

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

<p>1. DATE 16 Apr 52</p>	<p>2. LOCATION Madison, Wisconsin</p>		<p>12. CONCLUSIONS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon</p>
<p>3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2015 CST GMT 17/0215</p>	<p>4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft</p>
<p>5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>6. SOURCE civilian</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical</p>
<p>7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</p>	<p>8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 5 or 6</p>	<p>9. COURSE</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown</p>
<p>10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING</p> <p>Yellowish white color. Semi-circular. Make sharp turn and climb. A/c was in area but report seems to indicate these were not seen.</p>		<p>11. COMMENTS</p> <p>In semi-circular formation. Traveling at high rate of speed. Radar operational at 0228 Fighters vectored, no results. Negative results from astronomers.</p>	

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INFORMATION

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REF ABCL 200-1 UNCONVENTIONAL A/C REPT, (A) DISC-SHAPED

5 OR 6 IN FORMATION (B) 16/2000C TO 16/2030C (C) VISUAL

(D) MADISON WISCONSIN, NNW AND WEST (E) NONE (F) CLEAR,

LITTLE WIND (G) NONE (H) NONE (I) NONE

(J) NOT KNOWN X DETAILED REPT FOLLOWS

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APPENDIX VI

Madison, Wisconsin - 16 April 1952

I. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

This incident is cited not so much because it is outstanding but because of the excellent attempt at identifying the object by ADC units.

2015 CST: Civilian telephoned fighter operations of Truax Field to report that he had just sighted a formation of yellowish-white lights traveling at a high rate of speed on a heading of 90°.

2020 CST: Fighter operations called AC and W Squadron. The radar was closed down for preventive maintenance but was operational within three minutes. A flight of F-80's were directed to investigate and returned with negative results. A flight of F-86's were sent to 30,000 ft., also returned with negative results.

In addition to this the AC and W Squadron Intelligence Officer checked all airline flights and checked two observatories for any unusual astronomical displays. Results were negative.

II. STATUS OF INVESTIGATION

It is possible that the observer saw either the F-80's or F-86's over Madison, since they were in the area, however, the source reported no sounds. The objects were also reported to have turned very sharply and climbed at a high rate of speed. Jet aircraft far enough away not to be heard would normally not appear to make a sharp turn and fast climb.

III. CONCLUSIONS

Source possibly observed jet aircraft in area and the apparent high speed and rate of climb was an illusion.

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