

### PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE  10 Apr 64	2. LOCATION  Merced, California	12. CONCLUSIONS  <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP  Local 1140 GMT 10/1402	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION  <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE  Military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION  Not Reported	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS  6-12 reported one annual	9. COURSE  not reported
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING  6-12 objects picked up on Radar following race-track pattern at altitudes of 60,000 to 90,000 ft. and higher elevations. F-106's scrambled for identifications and locked on with radar but unable to keep lock-on. Two additional a/c scrambled with pilots in pressure suits. U-2 type a/c.	11. COMMENTS  Pilot's of F-106's at 50,000 ft could not make visual contact. U-2 a/c made visual identification of balloon.	

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MEMO ROUTING SLIP

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REMARKS This may give you some

business in the future -

The balloon idea was  
confined by moral  
Terror

Cabot

Chief, Public Information  
Division  
Office of Information

10 APR

Received from Cond Post, 10 April 64, ~~1963~~ 1530

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

Norad confirmed that it was a balloon. A U-2 pilot confirmed the identification.

Received from Major Hart, Comd Post, 10 April 64, 1400.

Re: Unidentified Flying Objects

Norad passed the following information to MACC:

Norad believes it is a balloon drifting eastward at 17 knots.  
One of the two F-106 pilots was able to lock on to it at 50,000 ft.,  
but was not able ~~to~~ to hold.

Neither pilots reported visible fighting.

Norad is continuing to make all effort to identify this object  
or objects.

Received from Colonel Welms, Command Post, 10 April 64, 1140

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

Original Message

NMCC, Norad advised that there were 6 to 12 unidentified flying objects at 30 miles East of Merced, California. Radar picked up 12 objects at altitudes 60,000 ft., 90,000 ft., and higher elevations.

F-106's were scrambled at Castle Air Force Base. There were no results because of high altitudes. They are checking the possibility of sending U-2's.

Later Sent to Air Staff

Objects were following a 60 mile race-track pattern. F-106's were flying a ~~90,000 ft. altitude~~. Pilots locked on to some of the objects but could not keep the lock. Norad said they were sending 2 more ~~EXCEM~~ aircraft with pilots in pressure suits.