

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>3 January 58</u>	2. LOCATION <u>W of Marietta, Ga.</u>	12. CONCLUSIONS		
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>03/1740Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input checked="" 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		
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE <u>Military</u>			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>90 secs</u>	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>one</u>	9. COURSE <u>stationary</u>		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Very thin obj in horizontal plane, slightly thickened in center. Appeared silvery white in reflection of sun like a mirror. Reflection of sun was bright at one end while remainder of obj appeared as thin beam of light. Reflection disappeared. Obj then appeared as a thin brown line shortly before fading from sight.		11. COMMENTS Could have been non-persistent contrail fm A/C in turn. Contrail patterns at times appear very unusual even to experienced observers.		

MOVEMENT. E. REFLECTION DISAPPEARED. OBJECT THEN APPEARED AS A THIN BROWN LINE SHORTLY BEFORE FADING FROM SIGHT. F. APPROXIMATELY 50 SECONDS. 3. A. GROUND-VISUAL. FIRST SIGHTED FROM AUTOMOBILE, THEN FROM OUTSIDE AUTOMOBILE. B. NONE. C. N/A. 4. A. 031740Z JAN 58. B. DAY. 5. GJFD2158. 6. A. N/A. B. CAPT. [REDACTED] HQ 35TH AIR DIVISION (DEF), DOBBINS AFB, GA., CHIEF CONTROLLER, COMPLETELY RELIABLE. 7. 1740-5 = 1740 CLEAR, VISIBILITY UNLIMITED. B. SFC-340/8: ^{NNW} 6000-^N 10/25: 10000-^{WNW} 250/35: 20000-^{WNW} 250/40: 30000-^{WSW} 250/70: 50000-^{WSW} 230/85: 80000-^{WSW} 250/6. C. NONE. D. UNLIMITED. E. NONE. F. NONE. 8. NONE. 9. NO UNUSUAL TRACKS OBSERVED BY SURROUNDING ACW UNITS. 10. 8TH ACWRON HAD NUMEROUS AIRCRAFT TRACKS IN VICINITY OF SIGHTING. BALLOON LAUNCH SCHEDULE FROM VERNALIS, CALIF, COVERS PERIOD 2 THROUGH 13 JAN 58. 11. COMMENTS OF DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE: OBJECT MAY POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN RESEARCH BALLOON LAUNCHED FROM VERNALIS, CALIF. HOWEVER, SHORT DURATION OF SIGHTING UNDER EXCELLENT WEATHER CONDITIONS WOULD PRACTICALLY RULE OUT BALLOON. COULD HAVE BEEN NON-PERSISTENT CONTRAIL FROM AIRCRAFT IN TURN. OBSERVER HIGHLY EXPERIENCED PILOT AND CONTROLLER AND THEREFORE FAMILIAR WITH APPEARANCE OF CONTRAILS. HOWEVER, CONTRAIL PATTERNS AT TIMES APPEAR VERY UNUSUAL EVEN TO EXPERIENCED OBSERVERS.

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True!
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matter of note
to the U.S. public
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Obj. report
by controller

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FM COMDR 35CADD

TO RJEDDN/COMDR ADC

RJEDSQ/COMDR ATIC

RJEPHQ/ ACS INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF

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/UNCLASSIFIED/ INT 56. UFOB. ATTN: EADF CIC. 1. A. VERY THIN IN HORIZONTAL PLANE, SLIGHTLY THICKENED IN CENTER. B.

PENCIL ERASER. BELIEVE AIRCRAFT WOULD NOT HAVE APPEARED AS LARGE AT THE RANGE OF OBJECT. C. APPEARED SILVERY WHITE IN REFLECTION OF SUN, LIKE A MIRROR. ACTUAL COLOR NOT OBSERVABLE. D. ONE. E.

N/A. F. NONE. G. NONE. H. NONE. I. REFLECTION OF SUN WAS BRIGHT AT ONE END WHILE REMAINDER OF OBJECT APPEARED AS THIN BEAM OF LIGHT.

AS OBJECT CHANGED ASPECT, SUN REFLECTION TRAVELED FROM ONE END TO OTHER. 2. A. REFLECTION. B. 15 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON AT 210 AZIMUTH.

C. 15 DEGREES ELEVATION AT 210-215 DEGREES AZIMUTH. D. MAINLY STAT-