PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 28 August 66 29/0245Z	2. LOCATION San Luis Obispo, California (2 Witnesses)
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON ✓ Jost
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 - 30 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual (BX)	Two different observers reported seeing an unusual object in the vicinity of San Luis Obispo, Calif. Object was compared with a large weather balloon by one observer. The object was reported to be round in shape and being amber and silver in color, depending on the observer. Both observers just happened to look up and noticed a starlike object in the sky at a time when no stars would have been visible. A 450 ft experimental balloon, Project No H-66-74 was launched from Holloman AFB, N M on August 26, 66. The balloon was tracked to Taft, Calif., were it was lost in the area of a thunderstorm. Taft, Calif., is approximately 50 miles from San Luis Obispo, Calif.
7. COURSE ENE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes XX No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes XX No	

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 4392D AEROSPACE SUPPORT GROUP (SAC)
VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, CALIFORNIA, 93437

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: BDOB

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO)

13 SEP 1966

TO: AFSC (FTD)
Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433

In accordance with AFR 200-2, as supplemented, the following Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) Report is submitted for your action.

a. Description of the object:

(1) Observer number 1 - rounded triangular.
Observer number 2 - round.

(2) Observer number 1 - compared to the size of a pin head held at arms length.
Observer number 2 - compared to the size of a baseball held at arms length.

(3) Observer number 1 - bright amber.
Observer number 2 - silver.

(4) Observer number 1 and 2 - one.

(5) Not Applicable.

(6) Observer number 1 - object had what appeared to be 3 dark spots on the surface.
Observer number 2 - appeared to be a large plastic balloon like object with several surface indentations.

(7) Observers 1 and 2 - no tail, trail, or exhaust observed.

(8) Observers 1 and 2 - no sound was heard, both observers were out of doors.

(9) Observers 1 and 2 - both observers claimed familiarity with aircraft, both stated that the object did not resemble an airplane.

b. Description of course of object:

(1) Observers 1 and 2 - both stated that they just happened to look up and noticed a starlike object in the sky at a time when no stars would have been visible.

(2) Observer number 1 - 15 degrees elevation and due east.

Observer number 2 - 20 degrees elevation and east northeast.

(3) Observers 1 and 2 - object seemed to hang suspended with no motion.

(4) Observers 1 and 2 - object disappeared with oncoming darkness.

(5) Observer number 1 - 30 minutes.
Observer number 2 - 20 minutes.

c. Manner of observation:

(1) Observers 1 and 2 - ground, visual.

(2) Observer number 1 - Japanese manufactured binoculars, believed to be 12 power.
Observer number 2 - American manufactured binouclars, 35x7.

(3) Not applicable.

d. Time and date of sighting:

(1) Observer number 1 - 29 August 1966, 0300Z.
Observer number 2 - 29 August 1966, 0245Z.

(2) Dusk.

e. Location of observers:

(1) Observer number 1 - 120° 38' W longitude, 35° 27' N latitude, 13 nautical miles from the San Luis Obispo VORTAC on the 023 degree radial.
Observer number 2- 120° 23' W longitude, 35° 22' N latitude, 20 nautical miles from the San Luis Obispo VORTAC on the 060 degree radial.

f. Identifying information on observers:

(1) Observer number 1 - Mr. [redacted] age 36; [redacted] Grover City, California; occupation Highway Engineer; high school education and 3 years college. Mr [redacted] had spent 4 years in the Navy, 2½ years of which was spent on an aircraft carrier, here he came into daily contact with aircraft. It is the opinion of the preparing officer that this person is completely reliable. He had no pet theories on UFOs or professed to be any type of an authority on the subject. He noticed an unfamiliar object in the sky and thought it his duty to report it to the proper authorities and did so.

Observer number 2 - Mr [redacted] e 31 [redacted] California; occupation Highway Engineer; high school education. Mr [redacted] stated that he was not very familiar with aircraft and did not think that he could identify one type from another. However, he did not believe the unidentified object he sighted to be an

airplane but rather a weather balloon. He did not notify any government or state official as he believed the unidentified object to be a weather balloon. Both observers are employed together, and during the course of normal conversation, the UFO was discussed. Mr[redacted] (observer number 1) stated during the interview that he had a friend who also saw the unidentified object and asked the investigating officer if he would be interested in talking to him. That is how the investigating officer came to interview M[redacted]

g. Weather and winds - Aloft conditions at time and place of sighting:

(1) Observer number 1 and 2 - Clear, dark and no clouds.

(2) Surface 240/2k; 6,000 270/6k; 10,000 200/8k; 16,000 220/30k; 20,000 220/37k; 30,000 220/39k; 50,000 230/33k; 80,000 080/15k.

(3) None.

(4) 15 miles.

(5) None.

(6) Not applicable.

(7) Not applicable.

h. Other unusual conditions or activities:

(1) Local newspapers carried a story on the reporting of an unidentified flying object by numerous people in the San Diego - Los Angeles area on the 27 and 28 of August. The newspaper stated that the object was a weather balloon released from Holloman AFB, New Mexico.

i. Not applicable.

j. Los Angeles Center stated that a large (450 ft dia.) experimental balloon Project No. H-66-74 was launched from Holloman AFB, New Mexico on 26 August at 0748Z. Holloman lost control of the balloon and it drifted to Needles, California, where the SAGE Unit at Phoenix tracked it to Palmdale. It then, went into an orbit in the vicinity of Taft, California. The balloon was tracked in the above area for the 27 and 28 August, when it was lost in the area of a thunderstorm.

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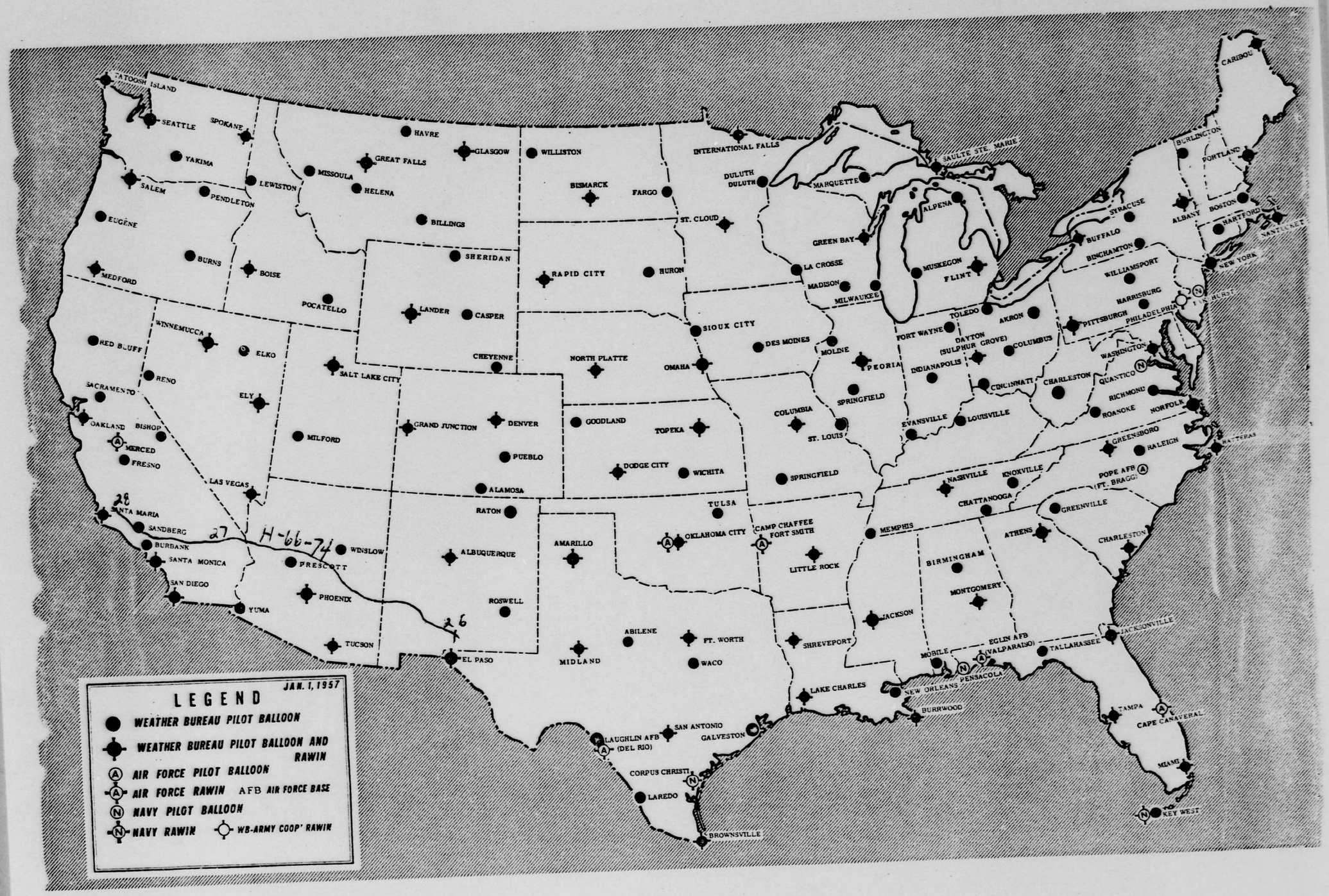
Analysis by preparing officer: Due to the existance of a large experimental balloon in the vicinity of the sighted UFO and the description given by the two observers which closely resembled that of the balloon, it is the opinion of the preparing officer that the object sighted was the large experimental balloon that was launched from Holloman AFB, New Mexico on the 26 of August at 0748Z.

1. Not applicable.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Robert M. Sinsabaugh

ROBERT M. SINSABAUGH, Lt Colonel, USAF
Director of Operations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