

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

DATE <u>24 August 52</u>	LOCATION <u>Hillsborough, California</u>	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
DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>1730 PDT</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
GMT PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE <u>Civilian Couple</u>	
LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>1 minute</u>	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>2</u>	9. COURSE
BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING <u>Start and stop intermittently.</u>		11. COMMENTS

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JWPML/CG WADF HAMILTON 7B CALIF

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1. TWO SILVER-GRAY OBJECTS SHAPED LIKE A CROSS SECTION OF A CONE
STOPPING AND STARTING INTERMITTENTLY. EACH WAS 150 TO 200 FT IN
DIAMETER HEADING SE AT ESTIMATED SPEED OF ~~1300~~ MPH. OBJECTS FLEW ON
STRAIGHT COURSE. NO SOUND WAS HEARD. OBJECTS DISAPPEARED BY FADING
OVER HORIZON. O △ 70°

2. 1730PDT, 24 AUG. 1952, FOR APPROX. ONE MINUTE 250030Z

3. OBSERVED VISUALLY FROM GROUND. 24 Aug

4. OBSERVERS WERE LOCATED ON ~~REDACTED~~ HILLSBOROUGH, CALIF.
OBSERVATION POINT APPROX. 500 FT HIGH. OBJECTS WERE 3 MI. NE OF
OBSERVATION POINT AT 12000 FT ALTITUDE.

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FM CG 28TH ADIV HAFB CALIF

TO JWP HQ/HQ USAF WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

JEDWP/CG WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO ATIAA-2C

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5. OBSERVERS WERE [REDACTED], SAN FRANCISCO,
CALIF., AND WITNESS; MRS. [REDACTED]

6. CLEAR - VISIBILITY UNLIMITED - WINDS AT 10000 FT 240 DEGREES AT
13 KNOTS.

7. NONE

8. NONE

9. ONE

10. SOME AIR TRAFFICE IN GENERAL AREA, BUT LOCATION OF AIR TRAFFIC
RELATIVE TO OBJECTS NOT REPORTED.

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Too little
data

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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 24 Aug 52		2. LOCATION Tucson, Arizona		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1740 MST GMT		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE civilian		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 minute		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE W	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING White color. Round. Light. Wavering, dancing.				11. COMMENTS "Halo" effect.	

PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE <i>24 Aug 52</i>	2. LOCATION <i>Tucson, Ariz.</i>	3. TIME Local: <i>1740 MST</i> Zebra: <i>0040</i>
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND?		☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Naked Eye ☒ Binoculars ☐ Telescope ☐ Theodolite
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR?		☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ By One Set ☐ By Two Sets ☐ By Three Sets
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR?		☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ A/C Observed Object ☐ Interception Attempted ☐ No Intercept Attempted
7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT?		☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ A/C Scrambled ☐ Visual Contact Made ☐ A/I Contact Made ☐ No Contact Made
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME?		☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ Normal ☐ Violent
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT:		☐ Blinking ☐ Steady
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT:		☐ 1-15 Seconds ☒ 1-5 Minutes ☐ Over 10 Minutes
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address)		

43rd Bomb Wing, Intelligence Division, Davis-Monthan AFB

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

Tucson, Ariz.

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED? <i>No</i>		
13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE?	☐ Yes ☒ No	
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac)		
☐ Night ☒ Day ☐ Sunrise ☐ Sunset		

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA?	☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ One Aircraft ☐ More Than One Aircraft
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD?	☐ Yes ☒ No
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE?	☒ Yes ☐ No
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION?	☒ Yes ☐ No

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA? ☒ Yes ☐ No						
22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE: <u>3 hrs 40 Minutes</u>						
23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:						
	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting
	Yes	No				
a.	<u>Davis - Mouthon</u>	<u>Parawing</u>	<u>AWS</u>			
b.						
c.						
d.						

(attach overlay)

V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE:		22. DETAILS OF REPORT:	
☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Unreliable ☐ Extremely Doubtful ☐ Hoax		☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Insufficient to Evaluate	
23. FINAL EVALUATION:			
☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other: _____ ☐ Insufficient Data For Evaluation ☒ Unknown	
24. COMMENTS:			

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1. DATE OF OBSERVATION <u>21 Aug 52</u>		2. TIME OF OBSERVATION <u>1730</u>		3. STATION OBSERVING <u>Tucson, Arizona</u>	
4. WINDS ALOFT:					
ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0			25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000			50,000		
6,000			55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000			75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		
5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? (If yes, at what altitude? _____)			☐ Yes ☐ No		
6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? (If yes, at what quadrant? _____)			☐ Yes ☐ No		
7. CLOUD COVER:				8. VISIBILITY WAS	
<u>3</u> tenths at <u>6,500</u> feet. <u>2</u> tenths at <u>20,000</u> feet.				<u>50</u> MILES.	
<u>3</u> tenths at <u>10,000</u> feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.					
9. COMMENTS:					

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Tucson, Arizona

43rd Bomb Wing, Intelligence Division

23 August 1952

24 August 1952

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Capt. R. H. Pestalozzi

Mr. [REDACTED]

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1. At 17:40, MST, 24 August 1952, Mr. [REDACTED] Tucson, Arizona, and his wife, observed a large, round, unidentified, brilliant, white light traveling from due north of their position towards the west. Mr. White states that the object at first appeared stationary but soon started to move in a wavering, dancing motion towards the west. The lower one-third of the object appeared to be surrounded by a misty substance less brilliant than the object itself and the lower extremity of the sphere protruded below this "halo". (See diagram). The object appeared to be of a metallic substance.

2. Significance --- Unknown

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1. The object seen by Mr. [REDACTED] was a white, steady, bright light. It appeared to be about the size of a B-29 or B-50 when viewed at 10,000 feet altitude. It appeared to be of a metallic substance and was traveling at a rate of speed slower than that of a B-29 or B-50. There was no evidence of a propulsion system in that there was no exhaust noise or trail. The lower one-third of the sphere was surrounded by a misty substance of less brilliance than the object itself and the lower extremity of the sphere protruded below this misty "halo". This substance did not impress the observer as being metallic. The object performed no maneuvers other than a wavery, dancing, straight line course toward the west. The light dimmed out and disappeared for no apparent reason at approximately 17:42 MST.

2. Time sighted — 17:40 MST, 24 August 1952.

3. Manner of Observation — Visual only. Six power field glasses were used.

4. Location of Observer — 32° 12' 55" N/ 110° 55' 50" W

The altitude of the object could not be estimated because of single point observation. The object was first observed due north of Mr. [REDACTED] position and traveled towards the west for about two minutes before disappearing. The speed of the object could not be judged but the observer did state that the object traveled at a noticeably lower rate of speed than a B-29 he had observed shortly before the sighting occurred.

5. Information on Observer: Mr. [REDACTED] has been in federal employ since 1936. He served 2 years in the United States Navy during World War II and is presently employed as the Chief Electrician for AIO at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. His reliability is unquestioned by his associates. Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED] were able to observe the object for about one minute through 6 power field glasses before it disappeared.

6. Weather and Wind Conditions: (17:30 MST, 24 August 1952, Tucson, Arizona)

Temperature	91°
Humidity	59%
Dew Point	60
Clouds	6500 feet scattered 10000 feet scattered 30000 feet thin broken
Visibility	50 miles

Wind sequence:

1400, MST, 24 August 1952, Tucson
02403/2403/42705/2505/62205/1305/
81606/1610/01811/22214/42115/62112/
81909/01709/52008/01905/51207/

7. Meteorological conditions accounting for sighting: None

8. Physical Evidence of Sighting: None

9. Interception or Identification action taken: None

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Comments of Originator:

1. Mr & Mrs [REDACTED] appear to be of average intelligence and seem to be discreet, reliable people. They are sure of what they saw and are convinced they did not sight an astronomical or meteorological phenomenon.

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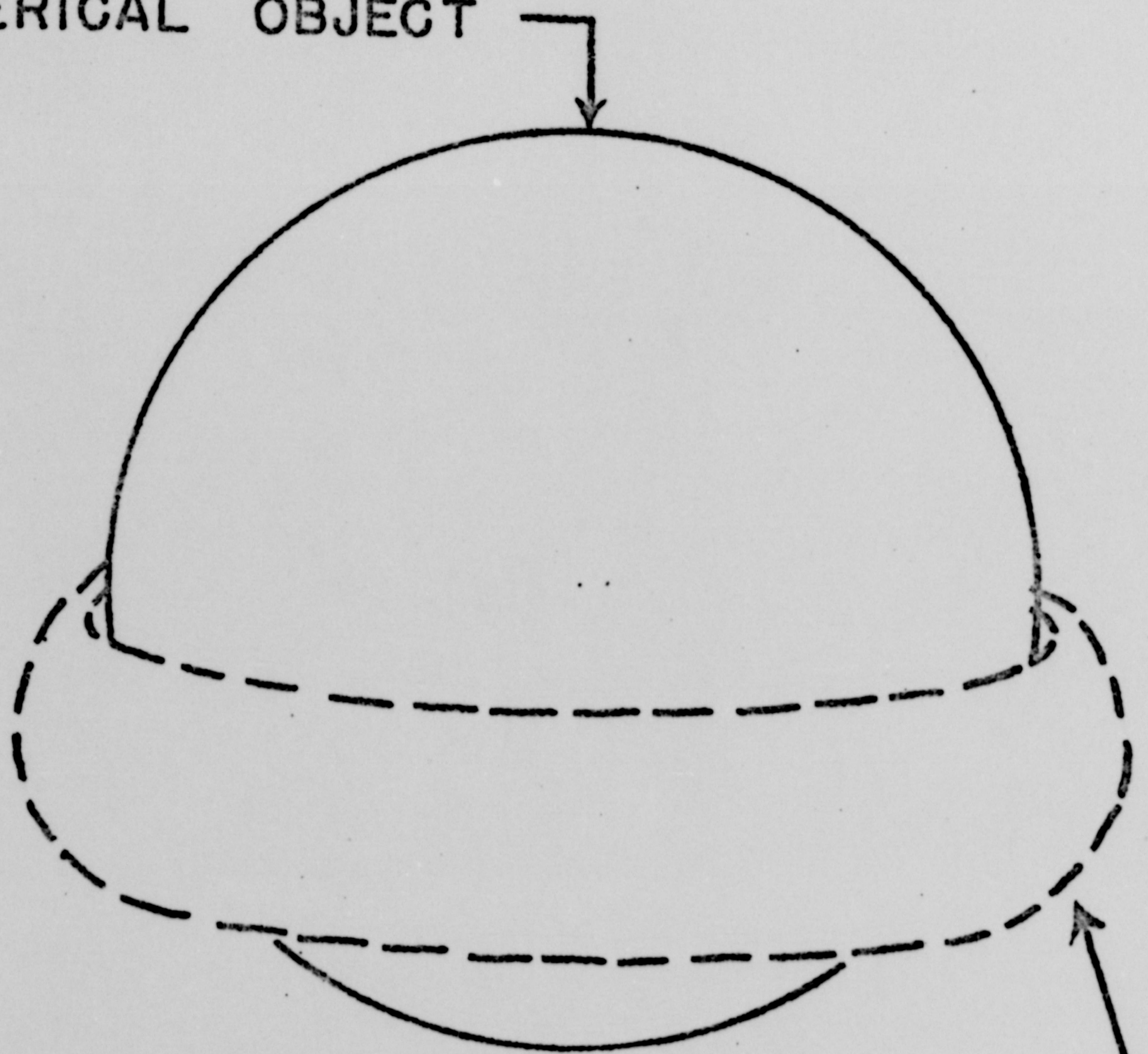
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SPHERICAL OBJECT



MISTY "HALO"

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