

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

2. LOCATION Death Valley, California		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Reflected Sun</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Date: <u>04/10/20</u> PDI GMT: <u>04/1720</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No	6. SOURCE 2 airmen		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Gunner on B-29 aircraft saw round ball of bright yellow light, exposed gun camera film. Airman believed phenomenon to be reflection of sun off moisture layer.		11. COMMENTS Seen between $36^{\circ}N$ - $116^{\circ}30'W$ and $36^{\circ}30'N$ - $117^{\circ}W$. A very good observation of a sun reflection which may help Project Blue Book in the future. Shows an awareness of _____ aims and a desire to help.	

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SUBJECT FLYOVER			
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REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) LTR, HQ. USAF, AFJIN-C/CC-2			

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.)

On a B-29 mission on 4 September 1952, Right Gunner Gayle L. Moreland, AF 18285362, observed a round ball of bright yellow light and exposed the enclosed gun camera film. The ball of light appeared to have been in the center of a transparent moisture layer which was visible in the area. The light appeared to move away and toward the aircraft because it changed in size. However, it remained in the same relative position to the aircraft. Size of the light appeared visually to be twice the size of the 35 foot recticle on gun sight at maximum range but appears smaller in the film. The light seemed to get brighter and diffuse as clouds passed between aircraft and the light.

The sighting occurred at 1020 PDT to 1030 PDT from 36°00'N 116°30'W to 36°30'N 117°00'W, aircraft was at 25,000', the sun was 60° elevation above the aircraft at a position of 3 oclock and the sighting was 60° below the aircraft also at a position of 3 oclock, the heading of the plane was 330°. The sighting disappeared as soon as the plane changed course to a westerly heading. The CFC was the only other crew member to observe the sighting.

The airman reporting the observation believed it to be a reflection of the sun off the moisture layer but submitted report because of similarities to other unusual sightings.

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