

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 26 Aug 52		2. LOCATION Sacramento, Calif.		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☒ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2400 PDT CMT		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE military		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 sec.		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 3	9. COURSE N	☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Light orange color. Round. V formation. High and fast.			11. COMMENTS \$64 question "Who launches skytrains?"		

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HEADQUARTERS
55TH STRATEGIC RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON, MEDIUM, WEATHER
McClellan Air Force Base, McClellan, California

55TH SRS 360

SEP 4 1952

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Director of Intelligence
Headquarters
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D.C.

Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: ATIAA-2c
Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. In accordance with Air Force Letter 200-5, 29 April 1952, the following information is submitted:

a. Subject sighting consisted of three round, light orange colored objects about the size of grapefruit. (Size is observer's impression only since he had no idea of their height or distance). The objects were in a "V" formation and no aerodynamic features were visible. Speed appeared very fast and there was no sound or exhaust. The object on the right appeared to move toward the one on the left just before all three objects faded out and disappeared.

b. The objects were sighted at 2400 hours, Pacific Daylight Time, on the night of 26 August 1952 and were visible for approximately four (4) seconds.

c. They were observed from the surface with the naked eye; no optical aids were used.

d. Observer sighted objects while in a parking lot near the Gibson Bus Line Terminal in Sacramento, California. The objects moved from the South East to the North West and observer received impression they were quite high and at a great distance.

e. Observer is 24 years old and is assigned to the Intelligence Section of this organization. He has approximately 3 1/2 years service. It is the opinion of the undersigned that he is a reliable source of information.

f. Weather conditions at the time of sighting were as follows:

4-3719-15

55TH SRS _____

Subject: Unidentified Flying Objects

(1) No Weather

(2) Winds: 5,000 feet, 240 degrees at 5 knots
10,000 feet, 210 degrees at 6 knots
15,000 feet, 195 degrees at 7 knots
20,000 feet, 180 degrees at 13 knots.

g. At the time of the sightings the moon was new. There was no activity or conditions that might account for the sightings.

h. There is no physical evidence of the sightings.

i. There was no interception.

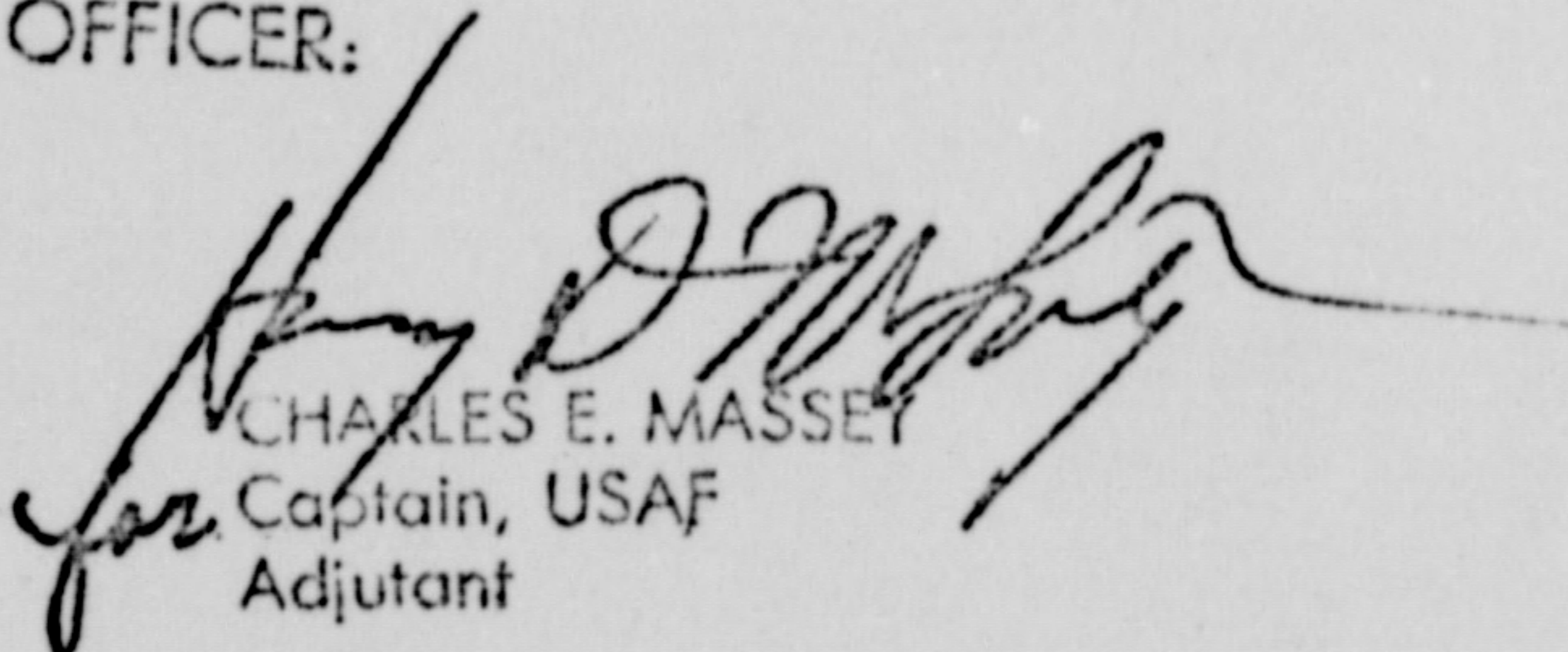
j. There was no other air traffic visible at the time of the sightings.

2. Attached herewith is the written statement of the observer.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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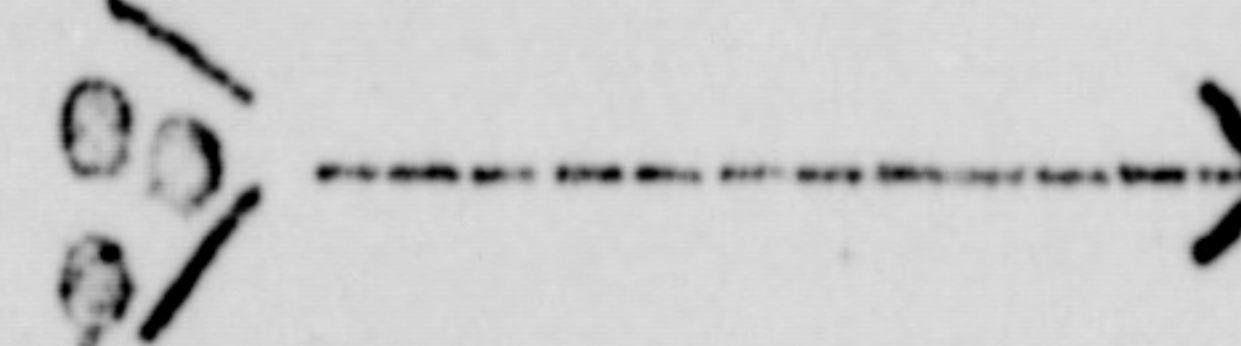
Statement of sighting
from A/1C Modlin.


CHARLES E. MASSEY
Captain, USAF
Adjutant

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

While returning from a late movie in the city of Sacramento, California, the undersigned and an accompanying friend were going to where we had parked our car, in a parking lot near the Gibson Bus Lines.

My friend told me to look up into the sky and pointed in a northerly direction, the undersigned looked in the direction that the friend was pointing and saw three (3) orange colored objects, appearing to be the same size and shape of an average grapefruit. The objects appeared to be at an extremely high altitude and traveling at a very high rate of speed. After looking in the direction pointed and seeing the above mentioned objects the undersigned was able to get an approximate four (4) second sighting of the objects. As I watched them the object flying on the right seemed to "pull over" in the direction of the object on the left, at about the point of collision the objects all three of them faded out and were gone. The objects were flying in a "V" formation and flying from the South to the North.



The above sightings took place at approximately 2400 hours on 26 August 1952, in the city of Sacramento, California.

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A/IC, [REDACTED]
27 August 1952

PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE <i>26 Aug 52</i>	2. LOCATION <i>Sacramento, Calif.</i>	3. TIME Local: <i>2400 PDT</i> Zebra: <i>220700</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>HQ, 5574 Strat. Resce. Sq. Medium, Weather McCollum AFB, McCollum, 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: _____ Minutes

23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:

	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting
				Yes	No	
a.						
b.						
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:

Who is launching "Skytrains"?

(PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SH)

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION 270300Z		2. TIME OF OBSERVATION 0800 52		3. STATION OBSERVING McClallan	
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	5	240 ✓	50,000		
6,000			55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000	6	J	75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000		J	85,000		
16,000	7	J	90,000		
18,000		J	95,000		
20,000	13	J	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.		_____ MILES.	
_____ tenths at _____ feet.		_____ tenths at _____ feet.			
9. COMMENTS:					