

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 10 Jun 59	2. LOCATION Reno, Nevada		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☒ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 0815-0015-1615Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☐ No	6. SOURCE Military		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION approx 15 mins	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE stationary	☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Motionless obj which seemed to be a reflection. No apparent shape, except possibly slightly wider than tall. Silver gray color. Disappeared instantaneously.		11. COMMENTS Probably a weather balloon which burst at high alt.	

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FM COMDR STEAD AFB NEI

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB

RJWZSB/28 AIRDIV

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ACTION: COFS (AFCIN), OSAF (SAFIS), ADC, 28 AIRDIV, AIR
TECH INTEL CTR. INFO AISS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR
202-2 FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED: PARA 15A (1)
A REFLECTION WITH NO APPARAENT SHAPE EXCEPT POSSIBLE
SLIGHTLY WIDER THAN IT WAS TALL. (2) APPROXIMATELY
THE SIZE OF A QUARTER HELD IN THE HAND AT ARMS
LENGTH. (3) SILVERY GREY DESCRIBED AS APPROXIMATELY
THE SAME COLOR AS THE REFLECTION GIVEN OFF BY A
SILVER ACFT. (4) ONE. (5) N/A (6) NONE GIVEN. (7) N/A.

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(3) NO SOUND DISCERNED. (9) N/A. PARA 15B. (1) MOTIONLESS REFLECTING OBJECT. (2) AS SEEN FROM HIS PARKED CAR APPROXIMATELY 45 TO 60 DEGREES UP FROM GROUND LEVEL AT AN ESTIMATED MAG HEADING OF 260 DEGREES. APPARENT ALTITUDE OF 6,000 TO 7,000 FT ABOVE THE NEARBY SIERRA MOUNTAIN RANGE. THIS RANGE HAS A 6,000 TO 9,000 PEAK LINE IN THIS AREA. ESTIMATED 30 TO 40 MILES FROM OBSERVER. (3) N/A. (4) N/A. (4) N/A. (5) INSTANTANEOUSLY. (6) ESTIMATED 15 MINUTES. PARA 15C (1) GROUND-VISUAL.

(2) NAKED EYE PLUS CORRECTIONAL EYEGLASSES. (3) N/A.

PARA 15D (1) ^{0015 LOCAL?} 0815Z 10 JUNE 59. (2) DAY. PARA 15E FIRST OBSERVED RENO NEVADA AT WELLS AND 4TH AVENUES HEADING WEST ALONG 4TH. OBSERVER STOPPED AND PARKED HIS CAR APPROXIMATELY AT EVANS AND 4TH. PARAF.

TSGT DOUGLAS J. LAWSON AF 18299410, 3635TH FLT LINE MAIN RON. HIS COMDR DESCRIBES SGT LAWSON AS AN EXCELLENT SUPERVISOR WHO WAS RELIABLE AND HAPPY IN HIS JOB. THE SGT IS MARRIED AND SEEMS TO BE RELIABLE AND STABLE. HIS KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, BY VIRTUE OF HIS PAST EXPERIENCE AS CREW CHIEF AND PRESENT EXPERIENCE

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AS FLIGHT LINE MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR WOULD TEND TO ELIMINATE SOME POSSIBILITY OF THE OBJECT SEE N TO BE AN AIRCRAFT. PARA 15F. CLEAR DAY WITH UNLIMITED

VISIBILITY. (2) 0800Z TEMP 79 DEGREES (ESTIMATE FOR TIME
INDICATED) WINDS AT 5,000 FT 40 DEGREES AT 10 KNOTS:
10,000 FT 40 DEGREES AT 10 KNOTS: 18,000 FT 220 DEGREES AT
10 KNOTS: 25,000 FT 270 DEGREES AT 23 KNOTS: 35,000 FT
290 DEGREES AT 23 KNOTS: 50,000 FT 320 DEGREES AT 25
KNOTS; 60,000 FT 240 DEGREES AT 15 KNOTS. (3) N/A. (4) 30
PLUS MIESL. (5) 1/10 CIRRUS HIGH SCATTERED. (6) N/A. PARA
H N/A. PARA I, N/A. PARA J. NO AIR TRAFFIC EITHER
MILITARY OR CIVILIAN IN THE RENO AREA AT THE TIME OF
OBSERVATION. PARA K. INTELLIGENCE OFFICER WING OPS
3635TH FLYTRAWG(ADV). FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS,
THE OBJECT SEEN BY SGT LAWSON MAY HAVE BEEN A LARGE
WEATHER BALLOON. (1) RENO TOWER QUOTE UNOFFICIALLY
UNQUOTE INDICATED THAT IT HAD RECEIVED REPORTS OF A
LARGE BALLOON OVER THE RENO AREA LATE IN THE AFTER-
NOON OF 10 JUN 59. (2) THE OBJECT SIGHTED GAVE OFF A
SILVERY GREY REFLECTION WITH APPARENTLY NO DEFINABLE

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SHAPE. (3) THE OBJECTS LACK OF APPARENT MOTION
AND SUDDEN DISAPPEARANCE INDICATES A BALLOON
AT HIGH ALTITUDE THAT SUDDENLY BURST. (4) THE RENO
WEATHER SERVICE REPORTED THAT IT HAD RELEASED A
WEATHER BALLOON AT 0708Z 10 JUNE 59.

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