

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 29 June 1956	2. LOCATION Scattered points in S.Cal fm Los Angeles to San Diego	12. CONCLUSIONS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 30/0110Z-0330	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE AF, Navy, Civilian	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION approx 2 hours	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE stationary
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One round (sometimes irregular) obj the size of a pinhead held at arms length, appeared silvery, white and rosy. At times the object appeared to oscillate and as the sun set the object appeared to become a rose color. The object remained in the same general position throughout the entire 2 hour sighting. F3D's tried interception with succes due to extreme altitude of object.	11. COMMENTS Concur with the opinion of the rpting officers that this sighting was caused by a balloon. All facets of these sightings could not better fit a balloon hypothesis. Not only was balloon released in that area but a NOTAM had been /sent by the Ontario, Calif aprt about a balloon in the area at the time. Check w/ADC WX revealed that there was also a balloon(origin unknown) plotted E of the area few hrs earlier. This balloon drifting toward area of sighting.	

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FM COMDR 27TH AIR DIV DEF NORTON AFB CALIF

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RJE DWP/COMDR AIR TECHINICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WTIGHT PATTERSON

AFB OHIO

INFO RJE PHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HQS USAF WASH DC

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UNCLAS 27 OI TAC F-0550 UFB PD.

1 (A) FOUND, ALSO IRREGULAR.

(B) PINHEAD.

(C) SILVER, WHITE AND ROSY.

(D) ONE.

(E) N/A

(F) NONE.

(G) NONE.

(H) AT TIMES APPEARED TO BE OSCILLATING AND AS SUN SET BECAME ROSY RED.

2 (A) VISUAL SIGHTINGS.

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(B) OBJECT APPEARED TO BE AT ABOUT 30 DEG ELEVATION AND IN ALL
INSTANCES IN A GENERAL EASTERLY DIRECTION FROM OBSERVERS.

(C) SAME GENERAL LOCATION.

(D) NO APPARENT RAPID CHANGES.

(E) SETTING OF SUN STOPPED REFLECTION OF LIGHT.

(F) APPROXIMATELY 30/0110Z TO 30/0330Z.

3 (A) GROUND VISUAL, AIR VISUAL AND GROUND ELECTRONICS.

(B) SEVERAL GROUND OBSERVERS USED BINOCULARS.

(C) F3D'S, FRONT PAGE BRAVO AND CHARLIE, 20,000 TO 40,000 FT. VARIOUS
HEADING, SAN DIEGO CALIFORNIA.

4 (A) 30/0110Z TO APPROXIMATELY 30/0330Z.

(B) SUNLIGHT TO DARKNESS.

5 NUMBEROUS OBSERVERS, GENERALLY LOCATED IN REDLANDS, SAN
BERNARDINO AND ONTARIO CALIFORNIA.

6 PHONE CALLS SO NUMEROUS CONTROLLER ON DUTY WAS UNABLE TO RECORD
ALL CALLS SOME OF THE APPARENTLY MORE DEPENDABLE ARE:

(A) MRS. ██████████ YUCIAPA CALIFORNIA. PHONE ██████████

MR. ██████████ RIALTO, CALIFORNIA. PHONE ██████████

MR. ██████████ REDLANDS, CALIFORNIA. PHONE ██████████

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8 (A) NONE

9 TWO F3D A/C, FRONTPAGE BRAVO, ON CAP MADE ORIGINAL VISUAL SIGHTING, ATTEMPTED INTERCEPT AND COULD NOT REACH ALTITUDE OF OBJECT. TWO F3D A/C FRONTPAGE CHARLIE SCRAMBLED SUBSEQUENTLY BECAUSE OF VISUAL SIGHTINGS AND SCOPE READING (59,000FT ALT WITH NO SPEED) FRON P-76 MT. LAGUNA CALIF. THIS FLIGHT COULD NOT REACH ALTITUDE OF OBJECT.

10 ONE ADC UNKNOWN TRACK IN GENERAL AREA FADED JUST PRIOR TO FIRST REPORTS. NOTAM FROM ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA AIRPORT RECEIVED AT APPROXIMATELY 30/0600Z STATED THAT A BALLOON WAS OBSERVED IN THE GENERAL AREA IN QUESTION AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME AS THE SIGHTINGS TOOK PLACE

11 INTERCEPTION AND IDENTIFYING ACTIONS COORDINATED BY CAPT W.B. TAPPAN, ADCC CONTROLLER, 27TH AIR DIVISION. PREPARING OFFICER-MAJ. S, .. AHLSTROM, DIRECTOR OF DIVISION INTELLIGENCE. MAJ AHLSTROM AND CAPT TAPPAN BELIEVE SIGHTING TO BE A BALLOON, ORIGIN UNKNOWN.

12. NONE.

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