

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 30 Jan 58		2. LOCATION Bitburg, Germany		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 30/0627Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Balloon ☒ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE Irregular	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Obj, size of dime at arm's length; color red, greenish yellow & slightly blue w/irregular flight path. Generally moving to overhead position. Side to side motion.				11. COMMENTS Obj has characteristics of a balloon observation.	

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COUNTRY W. Germany		REPORT NO. UFOB -42-58	(LEAVE BLANK) 1166004
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SUBJECT UFOB			
AREA REPORTED ON Bitburg, Germany		FROM (Agency) 22nd Fighter Day Squadron	
DATE OF REPORT 3 Feb 58	DATE OF INFORMATION 30 Jan 58	EVALUATION A-2	
PREPARED BY (Name) 1/Lt James P. Briggs		SOURCE Pilot, 22nd Fighter Day Sqdn.	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) None			

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)

Pilot made ground observation of an unidentified flying object pursuing an irregular flight path on 30 Jan 58 at 0627Z.

The unusual and erratic flight path of the sighted object is the significance of this report.

APPROVED:

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ATTC. Conclusions from limited data given:
Prob. balloon
(See 2nd page)
This is typical of hundreds of similar reports of balloons observed at/near sunset or sunrise rec'd by ATTC.

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Reference AFR 200-2, 12 Aug 54

1. Description:

- a. Shape - Unknown
- b. Size - dime
- c. Color - Red, greenish yellow, slight blue
- d. Number - One
- e. N/A
- f. Negative
- g. Negative
- h. Negative

(Add! Observed object for 3 minutes, gave color in detail, yet could not give precise shape?)



2. Description of Course of Object

- a. What first called the attention of the observer?
Irregular flight path.
- b. Angle and Azimuth when first observed.
45 degrees
- c. Angle and elevation upon disappearance of object;
80 degrees to 90 degrees
- d. Description of flight path and maneuvers of object.
Jagged flight path, generally moving to overhead position as it darted from side to side.
- e. Negative
- f. Length of time in sight.
app. three (3) minutes.

3. Manner of observation:

- a. Ground visual.
- b. Negative
- c. N/A

4. Time and date of Sighting:

30 JAN 0627Z

5. Location of Observer:

4957N 0633E, ZULU Hangar, Bitburg Air Base

6. Identifying information of observers:

- a. Negative
- b. [REDACTED] 1/Lt USAF, 22 Ftr Day Sqdn., Pilot, Excellent

7. Weather and Winds

a. Observers account:

Clear and two miles visibility.

b. Winds - surface	240 deg.	10kts.	- 0600L
10,000	230 "	16	2400L
16,000	230 "	20	"
20,000	230 "	30	"
30,000	230 "	40	"
50,000	310 "	20	"
80,000	not available		

c. Ceiling

None

d. Visibility

2 miles

DAWN

Note: Near & at dawn: See Rich files on balloons re effect of morning sun's rays off balloon surfaces (red, orange, maroon, yellow, etc)

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e. None

f. None

8. Negative

9. N/A

10. Negative

11. Comments of Preparing Officer:

Object could possibly be a balloon or helicopter.

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(THIS SECTOR OF THE SKY IN DARKNESS)

PORTION OF BALLOON VISIBLE
OFTEN APPEARS DISC OR AS
"SAUCER SHAPED"

?

AIRCRAFT OBSERVING
ONLY PORTION
OF BALLOON

SUN BEHIND HORIZON

BALLOON AT MEDIUM
OR HIGH ALTITUDE

GROUND OBSERVER

(THIS SECTOR OF THE SKY IN SUNLIGHT)

Sketch purposely exaggerated to emphasize
the phenomena