

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

Jan 51	2. LOCATION Stockton, Calif	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Hot Air Balloon</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT Not Reported	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Physical <input type="checkbox"/> No Specimen	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE N/A
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object red and green descended upon Naval supply depot, exploding on contact with ground. Part of residue which did not burn was sent to FBI labs.		11. COMMENTS Analysis of residue we feel that object was Hot Air Balloon.

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
DIRECTORATE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

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7 February 1951

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Balloon-shaped Object Reported at Stockton Naval Supply Annex,
Stockton, California, 1 January 1951.

A reliable government agency has furnished information to the effect that on 1 January 1951, a red and green balloon-shaped object reportedly descended upon the Stockton Naval Supply Depot, Stockton, California. This object exploded upon hitting the ground, but a part of it remained to burn fiercely until extinguished by Naval security guards. The residue was recovered and has been transmitted to the FBI laboratory for examination.

No information concerning the origin of this object is available other than the recovery of a bamboo ring from the debris, which would suggest the possibility of tropical or oriental construction. Additional information will be forwarded upon receipt. (B-2)

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(Unclassified) UNKNOWN SUBJECT: Balloon-shaped Object Reported at Stockton Naval Supply Annex, Stockton, California, 1 January 1951. SABOTAGE

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Counter Intelligence Div, Directorate of Special Investigations, The Inspector General Lt Col Barnard/abl/71776 AFCSI-6

1. The attached communication is forwarded as a matter of interest to your office.

2. This information has been disseminated to G-2, Army, ONI, and AMC.

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Memo dtd 7 Feb 51
re above subject

GILBERT R. LEVY

Actg Chief, Counter Intelligence Div
Directorate of Special Investigations
The Inspector General

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SUBJECT Balloon-shaped Object Reported at Stockton Naval Supply Annex, Stockton, Calif.
1 January 1951

TO MCIA/AXA-1a**FROM** MCEP**DATE** 15 Feb 51**COMMENT NO.** 1

Attached hereto for your information is copy of letter dated 12 February 1951 from
Office of Special Investigations.

Walter A. Hardie

WALTER A. HARDIE
Colonel, USAF
Air Provost Marshal
Inspector General's Office

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Ltr fr 5D OSI dtd 12 Feb 51

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5D-28-0

12 February 1951

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) UNKNOWN SUBJECT
Balloon-shaped Object Reported at Stockton Naval
Supply Annex, Stockton, California, 1 January 1951
SABOTAGE

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCEP

1. The following information is forwarded as a matter of interest
to your Headquarters:

A reliable government agency has furnished information to the effect that on 1 January 1951, a red and green balloon-shaped object reportedly descended upon the Stockton Naval Supply Depot, Stockton, California. This object exploded upon hitting the ground, but a part of it remained to burn fiercely until extinguished by Naval security guards. The residue was recovered and has been transmitted to the FBI laboratory for examination.

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JAMES F. X. O'CONNELL
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
DAYTON, OHIO

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects (Project 10073) 26 FEB 1951

TO: Director of Intelligence
ATTN: Evaluation Division
Technical Capabilities Branch
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Your attention is invited to the inclosed copy of letter dated 12 February 1951, received from 5D-OSI, this command, pertaining to the subject. This matter has been investigated based upon the information presented. It was found that typical high altitude balloons often incorporate an explosive cap for the purpose of disconnecting the mechanical equipment used with the balloons at a predetermined altitude. Malfunctioning of the electrical circuit may explain the explosion explained in the inclosed letter.

2. The personnel connected with high altitude and weather research at this command have no knowledge of any bamboo rings on the various types of balloons now in use.

3. It is requested that action be taken to obtain additional details on this incident and this command be advised accordingly.

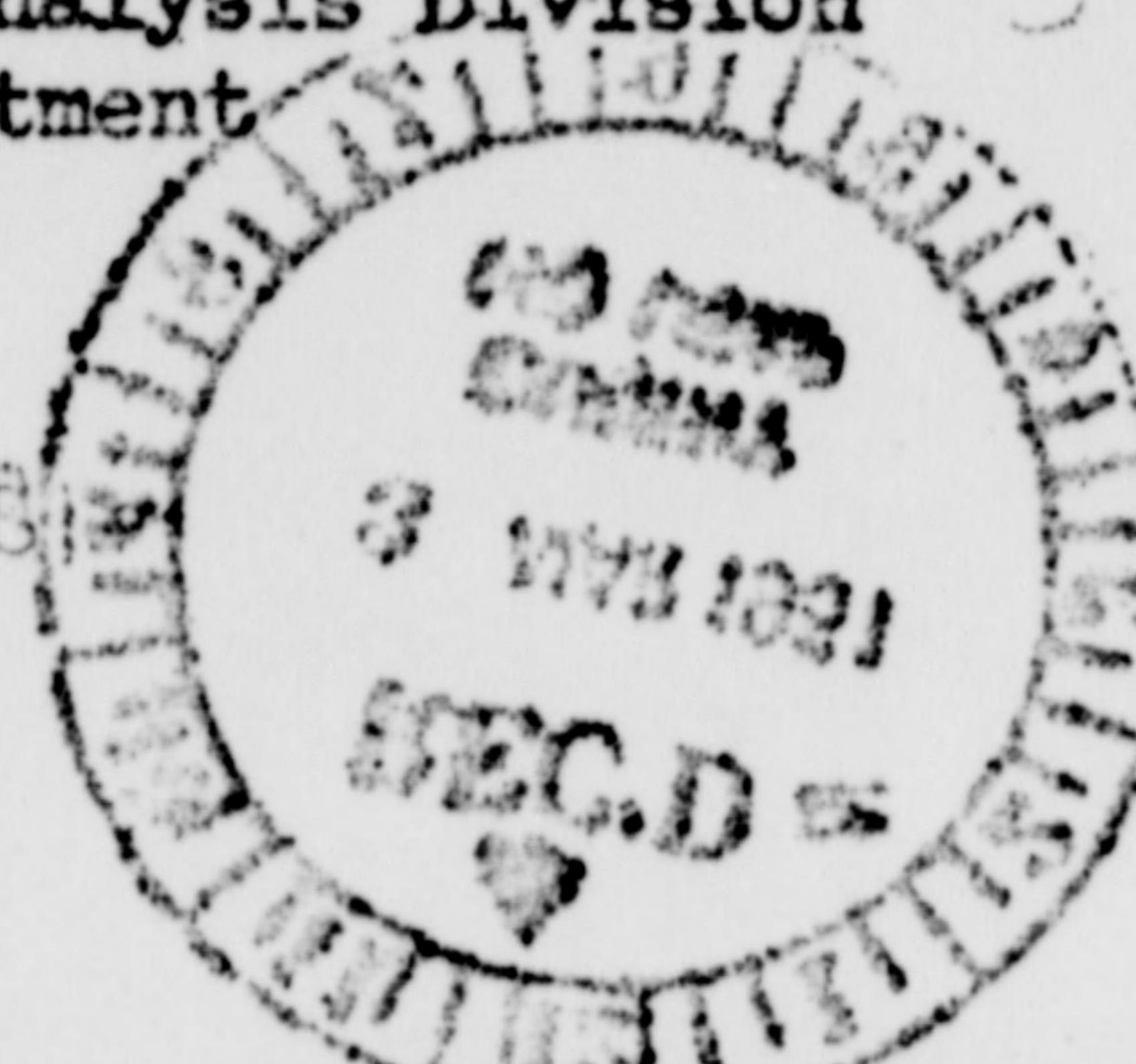
FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

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W. W. Feiling Jr. Col USAF
for BRUNOW W. FEILING
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Technical Analysis Division
Intelligence Department

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Directorate of Intelligence, Collection Div.
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21 MAR 1951

Counter Intelligence Division, Directorate of
Special Investigations, The Inspector General

Lt Col Barnard/lm/53623
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1. Reference is made to R&R dated 8 February 1951 in the above captioned matter.
2. The FBI has advised that a laboratory examination of the evidence submitted reflects that the "balloon-shaped" object was probably a home-made "hot air" balloon. No fingerprints of value for comparison purposes were found on the bamboo ring and nothing of particular significance was noted with respect to the wires and other materials of construction which would suggest a possible source for these materials.
3. The Air Materiel Command has been informed of this matter.

GILBERT R. LEVY
Actg Chief, Counter Intel Div.
Dir. of Special Investigations
The Inspector General

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Basic ltr fr AMC to DI/USAF, dtd 26 Feb 51, subject: (Restricted)
"Unidentified Flying Objects (Project 10073)"

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Dept of the Air Force, Hq USAF, Washington 25, D.C.

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TO: Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, ATTN: Chief, Intelligence Department

Technical Capabilities Branch was informed by Office of Special Investigation that the residue from the burning balloon has been examined by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. A laboratory analysis of this residue will be made. Conclusions of the Federal Bureau of Investigation will be forwarded to your command when available.

BY COMMAND OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF:

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Lester S. Harris

LESTER S. HARRIS
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Technical Capabilities Branch
Evaluation Division
Directorate of Intelligence

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5D 28-0-79

26 March 1951

SUBJECT: (Unclassified) UNKNOWN SUBJECT
Balloon-shaped Object Reported at
Stockton Naval Supply Annex, Stockton, California
1 January 1951
SABOTAGE

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATIN: MCSP

1. Reference is made to letter, this office, dated 12 February 1951, file 5D 28-0, subject as above.

2. The following additional information is furnished as a matter of interest to your headquarters:

"1. On 1 January 1951 a red and green balloon-shaped object reportedly descended upon the Stockton Naval Supply Depot, Stockton, California. This object 'exploded' upon hitting the ground and almost disintegrated, but a part of it remained to burn fiercely until extinguished by NSD guards. The residue and other evidence of the 'balloon' was forwarded to the FBI laboratory.

"2. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has advised that examination of the evidence submitted reflects that the object was probably a home-made 'hot air' balloon. No fingerprints of value for comparison purposes were found on the bamboo ring, which was among the debris recovered, and nothing of particular significance was noted with respect to the wires and other materials of construction which would suggest a possible source for these materials."

3. Attention is invited to the fact that information contained herein has been derived from sources other than USAF. In accordance with paragraph 8b, AFR 205-1, dissemination of the information contained herein must not be made outside of USAF channels.

JAMES F. X. O'CONNELL
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

Copy to: MCIS

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SUBJECT Balloon-shaped Object Reported at Stockton Naval Supply Annex, Calif.
1 January 1951

FROM MCEP

DATE 4 April 51 COMMENT NO. 1

TO MCI

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1. Reference is made to R&R of this office, dated 15 February 1951, forwarding copy of letter dated 12 February 1951 from OSI concerning subject matter.
2. Attached hereto for your additional information is letter dated 26 March 1951 pertaining to same subject.

1. Incl.

Ltr dtd 26 Mar 51 fr 5D OSI

Samuel B. Milledge *Age 60*
FATHER A. FLARDIE *71 years*
Colonel, USAF

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Basic ltr fr Hq USAF, Wash (5D 28-0-79) 26 Mar 51 to CG, AMC, W-P AFB,
ATTN: MCEP, "(Unclassified) Unknown Subject Balloon-shaped Object,
reported at Stockton Naval Supply Annex, Stockton, California"

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10 APR 1951

PUBLIC INF. OFFICE

Hq AMC, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio

COMPTROLLER

TO: Director of Intelligence, Headquarters, USAF, ATTN: AFODIN-V/IC,
Washington 25, D.C.

PERSONNEL & ADM.

The basic letter contains additional information on incident re-
ported to your Headquarters in AMC letter subject "Unidentified Flying
Objects" dated 12 Feb 51. No further action by this Command is con-
templated on this incident.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

RESEARCH & DEV.*

BRUNOW W. FRILING
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Technical Analysis Division
Intelligence Department

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