

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE August 1951		2. LOCATION Navosta, Texas		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1600 GMT _____		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION short time		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE up and down	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Large round obj moving in up and down motion. Distance to obj and height unknown. Exact duration unknown. Reported in Spril 1952. Reflected sun disappeared quickly, rising to East.				11. COMMENTS Insufficiet Data for analysis although description indicates possible balloon.	
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AREA REPORTED ON Navasota, Texas		FROM (Agency) Intelligence Office, Bryan AFB, Texas	
DATE OF REPORT 23 April 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION August 1951	EVALUATION E-6	
PREPARED BY (Officer) Captain Richard O. Franz, Intelligence O.		SOURCE Civilian - Mrs. [REDACTED]	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) Ltr Hq USAF, dtd 19 Dec 1951, file AFOIN-C/CC-2, Classified Confidential			
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)			

At approximately 1600 hours in August 1951 (exact date unknown), Mrs. [REDACTED] civilian, of Navasota, Texas observed a large, unidentified object. The object seemed to be moving in an up and down motion in the sky. The distance to the object and height of object is unknown by source. The object was seen for only a short time (exact length of time unknown).

Due to the length of time that has passed since the observation of the object and the paucity of information available, no evaluation can be placed on this report.

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April 6, 1952

Commanding Officer,
Bryan Army Air Base,
Bryan, Texas.

Dear Sir:

If you have seen Life Magazine this month you will understand why I am giving you this information, old though it may be. It might have some value in determining the areas where strange objects have been seen in the air.

Last August I was driving toward Anderson from Navasota about four o'clock in the afternoon when my attention was attracted by a great, round, bouncing up and down thing, white and out of the north-eastern sky. It seemed less in diameter than the length of a big airplane at the distance it appeared to be. But that is perhaps a poor estimate of the size for being white and blended with the clouds. It had the ability to reflect the sun to a dazzling degree and was almost exactly opposite the four o'clock sun in position in the sky, but a little to the north of east.

I pulled off the pavement to watch it bounce like a yo-yo among the summer clouds but before I set my break on/sat up at a sharp angle eastward and was gone so quickly I couldn't believe such a disappearance possible.

To tell the truth I've only mentioned this to my husband and family. There seemed no point in it. But it is certainly an experience one remembers. And, if, after all, you have no use for such information and the editors of Life were just making interesting copy, I shall feel a little chagrined to have written this to you.

Very truly yours,

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