

**PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD**

1. DATE 3 Jul 59	2. LOCATION Needles, California	12. CONCLUSIONS <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Mirage</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>1934</u> GMT <u>04/0334Z Jul 59</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	6. SOURCE Civilian
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 mins	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 4
9. COURSE Stationary	10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Four kite-shaped objs size of a nickel. At first sight looked like eagle coming towards windshield. Flew back & forth sideways, but stayed in relatively same position. In sight 10 mins. A/c could not close on obj.	11. COMMENTS Possible reflection. Sighting appeared at dusk. A/c was not able to close & appearance did not change w/ heading.

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UFO

- A. 1. KITE-SHAPED
- 2. NICKLE
- 3. UNKNOWN
- 4. FOUR
- 5. UNKNOWN
- 6. AT FIRST SIGHT LOOKED LIKE EAGLE COMING TOWARDS WINDSHIELD
- 7. NONE
- 8. NONE
- 9. FLEW BACK AND FORTH SIDEWAYS BUT STAYED IN RELATIVE SAME POSITION

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*checked AFIC - nothing up*

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B. 1. CO-PILOT VIEWED THROUGH WINDSHIELD  
2. STRAIGHT AHEAD 10,500 FT ELEVATION, SAME AS OBSERVING A/C  
3. SAME AS B-2 AND DISAPPEARED BECAUSE OF DARKNESS  
4. STATIC BUT OSCILLATING DISTANCE BETWEEN OBSERVING A/C AND  
UFOB REMAINED CONSTANT REGARDLESS OF A/C HEADING  
5. AS DARKNESS CAME ON  
6. TEN MINUTES

C. 1. AIRBORNE-VISUAL

2. NONE

3. PIPER COMMANCHE, [REDACTED] 10,500FT 270 DEG MAG 140MPH, BOX 3  
BOEING FIELD, SEATTLE-TACOMA, WASHINGTON

D. 1. 04/0334Z

2. DUSK

E. 1. 10E NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA

F. 1. CIVILIAN, [REDACTED], BOEING FIELD, SEATTLE  
WASH. AVIATION DIRECTOR OF STATE OF WASHINGTON, RELIABLE

G. 1. CLEAR AND 45 MI VISIBILITY

2. 6,000 - 230/15: 10,000 - 260/20: 16,000 - 280/20  
20,000 - 270/20: 30,000 - 250/30: 50,000 - 240/35  
80,000 - N/A

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3. NONE

4. 45 MILES

5. NONE

6. NONE

H. 1. PILOT SAID RAYS OF SETTING SUN THROUGH DUST PARTICLES MAY HAVE ACCOUNTED FOR THE SIGHTING

I. 1. PILOT TURNED A/C TOWARDS OBJECT, AND APPEARED NEVER TO GET CLOSER

J. 1. NONE

K. 1. PREPARING OFFICER HAD PILOT CALL COLLECT UPON ARRIVED LAS VEGAS. OTHER INFORMATION OTHER THAN RAYS OF SETTING SUN AND THE POSSIBILITY THAT THAT MAY HAVE CAUSED THE SIGHTING. I CONCUR WITH THIS STATEMENT. GROUND TEMPERATURE AT NEEDLES AT TIME OF SIGHTING 101 DEGREES. TEMPERATURE AT 10,000MSL PLUS 13 DEGREES CENTIGRADE.

L. 1. NONE

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ACTION: CIN

INFO : OOP, SAFS

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Memo, AFCIN-4E4g, 24 July 59 (U) Unidentified Objects South China Seas  
1st Ind (AFCIN-4Ela/Capt. Keriakou/lcm/74201) 26 August 1959

TO: AFCIN-4E4g

1. Inspection of radar returns of the suspected UFO's on KD-2 film for mission FJ-056 reveal no unusual or distinguishing factors that would afford data for an analysis. Radar returns seem to be normal scope points.

2. However, as a comment on Report #1264291, the UFO's could possibly be:

a. Submarine activity, to include a refueling operation.

b. Chinese fishing sampans off the China coast.

c. Giant Manta Rays (known to exist up to 25-30 ft. in wing span), floating on top of the sea or swimming just below surface. Color features indicated in basic report correlate with this theory; however, do rays reflect radar energy?

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