

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 3 Feb 61	2. LOCATION 2 mi NW of Van Nuys, 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 type="checkbox"/> Other <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1225	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	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 2	9. COURSE S
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 2 very bright metallic, oval shaped objts, slightly larger than a teaspoon at arms length. Both ovals were moving in formation. Moved to S between 45° and Zenith and very high. No precise estimate of elevation. Just disappeared from view.		11. COMMENTS Witness does not state how objects disappeared, and apparently they disappeared in same position as when first observed. Objts were possibly small kites flown by school children; observers belief in "flying saucers" clouded his report. Also possible that objects were a/c flying between witness and sun which was in S. Due to there being only 1 witness, this report is categorized as Insufficient Data.

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<p>a. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECTS</p> <p>(1) SHAPE: Oval shaped (2) SIZE: Slightly larger than a teaspoon as compared to a known object held at arm's length. (3) COLOR: Very bright metallic. (4) NUMBER: Two (2) (5) FORMATION: Both ovals were moving south making oval patterns, but were not apparently in formation. (6) DISCERNIBLE FEATURES OR DETAILS: Extreme bright light similar to solar reflection on a polished aluminum surface. (7) TAIL, TRAIL OR EXHAUST: None (8) SOUNDS: None (9) OTHER PERTINENT OR UNUSUAL FEATURES: None</p> <p>b. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECTS</p> <p>(1) WHAT FIRST CALLED THE ATTENTION OF OBSERVER TO THE OBJECTS? Looked up when the observer merely noticed bright objects in the sky. (2) ANGLE OR ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF OBJECTS WHEN FIRST SIGHTED: Moved to south between 45° and zenith and very high. (No precise estimate of elevation)</p>													
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TO:		<p>Fair, observer certain he saw a "flying saucer" which would tend to reflect on his objectivity.</p> <p>g. WEATHER AND WINDS: Alert conditions at time and place of sighting were:</p> <p>(1) OBSERVER: Gusty winds, very good visibility.</p> <p>(2) LOCAL WK: 50 mile visibility, winds WNW at 20 knots with gusts up to 25 knots. No cloud cover, Temp. 73°</p> <p>h. N/A</p> <p>i. NONE</p> <p>j. No known military acft operating from this base to account for sight, however numerous private aircraft flying locally on this date and time at altitude of 500' to approximately 4500'.</p> <p>k. COMMENTS: No corroboration from collateral sources to verify his sighting. Since it was gusty and clear the probability is strong that the objects sighted were metal-lized plastic disc kites being flown by children at a school yard one half miles south of the observer. These are thin dinner plate sized objects and this could account for their appearance or disappearance when viewed from the side. Their small size could give the appearance of great distance and height. Secondly, it is possible the objects were light planes as a number of aircraft were flying at the time of sighting and the point of observation approximates the traffic pattern. The lack of corroboration or other observation reports would tend to give weight to the first explanation.</p> <p>Prepared Officer:</p> <p>Thomas J. Scully Capt, AF, CAL ANG Intelligence Officer 146th Air Transport Wing Van Nuys Air National Guard Base, Van Nuys, Calif.</p>				
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TO:		<p>(3) ANGLE OR ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF OBJECTS UPON DISAPPEARANCE: Disappeared into south between 45° and zenith, and flying very high.</p> <p>(4) DESCRIPTION OF FLIGHT PATH AND MANEUVERS OF OBJECTS: The objects appeared and disappeared and appeared to travel at a high rate of speed. (No precise estimate of speed) The objects were flying straight and level until they started the oval type maneuvers.</p> <p>(5) HOW DID THE OBJECTS DISAPPEAR: The objects merely disappeared from view.</p> <p>(6) HOW LONG WERE THE OBJECTS VISIBLE? Approximately one (1) minute.</p> <p>c. MANNER OF OBSERVATION</p> <p>(1) OBSERVATION: Ground-visual</p> <p>(2) OPTICAL AIDS: None</p> <p>(3) N/A</p> <p>d. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING</p> <p>(1) TIME-DATE: 03Feb2025Z</p> <p>(2) LIGHT CONDITIONS: Day</p> <p>e. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: 3415N/11830W or approximately 2 NM North-West of Van Nuys Airport, Los Angeles, California on campus of Valley State College. (MAC 404)</p> <p>f. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER: Name: ██████████, Age: 27, no military service, Address: ██████████, Granada Hills, California, Telephone: ██████████ B, Occupation: Student at Valley State College, Northridge, California. Part time Piano teacher and college employee. Reliability: ██████████</p>			
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