PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE: 4 June 1955	2. LOCATION: Parker, Arizona
3. DATE-TIME GROUP: Local _____ GMT 05/0250Z June 1955	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION: ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar; ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar
5. PHOTOS: ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE: 1. Civ (Plt) 2. Military (Plt)
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: approx three (3) min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS: one (1)
	9. COURSE: 1. Westerly 2. Stationary

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

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

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11. COMMENTS

Investigated by Flight 1-C with the conclusion that the sighting was caused by the planet Jupiter.

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1. (A) ROUND IN SHAPE (B) PEA (C) RED ON BOTTOM WHITE OR PALE YELLOW IN THE MIDDLE, AND PALE BLUE OR GREEN ON THE TOP (D) ONE (E) N/A (F) NEG (G) NO TAIL (H) NO SOUND (I) NEG

2. SIGHTED IN THE WEST, MOVING WEST (A) GOOKED UP AND SAW IT (B) FORTY-FIVE DEGREES UPON LAST OBSERVATION (D) DIRECT FLIGHT TO THE WEST (E) SUDDEN DISAPPEARANCE (F) APPROXIMATELY THREE MINUTES

3. (A) GROUND VISUAL (B) BINOCULARS WERE USED (C) T-33, AF 516592, 20,000 FT., 300 DEGREES, 350 KNOTS LAREDO AFB TEXAS

4. 4 JUNE 1955, 1950 PDT (A) 05/0250Z (B) ALMOST DUSK

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6. (A) [redacted], ARIZONA, AGE 41, HARD-WARE STORE OWNER (B) B. E. BEECROFT, 1ST/LT, 3641 PT SQ. LAREDO AFB

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TEXAS, FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR, ESTIMATE OF RELIABILITY IS GOOD

7. (A) CLEAR, CALM, TEMPERATURE 92 DEGREES (B) 300 DEGREES 8 KNOTS, 5,000 FT 290 DEG, 3 KNOTS; 10,000 FT 040 DEG 4 KNOTS, 16,000 FT 300 DEG 17 KNOTS, 20,000 FT 340 DEG 13 KNOTS, 30,000 FT 040 DEG 43 KNOTS, 50,000 FT UNKNOWN, 80,000 FT UNKNOWN (C) 30,000 FT BROKEN (D) FORTY MILES (E) UNKNOWN (F) N/A

8. SEE REMARKS

9. N/A

10. ONE CONSTELLATION ONE T-33 (AF) DERECTLY IN AREA OF UFOB

11. A CONSTELLATION , TWA 21, REPORTED NEGATIVE SIGHTINGS. HOWEVER, HE STATED THAT TEERE WAS AN UNUSUAL CLOUD FORMATION IN AREA. HE CLAIMED THAT THE SUN COULD HAVE CAUSED HALUCINATIONS WHILE FILTERING THROUGH THE STRANGE LOOKING CLOUD FORMATION. TWA 21 WAS OVER THE EXACT LOCATION OF THE UFOB REPORTED LOCATION WITHIN MINUTES OF THE ORIGINAL SIGHTING BY GOC.

THE USAF T-33 516592, ENCOUNTERED EXTREME VARIATIONS IN HIS MAGNETIC COMPASS AND HIS SLAVE GYRO. HIS SLAVE GYRO WAS PRECESSING AT A RATE OF TWENTY DEGREES EVERY TWELVE MILES AT THE TIME OF PASSING THE UFOB LOCATION. HIS ORIGINAL HEADING WAS 266 DEGREES WHEN APPROACHING

THE UFOB REPORTED POSITION. HOWEVER, AFTER FLYING ONLY THIRTY TO FORTY MILES WEST OF THE UFOB POSITION, HIS SLAVE GYRO HAD PRECESSED TO 324 DEGREES. WHEN PASSING THE SMALL TOWN OF VIDAL, CALIF WHICH WAS CLOSE TO THE UFOB REPORTED LOCATION, THE PILOT SIGHTED WHAT HE THOUGHT TO BE AN EXTREMELY LARGE STAR. THE OBJECT APPEARED HIGH TO HIM. (PILOT'S ALTITUDE WAS 20,000 FT., BROKEN LAYER OF CLOUDS WERE AT 30,000 FT. THIS WOULD SEEM TO FIX THE ALTITUDE OF THE OBJECT BETWEEN 20,000 FT AND 30,000 FT.) PILOT ESTIMATED THE LENGTH OF OBSERVANCE OF THE OBJECT AT THREE MINUTES. THE OBJECT DISAPPEARED SUDDENLY. HE DID NOT NOTICE ANY UNUSUAL COLORING OTHER THAN THAT NORMALLY SEEN WHEN VIEWING A STAR. HE STATED THAT THERE WERE NO OTHER STARS VISIBLE.

ALTHOUGH THE OBJECT APPEARED STATIONARY TO THE AND HIS STUDENT CADET, THE HEADING OF THE T-33 WAS WESTERLY AS WAS THE DIRECTION OF FLIGHT OF THE UFOB AS REPORTED BY THE GOC POST. THIS COULD ACCOUNT FOR A STATIONARY APPEARANCE TO THE PILOTS OF THE T-33.

SUMMARY: IT IS POSSIBLE THAT BOTH THE GOC POST AND THE T-33 PILOTS SIGHTED THE TWA 21 CONSTELLATION MOMENTARILLY. IN THE EVIDENTALLY WEIRD LIGHTING EFFECT FROM THE SUN FILTERING THROUGH THE UNUSUAL CLOUD FORMATION, THE CONSTELLATION MAY HAVE APPEARED QUITE

UNUSUAL. HOWEVER, THE EXTREME DISTURBANCE OF AIRCRAFT MAGNETIC AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS IS NOT AN UNCOMMON OCCURANCE IN THIS PARICULAR LOCATION. TWO OTHER INCIDENTS SIMILAR TO THAT EXPERIENCED BY THE T-33 HAVE OCCURED TWICE IN THE PAST CONSECUTIVE NIGHTS IN THE SAME LOCATION. EACH TIME, THIS RADAR STATION HAS BEEN ABLE TO REMEDY THE INCORRECT HEADINGS OF THE AIRCRAFT AND POSSIBLE TRAGEDY HAS BEEN AVOIDED. THE T-33 (AF 516592) MENTIONED HEREIN CONTINUED TO EXPERIENCE GREAT ERROR IN HIS INSTRUMENT READINGS THROUGHOUT THE DURATION OF THE FLIGHT. CONTINUAL NEW HEADINGS WERE GIVEN THE PILOT FROM THIS RADAR STATION UNTIL THE DESTINATION, NORTON AFB SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF, WAS REACHED. THE PILOT OF THE T-33 STATED THAT HE HAD HAD NO OTHER NAVIGATIONAL DIFFICULTY PRIOR TO APPROACHING THE TOWN OF VIDAL, CALIF.

IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THERE IS SOME ELECTRO-MAGNETIC OF MEGNETIC ATTRACTION IN THE VICINITY OF VIDAL, CALIF.. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT IT IS NOT A NATURAL ATTRACTION. THE COINCIDENCE, OF AN UNUSUAL SIGHTING (AS CONFIRMED BOTH GROUND AND AIRBORNE PERSONNEL) SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THE PILOTS EXPERIENCING GROSSLY ERRATIC INSTRUMENT READINGS, IS TOO GREAT TO BE JUST A MERE COINCIDENCE.

PREPARING OFFICER: 1ST/LT JAMES D. BUNCH, USAF SENIOR DIRECTOR, "C" CREW. PD

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UFOB INDEX CARD

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1. DATE 4 June 1955	2. LOCATION Parker, 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
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11. COMMENTS

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: UFOB

PLACE & LOCATION: PARKER, ARIZONA, USA | ITEM (Air/Ground): Flight 1-0, 16026 AISS

DATE OF REPORT: 13 June 1955 | DATE OF INFORMATION: 4 June 1955 | EVALUATION:

PREPARED BY (Officer): WILLIAM M. CONNOR, 2nd Lt, USAF | SOURCE: [redacted]

TO: ASC, 75th AGMRON, OPS 2 024, DTD 050810Z JUN 55

SUMMARY (Concise abstract of report. Not to exceed 10% of length of report or 250 words, whichever is less.)

I. CONTENTS:

PART ONE: Description of sighting by R. M. VASARHELY, P.O. Box 248, PARKER, ARIZONA (E-TEC A308), hardware store owner.

PART TWO: Description of sighting by 1st Lt B. H. BIEDRONSKY, 36AI Pt Sq, MARICOPA AFB, TEXAS (ZONEN 5552), flight instructor.

PART THREE: Supplementary Investigators Data.

PART FOUR: Comments of Preparing Officer.

II. SUMMARY: The UFOB sighting made at 050250Z June 55 in the vicinity of PARKER, ARIZONA was very probably caused by the planet Jupiter. The characteristics of Jupiter and the descriptions of the sightings made by the Sources coincide almost exactly.

III. INVESTIGATION: 2nd Lt WILLIAM M CONNOR, AO 3015271

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ORIGINATING AGENCY	REPORT NO.	PART ONE
Flight 1-C, 4602d AISS	AO-UFOB-9-55	PAGE 2 OF 5 PAGES

1. SOURCE: [redacted]

Address: [redacted] PARKER, ARIZONA, USA

Age: 41

Occupation: [redacted]

Education: Unknown

Qualifications: COO OBSERVER

II. RELIABILITY: Source was not interviewed. Reliability is unknown.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE was scanning sky when object came into view. It was sighted in the west and appeared to be moving in a westerly direction. It was in sight for approximately three minutes and then disappeared suddenly. It appeared to be round, the size of a pea held at arm's length and was red on the bottom, white or pale yellow in the middle, and pale blue or green on the top. There was only one object and it did not distinguish external features and left no trail. Manner of observation was ground visual using binoculars. Time of day sighting occurred was almost dusk.

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I. SOURCE: B. C. BELDROFT, 1st Lt., USAF

Address: 3611 Round Square
Laredo AFB, Texas

Age: Unknown

Occupation: Pilot (Flight Instructor)

Education: Unknown

Qualifications: Pilot

II. RELIABILITY: Although SOURCE was not interviewed by this agency, preparing officer of preliminary report considered his reliability to be good.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE sighted what he believed to be an extremely large Silver Moon passing over the town of VIDAL, CALIFORNIA, USA (MAP 2907), a small town 45 miles to the west of PARKER, ARIZONA, USA. SOURCE was flying at an altitude of 20,000 ft. in a westerly direction at the time of the sighting. The object appeared to be high in the sky and appeared to remain stationary. SOURCE observed object for approximately three minutes before it disappeared suddenly. He did not notice any unusual colors, nor did he notice any other items at the time. SOURCE further stated that at the time of the sighting he encountered extreme magnetic variations in his magnetic compass and slave gyro. His slave gyro precessed at the rate of as much as 20 degrees in twelve miles at the time of passing the UFOB location.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE DATA:

1. An interview with Dr. [redacted], professor of astronomy at the San Bernardino Valley College in SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA, revealed the following information:

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b. JUPITER, at this time, would have placed it almost directly west of the location of the observers and at an angle of elevation of approximately 40 - 45 degrees at dusk, the time of the sighting.

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Flight-1-Gp 16026 AAFSS	1 Jun 55	Item 5	Item 6

COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER:

1. The sighting made 050250Z JUN 55 at [redacted] reported [redacted] was determined to be very probably caused by the planet JUPITER for the following reasons:

a. The interview with the astronomer, Mr. [redacted] left little doubt in the investigator's mind but that the sighting was caused by the planet JUPITER.

b. All descriptions of the object could very readily and very easily be fitted to JUPITER. One means of observation, ground visual with use of binoculars, could easily give the impression of color from JUPITER. The other means of observation, from an aberrated vision visual aid, would make JUPITER appear as a star, since it was the brightest heavenly body in that section of the sky at the time of the sighting.

c. The reported movement of the object could be attributed to movement of the broken cloud layer at 20,000 ft.

2. Any connection the reportedly extreme magnetic variation in the area of the sighting at the time of the sighting might have had with the sighting, could not be checked due to poor weather conditions and non-availability of a pilot. Since there have been two other occasions of pilots experiencing extreme magnetic variation in this area, it is not likely that there was any connection with sighting at all. However, Norton AFB has received no formal reports that such a condition does exist, and is very interested in determining if there is anything to this report. As soon as a check is made, the results thereof will be forwarded to Headquarters, 16026 Air Intelligence Service Squadron for inclusion in this report if it is deemed necessary. It is the opinion of the Preparing Officer, however, that there is no connection between the two events.

[redacted]
[redacted] USAF
Officer in Charge

COMMENTS OF APPROVING OFFICER:

Concur with the opinion of the Preparing Officer that the sighting was probably caused by the planet Jupiter.

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