

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>15 Aug 52</u>		2. LOCATION NAPA, California		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>1700 PDT</u> GMT _____		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☒ Was Balloon ☒ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE GOC			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE SW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Silver color. Cigar shaped. Straight line, 800-1000 MPH.				11. COMMENTS Ballonn released. Oakland 160 min earlier. Wind SW 230 degrees.	

PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE <i>15 Aug 52</i>	2. LOCATION <i>Napa, Calif.</i>	3. TIME Local: <i>1710</i> Zebra: <i>2400</i>
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND? ☒ Yes ☐ No		
☒ Naked Eye ☐ Binoculars ☐ Telescope ☐ Theodolite		
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ By One Set ☐ By Two Sets ☐ By Three Sets		
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ A/C Observed Object ☐ Interception Attempted ☐ No Intercept Attempted		
7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ A/C Scrambled ☐ Visual Contact Made ☐ A/I Contact Made ☐ No Contact Made		
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ Normal ☐ Violent		
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT: ☐ Blinking ☒ Steady		
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT: ☐ 1-15 Seconds ☒ 1-5 Minutes ☐ Over 10 Minutes		
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address) <i>28TH ADD Hamilton AFB, Calif.</i>		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED? <i>None</i>		
13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac) ☒ Night ☐ Day ☐ Sunrise ☐ Sunset		

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ One Aircraft ☐ More Than One Aircraft		
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION? ☐ Yes ☒ No		

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA? ☒ Yes ☐ No

22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE: 130 Minutes

23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:

	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting
				Yes	No	
a.	Oakland	P	USDA	☒	☐	
b.	Alameda	P	"	☒	☐	
c.				☐	☐	
d.				☐	☐	

(attach overlay)

V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE:

- ☐ Excellent
☐ Good
☒ Fair
☐ Poor
☐ Unreliable
☐ Extremely Doubtful
☐ Hoax

22. DETAILS OF REPORT:

- ☐ Good
☒ Fair
☐ Poor
☐ Insufficient to Evaluate

23. FINAL EVALUATION:

- ☐ Was Balloon
☒ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon

☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft

- ☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical
☐ Other: _____
☐ Insufficient Data For Evaluation
☐ Unknown

24. COMMENTS:

(PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SHEET)

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION <i>15 Aug 52</i>		2. TIME OF OBSERVATION <i>2400 Z</i>		3. STATION OBSERVING	
4. WINDS ALOFT:					
ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0			25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000			50,000		
6,000			55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000	<i>9</i>	<i>230</i>	75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		
5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? (If yes, at what altitude? _____)			☐ Yes ☒ No		
6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? (If yes, at what quadrant? _____)			☐ Yes ☒ No		
7. CLOUD COVER:				8. VISIBILITY WAS	
_____ tenths at _____ feet.		_____ tenths at _____ feet.		<i>CAVU</i> MILES.	
_____ tenths at _____ feet.		_____ tenths at _____ feet.			
9. COMMENTS: <i>Probably balloons fr. Oakland (Pibal)</i>					

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FM CG 28TH AIR DIVISION DEFENSE HAMILTON AFB CALIF

TO JEPHQ/DIR OF INTELL HQ USAF WASHINGTON DC

JEDWP/AIR TECH INTELL CEN WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO

INFO ZEN/CG ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLO

ZEN/CG WADF HAMILTON AFB CALIF

[REDACTED] TH OI 9258 FLYOBRPT PD JEDWP ATTN:ATIAA-2C

JWPML ATTN: DIR OF INTELL.

(1) ONE CIGAR SHAPED, SILVER COLORED OBJECT THE SIZE OF A LARGE AIRCRAFT MOVING IN A STRAIGHT LINE UNTIL OUT OF SIGHT AT SPEED OF BETWEEN 800 TO 1000 MPH. NO SOUND WAS HEARD FROM OBJECT.

NO OTHER UNUSUAL FEATURES NOTED.

(2) 1700 PDT, QT AUGUST 1952. OBSERVED FOR 30 SECONDS.

(3) VISUALLY FROM THE GROUND.

(4) OBSERVER LOCATED AT GOC POST GEO REF GRID COORDINATES NJ 4218.

OBJECT WAS OVERHEAD MOVING SOUTHWEST AT 10000 FT ALTITUDE.

(5) OBSERVER WAS DIANE ROBINSON, TELEPHONE NAPA 6-2878, NAPA, CALIF.

(6) WEATHER WAS CLEAR. WIND AT 10000 FT REPORTED 230 DEG AT 9 KNOTS.

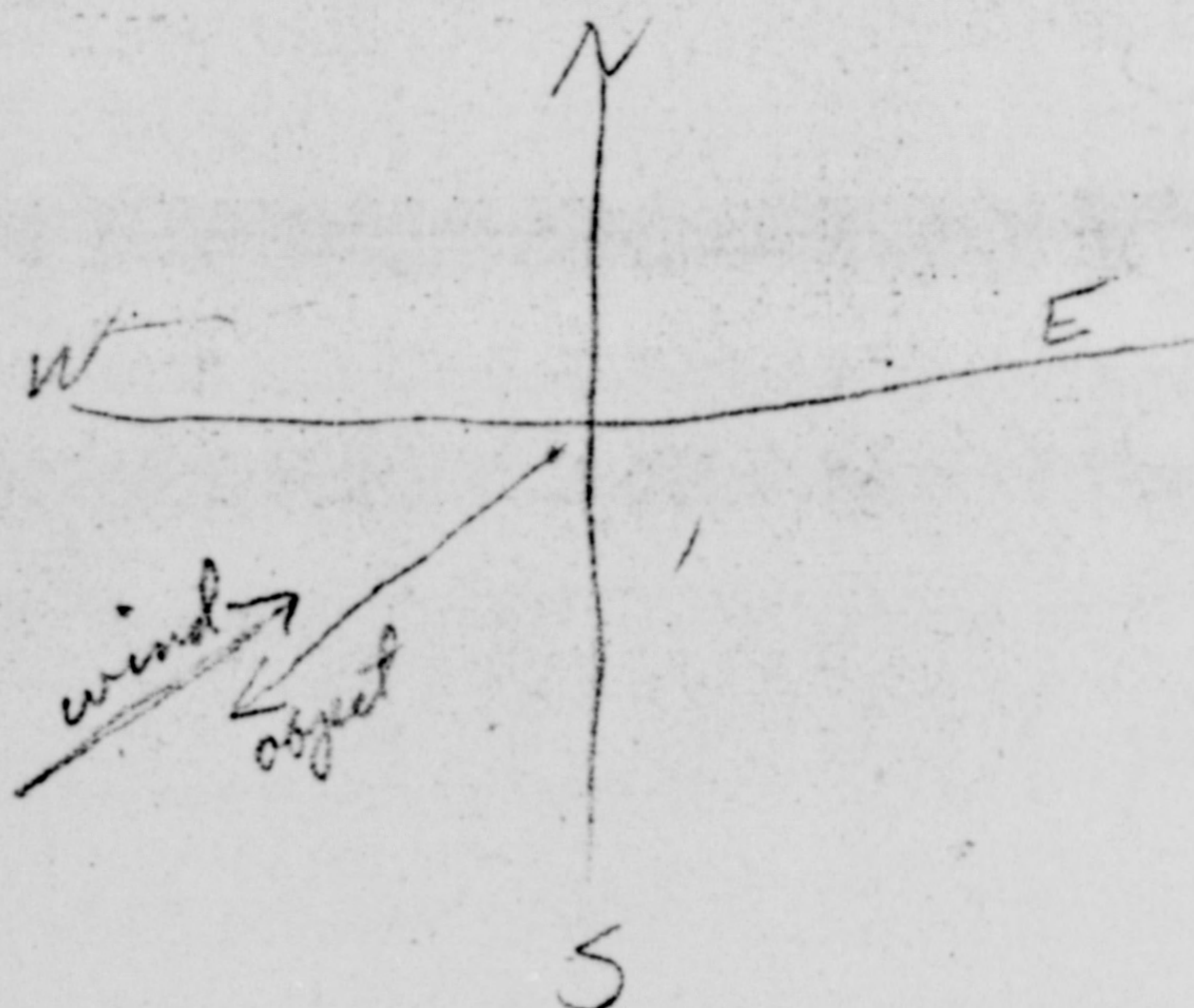
(7) NONE

(8) NONE

(9) NONE

(10) NONE REPORTED.

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ACTION

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