

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <i>20 March 52</i>	2. LOCATION <i>SW of Clovis AFB, N. Mexico</i>	3. SOURCE <i>H.F. Pilot</i>
4. TIME Local <i>1730 MST</i> Z <i>0030</i>	5. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <i>one</i>	6. SHAPE <i>Pear</i>
8. COURSE <i>stationary</i>	9. ALTITUDE <i>5,000'</i>	10. ANGULAR VELOCITY <i>0</i> per second
12. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <i>ground visual</i>	13. LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED <i>1 hour</i>	11. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No
15. CONCLUSIONS <i>Bell shaped pear object. Shiny silver or burnished gold. No trail, exhaust, maneuvers, sound or propulsion observed. Remained stationary for one hour and disappeared when sun went down.</i>		14. MANEUVERS <i>none</i>
		16. COMMENTS <i>I. Balloon released at white Sands 1400 hrs. on same day - prevailing winds probably carried this balloon to area of sighting.</i> <i>Probably Balloon</i>

RF222

WPD176

YDB247

WYD123

WDC235

JWFOS66

PP JEDEN JEDWP JEPHQ 333

DE JWFOS 009

P 091720Z ZNJ

FM WG INTEL OFFICE 140TH FTR BMR WG CLOVIS AFB NMEX ✓

TO JEDEN/CG AIR DEF COMM ENT AFB COLO SPRINGS COLO

INFO JEDWP/CHIEF AIR TECH INTEL CENTER WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO ✓

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19:15

ACTION

1. ATIAA
2. ATIA
3. Central Files

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/E-115 [REDACTED] /F-140IN 4-92 PD LTR USAF AFOIN-C/CG-2 CMA LTR

TAC TCEDI 350.09 1ST IND 9AF NAFOI-E 350.09 PD

/1/ BELL SHAPE PEAR OBJ CMA LARGE AT TOP SMALL AT BOTTOM SEEN AT EST
DIS 15-20 MILES PD COLOR SHINNY SILVER OR BURNISHED GOLD PD AERODYN-
AMICALLY RESEMBLED TEAR DROP PD NO TRAIL EXHAUST MANUVERS SOUND OR
PRPLN OBSRD PD SEEMED TO REMAIN STATIONARY FOR PD ONE HR AND DISAPPEARED
FROM VIEW WHEN SUN WENT DOWN PD

/2/ 1730 MST [20 MAR 52] PD ORSRD PD ONE HR PD

/3/ VISUAL OBSR FROM SURFACE WITH BINOCULARS - STREAT CO 8 BY 30 PD

/4/ OBJ OBSRD SW [CLOVIS AFB] COORD 34 DEG 23 MIN 30 SEC N 103 DEG

PAGE TWO JWFOS 009

20 MIN W AT ALT 5000 FT DIST 15-20 MILES PD DIST SUFFICIENT SO 8 BY 20
BINOCULARS FAILED TO BRING OBJ IN CLEARLY PD

/5/ OBSR CLN [REDACTED] CMA AGE 37 CMA

VISION 20-20 PAFSC 7332 - SR OA D F RANK 14 MAR 51 PD PLT

LICENCE 1950 SE 1859 HRS PD

/6/ WEA OFF REPT CLEAR FOR 12 MILES WIND SW AT 23 MPH NO CLOUDS PD

/7/ WEA BLN RELEASED WHITE SANDS 1400 HRS SAME DAY PD POSSIBLE WITH
PREVAILING WINDS IN UPPER AIR AT APRX 50 MPH COULD HAVE BEEN SAME PD
WHITE SANDS APRX 200 MILES SW CLOVIS AFB PD

/8/ NONE

/9/ NONE

09/1930Z APR JWFOS

1-3712-44

From: Wing Intelligence
140th Fighter Bomber Wing
Clovis AFB
Clovis, New Mexico

1. Bell-shaped pear object, large at top, small at bottom seen at estimated distance of 15-20 miles. Color - shiny silver or burnished gold. Aerodynamically resembled tear drop. No trail, exhaust, maneuvers, sound, or propulsion observed. Seemed to remain stationary for period of one hour and disappeared when sun went down.

2. ⁷1730 MST, 20 March 52. Observed for one hour.

3. Visual observation from ground with 6 x 30 binoculars.

4. Object observed SW of Clovis AFB at altitude of 5,000', distance 15-20 miles. Distance far enough so 8 x 30 binoculars failed to bring object clearly in view.

5. Observed by [REDACTED] age 37, Vision 20-20, Pilot.

6. Weather - Clear for 12 miles, wind SW at 23 mph. No clouds.

7. Weather balloon released from White Sands 1400 hours same day.

Possible with prevailing winds in upper air at 50 mph could have been same.

White Sands approximately 200 miles SW Clovis AFB.

Capt. E. J. Dwyer

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 6

DATE: 20 Mar 52

TIME (Local): 1730

LOCATION: Clovis, N. Mex.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 1 Hr.

SOUND: None

SPEED: Hovered

ALTITUDE: Unknown

HEADING: Unknown

SOURCE: AF Flight Surgeon

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Possibly balloon from White Sands.

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Source observed pear-shaped object the color of silver or burnished gold. Observed to hover until it disappeared due to darkness. (~~estimated~~)

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