

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>12 December 1956</u>	2. LOCATION <u>7 Mi W of Cedar Falls, Iowa</u>	12. CONCLUSIONS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical  <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>not given</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual	<input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar  <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar
5. PHOTOS  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Physical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Specimen	6. SOURCE  <u>Civilian</u>	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>N/A</u>	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>one</u>	9. COURSE <u>N/A</u>
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING  Object was a balloon found. Remains sent 788th ACW, Waverly, Iowa for positive identification, then forwarded to ATIC.		11. COMMENTS  Although positively identified as some type of balloon, a rather extensive check of applicable facilities throughout U.S. disclosed that it was apparently not of U.S. origin. Action being taken by ATIC to determine origin, type, purpose, etc. Made a matter of UFO record in event sightings later rptd fm same general area which could relate to this balloon.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

788TH AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING SQUADRON  
Waverly Air Force Station  
Iowa

OCB

19 December 1956

SUBJECT: Unidentified Balloon

TO: Commander  
Air Technical Intelligence Center  
Wright Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio

1. Subject balloon was found by Mr. ██████████ in a roadside ditch adjacent to his mother's home located 7 miles west of Cedar Falls, Iowa. Mr. ██████████ found the balloon 12 December 1956. He stated that the balloon was not in the ditch previous to that date.

2. The balloon envelope indicated that the balloon may have been of cellular construction. The remains of the envelope were in shreds which were 14 - 15 feet in length. The shreds were examined minutely and no identifying marks could be found. The shreds were cut off the base assembly.

3. Futile attempts were made to identify the remains of the balloon by the Operations and/or Intelligence section of:

- a. 20th Air Division
- b. Central Air Defense Force
- c. Western Air Defense Force
- d. Air Defense Command

4. Mr. ██████████ stated that he had found a balloon similar to this one in 1948 but that it was not as large as this one, and it bore, General Mills markings. He further stated that he had disassembled the metal portion in hopes of finding indications of a reward such as he had received in the case of the 1948 finding. He said that he had searched the adjacent areas thoroughly for additional parts of the balloon but found none. Search of the area subsequent to the finding was precluded by a snowfall which blanketed the entire area.

5. The finding was at first suspected to be one of the balloons launched from the Vernalis California Launching Site; however, WADF investigation eliminated the possibility. There being no satisfactory

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5. (Cont'd)  
identification of the balloon, Air Defense Command, acting upon advise-  
ment by Intelligence Service, directed that the remains of the balloon  
be forwarded to your headquarters.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

DONALD E. EVETT  
2nd Lt USAF  
Adjutant

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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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3 January 1957

SUBJECT: (U) Balloon Identification - Recommendations

1. Subject item was forwarded to ATIC after all efforts were made by pertinent agencies to identify it as to origin, purpose and design. It appears that it is ~~not~~ of U. S. origin. As such, it possesses a potential for intelligence information.

2. Inasmuch as it has been identified as a known object, it falls out of the UFO category and should be placed in the hands of pertinent specialists for further intelligence exploitation, if any.

3. Accordingly, to assist you in this matter the following are offered:

a. Have made arrangements with Mr. Arnold, 4E2 Equipment Specialist, to work with you in this respect,

b. Mr. [redacted] and this officer, previously worked on a balloon equipment project and you will find him very cooperative.

c. Some of the intelligence requirements for information that may be considered in this matter would include origin, purpose, track of the balloon, possibly jet streams, or upper atmospheric data that may relate to the object, etc.

*George T. Gregory*  
GEORGE T. GREGORY  
Captain, USAF

12 Dec

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AFOIN-4 OCE, 788th AC&amp;W Sqdn., 19 Dec 1956, Subj: Unidentified Balloon

AFOIN-4E

1st Ind Capt G.T. Gregory/1tc/69216

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AFOIN-4X2b Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AF Base, Ohio

TO: Commander, 788th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, Mawerly Air Force Station, Iowa

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