

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

2. LOCATION Tucson, Arizona		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP CMT 1000	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE 2 civilian men	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 1/2 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Elliptical. Normal maneuvers.		11. COMMENTS

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AREA REPORTED ON Tucson, Arizona	FROM (Agency) 3307th Plt Tng Sq (Contr Prim) Marana Air Base, Marana, Arizona	
DATE OF REPORT 5 September 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 3 September 1952	EVALUATION C-3
PREPARED BY (Officer) Captain Erling H. Lovlien	SOURCE Mr. [REDACTED] Mr. [REDACTED]	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) Air Force Letter 200-5, 29 April 1952		
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)		

An unidentified flying object was sighted on 3 September 1952 by Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED], Tucson, Arizona.

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In compliance with Paragraph 7cld, AFI 200-5, the following information is submitted concerning an unidentified object sighted on 3 September 1952 at Tucson, Arizona.

One unidentified object appeared to the observers, Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED]. It was elliptical in shape and of a dark color which freely reflected sunlight. The object made no perceptible sound and emitted no smoke or exhaust. The object made well-coordinated turns and performed no unusual maneuvers. Sources stated that the object appeared to be approximately one-half inch through the apparent longitudinal axis.

The object was sighted at 1600 hours, Greenwich time, on 3 September 1952. It was observed for a period of approximately one and one-half minutes.

Visual observations were made. Because the size of the object was unknown, no estimates as to speed or altitude were given by sources. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that the object ranged from approximately twenty to sixty degrees vertically above the horizon. The object made three sweeps past the observers, each being in excess of one hundred eighty degrees laterally along the horizon. The total distance was covered during the period of approximately one and one-half minutes. The observers were located six miles north of the center of Tucson, Arizona at approximately 32°15'N 110°57'W.

Observers were Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED], both of [REDACTED], Tucson, Arizona. Mr. [REDACTED] is an instructor pilot for Barr Aero Tech, Incorporated, Marana Air Base. Mr. [REDACTED] has thirteen years piloting experience and is considered quite reliable. Mr. [REDACTED] is approximately sixty years of age. He has excellent eyesight although he would be considered as an inexperienced observer.

The weather was clear and visibility unrestricted during the period the object was being observed. Surface winds were light. A "Moby Dick" weather balloon had previously been sighted by numerous individuals at 1620 hours, Greenwich time, on the same date. Information relative to the balloon was given to Mr. [REDACTED] who stated that the object viewed by him was definitely not a balloon. His statement is based on the speed, appearance and maneuvers made by the object in question.

No photographs were taken of the object and there was no apparent physical evidence available.

No interception or identification action was taken.

Air traffic in the general area at the time of sighting is unknown.

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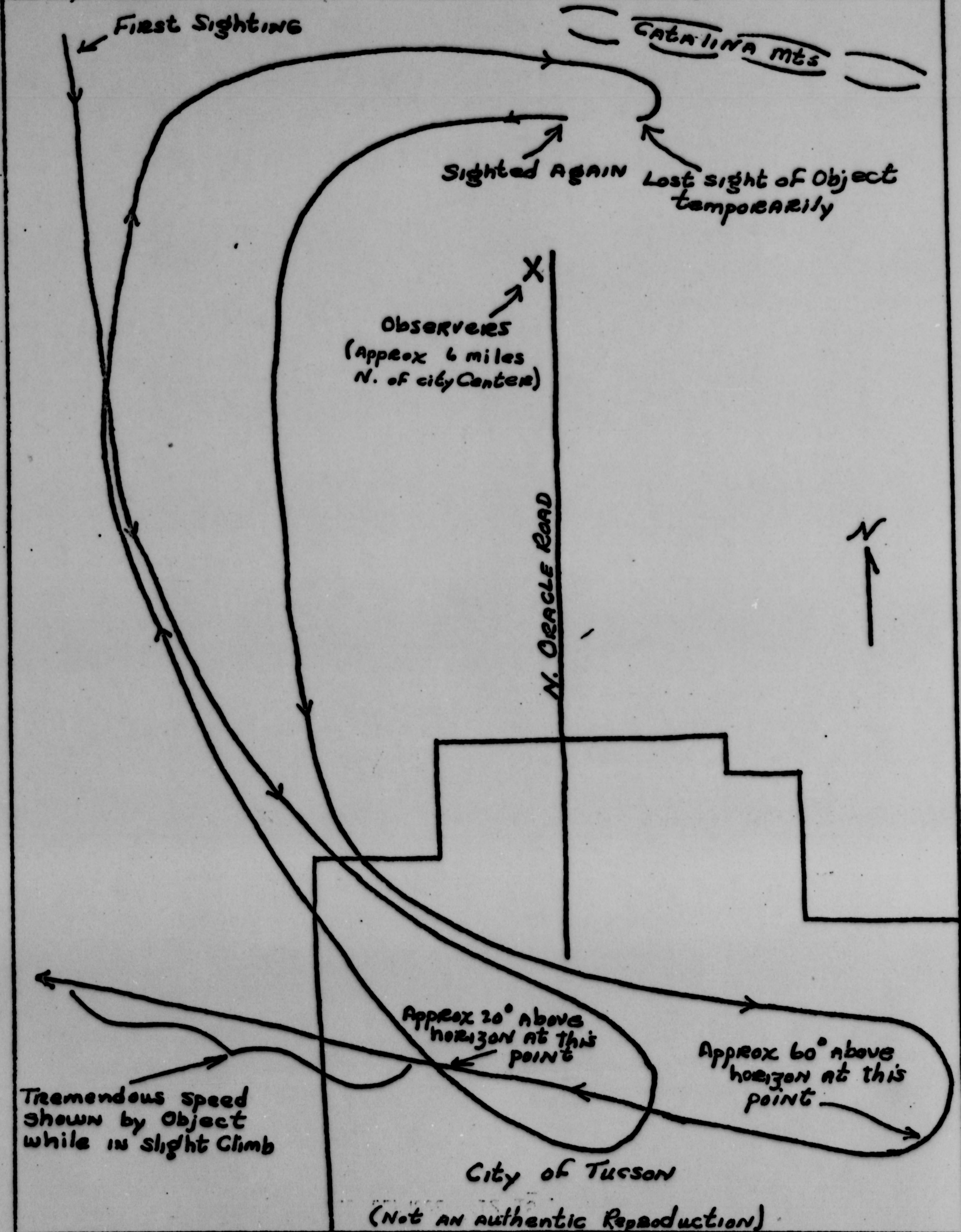
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PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE 3 Sept 1952	2. LOCATION Tucson, Arizona	3. TIME Local: 0900 MST Zebra: 1600
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: n/a		☐ 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) 3307 P14 Tug Sq MARANA AB - MARANA - ARIZ.		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED?		
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: <u>60 min</u> Minutes						
23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:						
	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting
				Yes	No	
a.	TUCSON (DAVIS-MOUNTAIN)	Rawin source	AWS		☒	
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:	

PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SH

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION		2. TIME OF OBSERVATION		3. STATION OBSERVING	
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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			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: _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.	8. VISIBILITY WAS _____ MILES.
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9. COMMENTS: