

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 17 Apr 64		2. LOCATION Fallon AFS, Nevada		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 17/1522Z GMT		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☒ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 hr. 21 min.		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS two		9. COURSE Erratic	
				☒ Other radar inversion ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Two blips size of pin-head in stacked formation with rapid changes in altitude. (hight) Observed at 122 deg azimuth, 60,000 feet alt. 145 mi. range. Disappeared at 120 deg azimuth. 54,000 ft. 145 mi range. Motion up and down. Flight to SE. I version in aria.				11. COMMENTS Motion confined to same azimuth heading and approximate altitude and range. All indicating likely returns from inversion. Also possible reflection from ground target since inversion present.	

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Request for Evaluation (Fallon AFS, Nevada, 17 Apr 64)

21 Aug 64

TDEED/Mr Bryant)

Request the evaluation of the attached UFO report by
first indorsement.

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EVALUATION OF UFO REPORTED AT FALLON AFS, NEVADA

1. The length of time of the observation, coupled with the winds reported (50k at 50,000 ft) would make the possibility of a balloon seem unlikely, since the amount of lateral travel would be much greater than indicated. Equipment malfunction can reasonably be ruled out since the target was observed for a period of one hour and twenty-one minutes, this also makes propagation anomalies seem unlikely.
2. An extreme temperature inversion is a possible cause of the echoes, such a condition would show small lateral travel for the time observed. The rapid height changes reported could be accounted for by atmospheric fluctuations. This is possible when it is considered that the elevation angle of the antenna is low, less than 4° , and the total altitude change is only 6000 ft (a change in elevation angle of milliradian)
3. Since the type of radar used is not given, its capabilities can not be determined.

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Examination of UFO reported at 10:00 PM 11-2-44

1. The length of time of the observation, coupled with the errors reported (500 at 50,000 ft) would make the possibility of a balloon seem unlikely, since the amount of lateral travel would be much greater than indicated. Eyewitnesses have reasonably been called out since the object was observed for a period of 1 hour and 30 minutes. This time makes propagation of light from the object to the observer impossible.

2. Another objection to the balloon hypothesis is the lack of lateral travel, which a balloon would exhibit for the time observed. The wind at the time was about 10 mph, and the balloon would have been blown to the right of the observer. The fact that the object was observed for a period of 1 hour and 30 minutes, and that the lateral change is only 500 ft (a change of 1/100 of the distance) is not giving the balloon hypothesis a fair trial.

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ACTION: NIN-7

INFO : DIA-15, XOP-1, XOPX-4, SAF-OS-3 (31)
SMB A241

ZCZCHQA065ZCQJA129

PP RUEAHQ

DE RUWHBSM 2 17/1920Z

ZNR

P 171900Z

FM 858 RADAR SQ FALLON AFS NEV

TO RUWGALE/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RUWHSB/23 ADIV HAMILTON AFB CALIF

RUCD SQ/AFSC FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIV WRIGHT PATT AFB OHIO

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UNCLAS 3580DC 0254. USAF ATTN: AFCIN. SAF ATTN: SAFOI. THE FOLLOW
ING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED FOLLOWING UFOB REPORT.

- A. 1. BLIP
2. HEAD OF A PIN
3. UNK
4. 2 OBJECTS
5. STACKED
6. UNK
- 7# UNK
3. UNK

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9. RAPID HEIGHT CHANGES

B. 1. HIGH ALTITUDE

2. 122DEG, 60,000 145 MI.

3. UNK 120 54,000 145 MI.

.4. UP AND DOWN

5. UNK INSTANT SE

6. UNK 1 HR. 21 MIN.

C. 1. GRND-ELEC.

2. UNK

3. UNK

D. 1. 17-1522Z

2. DAY

E. 39.25N 113.40W

F. 1. UNK

2# A2C EDWARD LOWE, RADAR OPERATOR: 358TH RADRON, FALLON

AFS, NEVADA

G. 1. CALM, HIGH OVERCAST.

2. 6,000-200DEG 5K

10,000-200DEG 10K

16,000-230DEG 20K

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20,000-220DEG 25K

30,000-240DEG 50K

50,000-240DEG 50K

80,000-270DEG 20K

3. CEILING-NO

4. VISIBILITY-15PLUS

5. AMOUNT OF CLOUD COVER-.4

6. NEG

7. UNK

H. NEG

I. UNK

J. NEG

K. GERRY R. BURGESS, OPERATIONS OFFICER, (POSSIBLE EXTREME
TEMPERATURE INVERSION).

L. NONE

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