANCOCK, UNKNOWN.

G. (1) NEGATIVE. FOLLOWING WEATHER FOR BRADLEY AREA AT 03/0000Z.

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G. (1) NEGATIVE. FOLLOWING WEATHER FOR BRADLEY AREA AT 03/0000Z.

WIND: ALTITUDE/DIRECTION IN DEGREES/KNOTS: SURFACE/CALM TO VERY LIGHT, 5000/300/20, 10000/320/50, 18000/320/55, 25000/320/60, 35000/320/85, 50000/320/35, 60000/320/30. (3) 7500 (4) 15 MILES (5) 7500-SCATTERED HIGH BROKEN (6) NEGATIVE.

H. NONE.

I. AT 03/2045 AN F-102A FROM SUFFOLK COUNTY AFB WAS DIVERTED TO INVESTIGATE USO (A ZERO VELOCITY TRACK) AT APPROXIMATELY THIRTY MILES NORTH OF BRADLEY FIELD BUT TARGET FADED.

J. NEGATIVE.

K. BERTRAM AVIS, 1LT, USAF, INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, HQS NYADS, MCGUIRE AFB, NJ. INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO ESTABLISH A PREMILINARY ANALYSIS.

L. NEGATIVE.

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/UNCLASSIFIED/NY AIR DEFSECT 04704 NYOIN. SUBJECT: UFOB.

A. (1) TEAR DROP SHAPE (2) NEGATIVE (3) SHINING OBJECT REFLECTING SUN RAYS (4) ONE OBJECT (5) NEGATIVE (6) LARGE PLASTIC BALLOON (7) NONE (8) NONE (9) NONE.

B. (1) ILLUMINATION OF OBJECT (2) 6,000 FEET (3) 6,000 FEET (4) NONE (5) DISAPPEARED WITH DARKNESS (6) 45 MINUTES.

C. (1) GROUND-VISUAL (2) 50X BINOCULARS AND NAKED EYE (3) NONE.

D. (1) 2 MAY 59 2345Z (2) DUSK.

E. WEST OF WESTCHESTER COUNTY AIRPORT CONTROL TOWER, NEW YORK.

F. (1) CIVILIAN: [REDACTED] 47, FAA CONTROLLER, [REDACTED]

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PEARL RIVER, NEW JERSEY, RESPOSSIBLE (2) NONE.

G. FOR IDLEWILD AREA: (1) AFTER SUNSET, CLOUD OVERCAST (2) WIND

DIRECTION AT 2000 FEET WAS 260 DEGREES WITH A VELOCITY OF 15 KNOTS.

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PEARL RIVER, NEW JERSEY, RESPOSSIBLE (2) NONE.

G. FOR IDLEWILD AREA: (1) AFTER SUNSET, CLOUD OVERCAST (2) WIND DIRECTION AT 2000 FEET WAS 260 DEGREES WITH A VELOCITY OF 15 KNOTS; WIND DIRECTION AT SURFACE WAS 108 DEGREES WITH A VELOCITY OF 10 KNOTS (3) AT LA GUARDIA - 800 FEET/OVERCAST (4) 6 MILES AND HAZE (5) OVERCAST (6) NONE. FOR BRIDGEPORT AREA: (1) WIND DIRECTION WEST (2) 10 KNOTS WEST (3) 9000 SCATTERED, 12,000 BROKEN (4) 10 MILES (5) 12,000 (6) NONE (7) NONE.

H. NONE.

I. NONE.

J. NONE.

K. BERTRAM AVIS, 1LT, USAF, INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, HQS NY IAR DEF-SECT, MCGUIRE AFB NJ. INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO FORM A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS. DETAILED REPORTS FROM A TRANS-CANADA AIRLINES PILOT WHO SITED A MULTI-COLORED ROUND GLOWING OBJECT AT SIMULAR TIME AND VICINITY AND ARADCOM AJAX, HERCULES, AND NIKE ACQUISITION RADAR SITES REPORTEDLY TO HAVE PICKED UP AN UNCORRELATED TARGET AT SIMULAR TIME AND VICINITY WILL FOLLOW.

L. NONE.

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04/1753Z MAY RJEDJR

UFO ANALYSIS SHEET

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Location New York

Date 2 May 1959 Hour (Z) 2345 and 0106

WX Cloud overcast, wind 15 knots.

Description Three reports (1) Tear drop shape, shining, disappeared with darkness. In sight 45 minutes. (2) Squarish at first, then round, size of silver dollar, bluish-white, moving in southwesterly direction. In sight 30 minutes. (3) Radar - had no logical sequence but most were within 35 NM radius of Bradley Field. Permanent fade out after one hour eight minutes

Direction of Motion VISUAL WITNESS INDICATES A MOTION GENERALLY SOUTH HOWEVER ALL INFORMATION INDICATES AN EAST MOVEMENT

Satellite: (AFCIN-4F3, Phone 69219) OBJECT IN AREA FOR MORE THAN ONE HOUR.

Astronomical Phenomena (Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc) RULED OUT

Radar Analysis (AFCIN-4E1) RAWR SIGHTING BUT NO SPECIFIC DATA AVAILABLE

Natural Phenomena (Ball Lightning, etc) ————

Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc. POSSIBLY BALLOON

Other ————

Evaluation of Source Reliability PROBABLY GOOD.

Analysis and Conclusions: THE AIRLINE PILOT INDICATES THAT THE OBJECT WAS MOVING SOUTH. IF THIS OBJECT WAS A BALLOON AS EVIDENCE INDICATES ITS VELOCITY WOULD MOSTLY HAVE RESULTED FROM ITS RELATIVE MOTION TO THE AIRCRAFT WHICH WAS HEADED NORTH. THE RADAR SIGHTINGS WHICH TOOK PLACE WOULD BE ONE PLUS

HOURS LATER SAID THE OBJECT FURTHER  
TO THE EAST BY APPROXIMATELY  
50 NAUTICAL MILES. THIS INFORMATION  
AND THE REPORTED WIND VELOCITY OF  
APPROXIMATELY 40 K AND TOWARD THE  
NORTHEAST TEND TO SUBSTANTIATE THE  
BALLOON CONCLUSION.

THE ATSC CONCLUSION IS THAT  
THE OBJECT OF THIS SIGHTING WAS  
PROBABLY A BALLOON.

