PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

30 Aug 52	2. LOCATION Biloxi, Miss.	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local GMT 0205	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE S/Sgt USAF	☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 46 seconds.	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE
		☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☒ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

White. Round. Stationary, then veered upward.

11. COMMENTS

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PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	3. TIME
26 Aug 52	Biloxi, Miss.	Local: 0515 EST Zebra: 1015

4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND? [X] Yes [ ] No
- [X] Naked Eye
- [ ] Binoculars
- [ ] Telescope
- [ ] Theodolite

5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR? [ ] Yes [X] No
- [ ] By One Set
- [ ] By Two Sets
- [ ] By Three Sets

6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR? [ ] Yes [X] No
- ___ A/C Observed Object
- [ ] Interception Attempted
- [ ] No Intercept Attempted

7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT? [ ] Yes [X] No
- ___ A/C Scrambled
- [ ] Visual Contact Made
- [ ] A/I Contact Made
- [ ] No Contact Made

8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME? [ ] Yes [X] 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
- [X] Over 10 Minutes

11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address)

Wing Intelligence Office, Keesler AFB, Miss.

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED?

None

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
- [X] Sunrise
- [ ] Sunset

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA? [ ] Yes [X] 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

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IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA? ☑ Yes ☐ No

22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE: 75 Minutes

23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:

	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted? Yes	Lighted? No	Describe Lighting
a.	Mobile, Ala	P	W.B	✓		
b.						
c.						
d.						

(attach overlay)

V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE:

- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Good
- ☐ Fair
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Unreliable
- ☐ Extremely Doubtful
- ☐ Hoax

22. DETAILS OF REPORT:

- ☐ 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:

PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SHEET

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION	2. TIME OF OBSERVATION	3. STATION OBSERVING
Keesler AFB		

4. WINDS ALOFT:

ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0			25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000	25	100	35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000	25	100	45,000		
5,000			50,000		
6,000	15	100	55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000	20	100	65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000	10	100	75,000		
12,000	10	100	80,000		
14,000	10	50	85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000	15	360	95,000		
20,000			100,000		

5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? ☐ Yes ☑ No
(If yes, at what altitude? _____)

6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? ☐ Yes ☐ No
(If yes, at what quadrant? _____)

7. CLOUD COVER:
_____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.
_____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.

8. VISIBILITY WAS
Clear _____ MILES.

9. COMMENTS:

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KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE
AND
3380TH TECHNICAL TRAINING WING
KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, MISSISSIPPI

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4 SEP 1952

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal

TO: Director of Intelligence
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

In compliance with paragraph 7 e (2), Air Force Letter 200-5, dated 29 April 1952, the attached report is hereby submitted.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl
1. AF Form 112,
Parts I & II

JACK P. KERN
Major USAF
Adjutant

Info cys:
Chief, ATIC, Attn: ATIAA-2c
CO, TTAF, Attn: I/I
CO, ATRC, Attn: I/I

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT
FLIGHT

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
Southern Mississippi	Wing Intelligence Office Keesler AFB, Mississippi

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
28 August 1952	26 August 1952	F-3

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
Major Eli S. Fowler, Jr.	[redacted]

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
AFL 200-5, 29 April 1952

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.)

1. At approximately 1015Z, 26 August 1952, Mr. [redacted], sighted an unidentified flying object in the sky East Southeast of his approximate geographical position of 30°24'N/88°53'W. The object was reported as being round and flat in shape and reddish-orange in color. The size of the object was not accurately determined but observer estimated that it would have been approximately nine (9) feet by fifteen (15) feet. No estimate of speed or altitude were given. The observer noted two (2) trails, similar to those of jet engines. The trails were located on opposite ends of the object on the outer perimeter. The trails were seen to write a short distance to the rear of the object.

2. The period of observation was estimated as being seventy-five (75) minutes, during which time, twenty-three photographs were taken of the object. Upon development, however, the film was discovered to have been underexposed.

APPROVED:

Eli S. Fowler, Jr.
ELI S. FOWLER, JR.
Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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INCLS.
1. Weather Data
2. Statement - Mr. Zundecany, Sr.

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Information Pertinent to Object Sighted:

1. Shape:

   The shape of the object was reported as being round and flat.

2. Size:

   The observer estimated the size of the object as approximating nine (9) feet by fifteen (15) feet.

3. Color:

   The color of the object was described by the observer as being reddish-orange, comparable to the color of a burning match as seen from a distance.

4. Number:

   One (1).

5. Formation:

   Not applicable.

6. Aerodynamic features:

   No aerodynamic features were observed by observer.

7. Trail or exhaust:

   Two (2) trails "similar to the trails of jets seen at night" were observed. The trails were located on opposite ends of the object on the outer perimeter and were seen as uniting a short distance to the rear of the object.

8. Propulsion system:

   None observed.

9. Speed:

   No estimation of speed other than "a fairly high rate of speed" was given by observer.

10. Sound:

    Negative.

11. Maneuvers:

    The object was following an East Southeast course and would veer from its course to the right, return to its course, and then veer

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to the left.

12. Manner of disappearance:

The object remained in sight until sunrise (1130Z) when the object became non-distinguishable.

13. Time Sighted:

Approximately 1015Z, 26 August 1952. The length of time object was observed approximated seventy-five (75) minutes.

14. Manner of observation:

Visual observation from a surface location.

15. Location of observer and object, respectively:

Observer:

Location: Approximately 30°24'N/88°53'W.

Object:

Distance: No estimation of distance other than "great distance" was advanced by the observer.

Direction: East Southeast from observer's ground position.

Altitude: No estimation of altitude was made by observer.

16. Information on Observer:

Name: Mr. [redacted], Mississippi

Occupation: Assistant Manager, Roxy Theater, Biloxi, Mississippi

Estimate of reliability: Observer appeared to be serious, conscientious, helpful, and aware of the significance of his statements.

Information on Witness:

Name: Mrs. [redacted], Biloxi, Mississippi

Occupation: Housewife

Estimate of reliability: Not determined.

17. Weather and winds aloft conditions:

See Inclosure 1 hereto.

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18. Activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise, which might account for sighting:

Unknown.

19. Existence of physical evidence:

Negative.

20. Interception or identification action taken:

Mr. [redacted] took twenty-three (23) photographs of sighted object but upon development of film, it was discovered that the all frames were underexposed. (See Inclosure 2 hereto)

21. Air traffic in area:

Information from Base Operations this Base indicates no air traffic in area during time of sighting.

Edwin S. Porter, Jr.
EDWIN S. PORTER, JR.
Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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BASE WEATHER STATION
11TH WEATHER SQUADRON
KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, MISS.

29 August 1952

SUBJECT: Synoptic Situation and Winds Aloft Report 0400-0500 26 Aug 52

TO : Wing Intelligence Officer
3380th Technical Training Wing
Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

1. A 1026 mb. High pressure system was centered over south-west Pennsylvania. A cold front extended through the Dakotas into Wyoming. Circulation over this area was modified Continental Polar and Maritime Polar air in easterly circulation. A stationary front extended into the Atlantic from south Florida.

2. Winds aloft for this date were:

2000 ft.	100° at 25 knots.
4000 ft.	100° at 25 knots.
6000 ft.	100° at 15 knots.
8000 ft.	100° at 20 knots.
10000 ft.	100° at 10 knots.
12000 ft.	100° at 10 knots.
14000 ft.	80° at 10 knots.
16000 ft.	360° at 15 knots.

WILLIAM D. BEASLEY
Major, USAF
Station Weather Officer

[redacted]

[redacted] [redacted]

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STATEMENT

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, authorized to administer oaths in cases of this nature, Mr. [redacted] Biloxi, Mississippi, and upon being duly sworn according to law, made the following voluntarily sworn statement:

"At approximately four-fifteen (0415), 26 August 1952, I, [redacted], sighted an unidentified flying object in the sky East Southeast of my home at [redacted], Biloxi, Mississippi. The object appeared to be round and flat in shape and reddish-orange, comparable to the color of a burning match seen from a distance, in color. I could not accurately determine the size of the object but a rough estimate would be somewhere around nine (9) feet by fifteen (15) feet.

"The object was following an East Southeast course and would veer from its course to the right, come back on course, and then veer to the left. The object appeared to be at a great distance from me and traveling at a fairly high rate of speed. I observed two (2) trails, similar to the trails of jets seen at night, coming from each end of the object, uniting toward the rear of the object. I could hear no sounds coming from the object and noticed no aerodynamic features.

"From the time I first saw the object until sunrise, I took twenty-three (23) pictures of the object. Upon development of the film, however, all frames were underexposed".

[redacted]

Biloxi, Mississippi

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the twenty-ninth (29th) day of August 1952, at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi.

PHILIP R. HELLFORD
1st Lt, USAF
Asst Dep Adj

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HEADQUARTERS
KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE
AND
3380TH TECHNICAL TRAINING WING
KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, MISSISSIPPI

Info Cy: Chief, ATIC, Attn: ATIAA-2c

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27 AUG 1952

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal

TO: Director of Intelligence
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

In compliance with paragraph 7 e (2), Air Force Letter 200-5, dated 29 April 1952, the attached report is hereby submitted.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

JACK P. KERN
Major USAF
Adjutant

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SUBJECT

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency) [redacted]

DATE OF REPORT [redacted]	DATE OF INFORMATION [redacted]	EVALUATION [redacted]

PREPARED BY (Officer) [redacted]	SOURCE [redacted]

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) [redacted]

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.)

1. At approximately [redacted], 25 August 1952, Staff Sergeant [redacted] observed an unidentified flying object in the sky southeast of his geographical position at approximately [redacted]. The object was reported as being round in shape with no clearly definite edge, and white in color. The size of the object was estimated by observer as being twice that of a full moon as seen from earth position the distance from the observer to the object was estimated as being approximately two (2) miles. No aerodynamic features were observed.

2. The period of observation was estimated as being approximately forty-six (46) seconds. The object, hanging in the sky in a stationary position for approximately forty (40) seconds, turned off and disappeared from sight in an upward movement in an approximate six (6) seconds. No definite sound was distinguished by the observer, a hull comparable to that of a shooting star was observed as the object disappeared.

ATTESTED:

Eli S. Keeler Jr.
ELI S. KEELER, JR.
Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer

2 INCLS.

1. Sketch Situation & Flight Path
2. Statement by Observer

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REPORT

Information Pertinent to Object Sighted:

1. Shape:

   The shape of the object was reported as being round with no clearly definable edge.

2. Size:

   Observer estimated the size of object as being twice that of a full moon as seen from an earth position.

3. Color:

   The object was observed as being white.

4. Number:

   One (1).

5. Formation:

   Not applicable.

6. Aerodynamic features:

   No aerodynamic features were observed by observer.

7. Trail or exhaust:

   A definite trail, comparable to that of a shooting star was noted by observer. No smoke or other exhaust was observed.

8. Propulsion system:

   None observed.

9. Speed:

   No estimation of speed other than "a high rate of speed" was given by observer.

10. Sound:

    Negative.

11. Maneuvers:

    When first seen, the object was observed to be "hanging" in a stationary position. After a period of time, the object veered off and disappeared from sight in an upwards movement.

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12. Manner of disappearance:

See 11 above.

13. Time sighted:

Approximately 0005Z, 26 August 1952. The length of time object was observed was estimated as approximating forty-six (46) seconds.

14. Manner of observation:

Visual observation from a surface location.

15. Location of observer and object, respectively:

Observer:

Location: Approximately 30°23'N/88°57'W.

Object:

Distance: The distance was estimated by the observer as being approximately two (2) miles from his ground position.

Direction: Southeast from observer's ground position.

Altitude: No estimation of altitude was made by observer.

16. Information on observer:

Name: Staff Sergeant [redacted]

Duty Assignment: Loran Observer, 1358th AACS Squadron (Loran), Keesler AFB, Mississippi.

Estimate of reliability: Observer appeared to be serious, conscientious and aware of the significance of his statements.

Experience: Observer stated that he has two and one-half (2½) years' experience as a Radar Observer with a Bomber Reconnaissance Squadron in addition to one (1) years' experience as a Loran Observer.

17. Weather and winds aloft conditions:

See Inclosure 1 hereto.

18. Activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise, which might account for sighting:

Unknown.

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19. Existence of physical evidence:

Negative.

20. Interception or identification action taken:

Negative.

21. Air traffic in area:

At 0900Z, 26 August 1952, two (2) aircraft were in the vicinity of [redacted]. A civilian aircraft from Lackland AFB, Texas, bearing identification number N-9343, was preparing to land at Keesler AFB, Mississippi; FBX Aircraft 8314 departed Keesler AFB at 0900Z, 26 August 1952, on a search mission over the Gulf of Mexico.

ELI S. FOWLER, JR.
Major, USAF
Intelligence Officer

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BASE WEATHER STATION
11TH WEATHER SQUADRON
KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, MISS.

26 August 1952

SUBJECT: Synoptic Situation and Winds Aloft Report 0200-0300 26 August 1952

TO : Wing Intelligence Officer
3380th Technical Training Wing
Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

1. A 1026 mb. High pressure system was centered over south-west Pennsylvania. A cold front extended through the Dakotas into Wyoming. Circulation over this area was modified Continental Polar and Maritime Polar air in easterly circulation. A stationary front extended into the Atlantic from south Florida.

2. Wind aloft for this date were:

2000ft.	100° at 25 knots.
4000ft.	100° at 25 knots.
6000ft.	100° at 15 knots.
8000ft.	100° at 20 knots.
10000ft.	100° at 10 knots.
12000ft.	100° at 10 knots.
14000ft.	80° at 10 knots.
16000ft.	360° at 15 knots.

WILLIAM D. BEASLEY
Major, USAF
Station Weather Officer

[redacted]

Encl #1

[redacted]

S T A T E M E N T

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned, authorized to administer oaths in cases of this nature, Staff Sergeant [redacted] 1853th AACS Squadron (Loran), Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi, and upon being warned of his rights under the 31st Article, Uniform Code of Military Justice, and upon being duly sworn according to law, made the following voluntarily sworn statement:

"I, Staff Sergeant [redacted]t, was walking East on United States Highway 90 between Gulfport and Biloxi, Mississippi, approximately one (1) block West of the Ship and Shore Drive Inn, at approximately 0905Z, 26 August 1952, when I saw a round, white light in the sky off to my right at an approximate azimuth of 120°. The object appeared to be hanging in the sky; its size approximating that of twice the size of a full moon seen from a ground position. After approximately forty (40) seconds, the object seemed to veer off at an angle, upwards, at a high rate of speed. The object disappeared from sight in approximately six (6) seconds. I approximate the distance as being two (2) miles."

[redacted]
Staff Sergeant, USAF
[redacted]

Subscribed and sworn to before me this, the twenty-sixth (26th) day of August 1952, at Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi.

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1st Lt, USAF
Asst Wg Adj

RESTRICTED
SECURITY INFORMATION

Incl #2

TENTATIVE
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE

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SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 26 (Day) Aug (Month) 52 (Year)

1.2 Time of Day: between 3 & 315 (Hrs.) _____ (Min.) A.M. or P.M. (Circle One)

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

a. Eastern
b. Central Standard
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
b. Standard

1.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question 1.2:

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

2. Where were you when you saw the object:

_____ Postal Address; Biloxi City or Town; Miss. State; U.S. Country

Additional Remarks: _____

_____

3. Where were you located when you saw the object:

(Circle One):
a. Inside a building
b. In a car
c. Outdoors
d. In an airplane
e. At sea
f. Other _____

3.1 Were you:

(Circle One):
a. In the business section of a city?
b. In the residential section of a city?
c. In open countryside?
d. Flying near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other _____

4. How did you happen to notice the object? As I was walking along something caught the attention of my right eye.

5. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

26 Aug 1952
Day Month Year

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? walking in pasture.

6.1 What had you been doing for the 30 minutes before you saw the object? Try to list the activity or activities and the approximate amount of time spent on each.

I had been sitting in a lounge and had 3 beers

7. Were you moving at any time while you saw the object? (Circle One):

(Yes) or No

IF you answered YES, then complete the following questions:

7.1 What direction were you moving?
(Circle One):
a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

7.2 How fast were you moving? walking miles per hour.

7.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One): (Yes) or No

8. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object?

(Circle One):
a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

8.1 What direction were you looking when the object disappeared?

(Circle One):
a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

8.2 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question and preceding question (8 and 8.1).

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

9. Were you wearing eye glasses when you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or No

10. How was the object seen?

(Circle One):
a. Through window glass
b. Through windshield
c. Through binoculars
d. Through telescope
e. Through theodolite
f. Through sunglasses
g. Through open space
h. Other _____

11. What do you remember about the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

11.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

a. Clear sky
b. Hazy
c. Scattered clouds
d. Thick or heavy clouds
e. Don't remember

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

a. No wind
b. Slight breeze
c. Strong wind
d. Don't remember

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

a. Dry
b. Fog, Mist, or light rain
c. Moderate or heavy rain
d. Snow
e. Don't remember

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

a. Cold
b. Cool
c. Warm
d. Hot
e. Don't remember

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object? _____ Hours _____ Minutes 46 Sec Seconds

12.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 12:

a. Certain
b. Fairly sure
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

13. Did the object look: (Circle One) Solid or Transparent

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

14.1	Change direction?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.2	Change speed?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.3	Change size?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.4	Change color?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.5	Break up into parts or explode?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.6	Give off smoke?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.7	Change brightness?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.8	Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	Yes	No	Don't know
14.9	Remain motionless?	Yes	No	Don't know

15. Did the object give off a light? (Circle One): Yes No Don't know

15.1 IF you answered YES, what was the color of the light? bright white

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object?

16.1 Sound none

16.2 Color iridescent white

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? _____
Draw a picture of how they were arranged and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.

18. Did the object at any time:

18.1 Move behind something? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind.

18.2 Move in front of something? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of.

_____

18.3 Blend with the background? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

19. Which of the following objects is about the same actual size as the object you saw? (Circle One):

a. Pea
b. Baseball
c. Basketball
d. Bicycle wheel
e. Office desk
f. Automobile
g. Small airplane
h. Large airplane
i. Dirigible
j. Other _____

19.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 19.

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Uncertain

20. Try to tell the following things about the object:

20.1 How high above the earth was it? 2 miles feet.
20.2 How far was it from you? _____ feet or 3 miles miles.
20.3 How fast was it going? don't know miles per hour.
20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

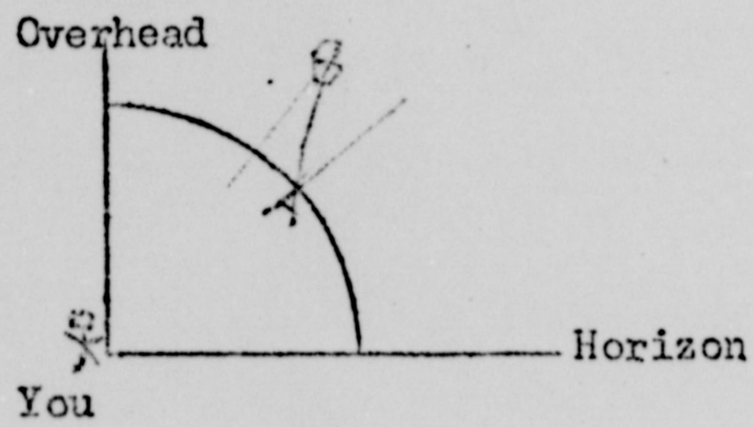
a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

21. How did the object disappear from view?

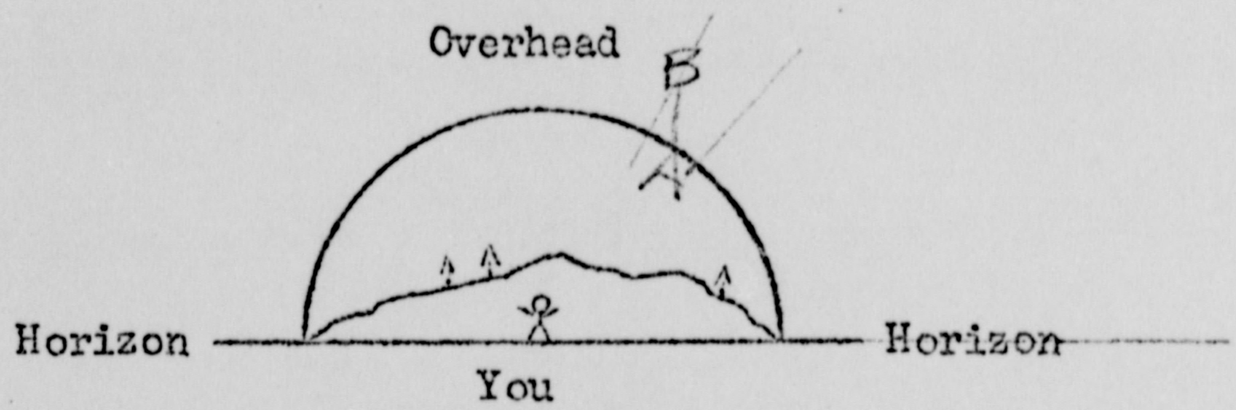
(Circle One): a. Suddenly
b. Gradually
c. Other _____
d. Don't remember

SECTION D

22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when you last saw it.



23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.



24. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an "A" at the beginning of its path and a "B" at the end of its path.

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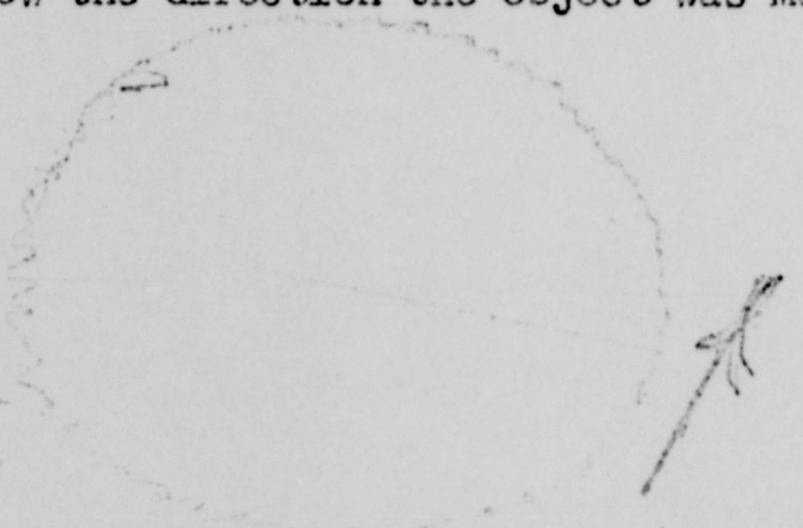
25. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw and place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

When I first noticed it, it was hanging motionless, then later it took off at terrific speed.



SECTION E

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this?

(Circle One): Yes or No

26.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what conditions did you see other ones? _____

27. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

Don't have any idea

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted]
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [redacted] LORAN KAFB MASS.
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

What is your present job? Radar Observer

Age 27

Sex M

29. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.2 Please list their names and addresses:

30. Please add here any further comments which you believe are important. Use additional sheets of the same size paper, if necessary.

The object was about the size of two full moons viewing them from the ground.

PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	3. TIME
26 Aug 52	Biloxi, Miss.	Local: 0205 EST Zebra: 0205

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)

Hq, Keesler AFB, Miss.

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED?

None

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: 5 Minutes or 185

23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:

	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted? Yes	Lighted? No	Describe Lighting
a.	Mobile	P	W.B.	✓		
b.	Eglin AFB Fla.	RA	RWS	✓		
c.	Pensacola	RA+P	Navy	✓		
d.	Tallahassee	P	W.B.	✓		

(attach overlay)

V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE:

- ☐ Excellent
- ☐ Good
- ☑ Fair
- ☐ Poor
- ☐ Unreliable
- ☐ Extremely Doubtful
- ☐ Hoax

22. DETAILS OF REPORT:

- ☑ 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:

Time element rule out balloon from Mobile or Tallahassee. Wind direction + velocity indicate remote possibility of balloon from Pensacola or Eglin, provided balloons for some reason remained below 8,000' for over three hours. Extraordinary is unexplainable.

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PR('CT 10073 WEATHER DATA SHEET (

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION	2. TIME OF OBSERVATION	3. STATION OBSERVING

4. WINDS ALOFT:

ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0			25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000	25	100	35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000	"	"	45,000		
5,000			50,000		
6,000	15	100	55,000		
7,000	20	100	60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000	10	100	75,000		
12,000	10	100	80,000		
14,000	10	80	85,000		
16,000	15	360	90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		

5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? ☐ Yes ☐ No
(If yes, at what altitude? _____)

6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? ☐ Yes ☐ No
(If yes, at what quadrant? _____)

7. CLOUD COVER:

_____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.
_____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.

8. VISIBILITY WAS _____ MILES.

9. COMMENTS:

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