

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 3 March 1957		2. LOCATION Oxnard, California		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 Local GMT 04/0350Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual BX ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian & Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 or 6 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE in NW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object. Two round lights (white) blinking - flew straight and level. Observer used binoculars. WX overcast.				11. COMMENTS Short duration. Two lights on one object. Alternating suggests a/c sighting.	

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INFO RJPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELL HQTRSUSAF 25 D C

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UNCLAS 6690PS 010-Y PD UFOB PD 1.A.ROUND. B.BASKETBALL. C.WHITE.

D.ONE. E.N/A. F.TWO LIGHTS ON BOTTOM-ALTERNATING. G.NONE. H.NO

SOUND. I.NO FUSELAGE, WINGS, OR TAIL. 2.A.UNKNOWN. B.45 DEGREES

N.W. AT SIGHTING. C.SAME AS 2B ABOVE. D.STRAIGHT AND LEVEL.

E. GRADUALLYBLACKED OUT. F.FIVE OR SIX

X SECONDS. 3.A.GROUND-VISUAL.

B.BINOCULARS. C.N/A. 4.A.04/0350Z. B.NIGHT. 5.BE3223 SYLMAR. 6.

A. AGE 40, SYLMAR. PTONE

OCCUPATION UNK. B. A/2C, OXNARD AFB. EST OF

RELIABVLITY UNK. 7.A.CLEAR. B.UNK. C.25 OVERCAST. D.20 MILES.

E.TOTAL. F.NONE. 8.NONE. 9.NONE. 10.NONE. 11.SENIOR DIRECTOR,

EDWARD R. MARTIN, 1ST LT.PROBABLY A LOW FLYING AIRCRAFT. 12.NONE.

PD END

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04/1915Z MAR RJWPJB

See our balloon file.
Number of light balloons have
hanging lights.

Presume, then, object standing
still

(1) Observed through binoculars

(2) Standing still

(3) Broken cloud cover or
overcast?

1st observed

45°

W — E

No Words or
Velocities given.

Limited info.
strongly suggests
balloon.
Possibly Balloon

No copy Dr. H.
made E. and
case file.

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DE RJWPJB 2E

PE41900Z

FM COMDR 669 ACWRON PORHUE CALIF

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLORADO

RJWPJB/COMDR 27 ADIV DEF NORTON AFB CALIF

RJEDWP/COMDR AIR TECH INTELL CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

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c. Oxnard, California Case (23 Mar 1957):

This case was somehow brought to the attention of numerous UFO clubs who besieged the Air Force demanding explanations. Keyhoe sent a 6-page telegram to ATIC.

Briefly, a woman living in a rather isolated area outside of Oxnard observed what she termed as "menacing red and green lights" near her home. Hysterical with fear she contacted the Duty Officer at the Oxnard AFB. The Duty Officer contacted the local fighter squadron. Two F-89s searched the area. Two Navy aircraft made a search. Nothing was found. During this period, the local police, state highway patrol and the sheriff's office was contacted. All units converged on the area. A detailed intelligence report made as result of the investigations disclosed that the source was a highly excitable, emotional person, a believer in saucers, and apparently left alone for the first time by her husband, an Air Force Captain, she became frightened at the lights.

An analysis disclosed that the objects were red warning lights installed on a barn nearby, which, when observed through shiny glass insulators, of a telephone pole (in her line-of-sight) from her kitchen window did give the unusual appearance described. The play of automobile headlights on the insulators was emphasized in a telephone report to ATIC. Misidentification of conventional objects.

3. Oxnard, California Case (23 Mar 1957):

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A woman living in a rather isolated area outside of Oxnard observed what she termed as "identifying red and green lights" near her home. Hysterical with fear she contacted the Duty Officer at the Oxnard AFB. The Duty Officer contacted the local flight squadron. Two F-39s scrambled and searched the area. Two Navy aircraft also made a search. Nothing was found. During this period, the local police, state highway patrol and the sheriff's office were contacted. All units combed the area. A detailed intelligence report made

of the investigation disclosed that the source was a highly excitable, emotional person, a believer in spirits, and apparently left alone for the first time by her husband. She became frightened at the lights.

An analysis conducted of the object which was observed on a barn nearby, which, when observed through shiny glass insulators of a telephone pole (in her line of sight from her kitchen window and gave the unusual appearance described. The object's headlights on the insulators were emphasized in a telephone report to AFIC. The conclusion was mis-identification of conventional objects.