

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 8 Jul 53 08/2227Z	2. LOCATION Tinker AB, Oklahoma
3. SOURCE CIVILIAN	10. CONCLUSION CONFIRMED BALLOON OBSERVATION
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS ONE	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3-4 min	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION GROUND VISUAL	
7. COURSE STATIONARY	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☐ No	

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[REDACTED] EO-2T-7-1-E FOR ATIAA-2C FLYCERPT

/1/ ONE ROUND WHITE SHINY OBJECT NO TAIL OR EXHAUST NO APPARENT METHOD
OF PROPULSION WITH LITTLE SIGN OF MOTION NO SOUND HOLDING ALTITUDE
UNTIL OBJECT DISAPPEARED IN OPEN SKY.

/2/ 032227Z THREE TO FOUR MINUTES

/3/ VISUAL FROM SURFACE

/4/ THIRTY-FIVE DEGREES LAT. 25 MINUTES 15 SECONDS 97 DEGREES LONG.

23 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST SIDE OF TINKER AIR FORCE BASE GATE NUMBER 35.

/5/ NR [REDACTED] PATROLMAN GUARD FORCE TINKER AIR FORCE BASE

OKLA. HOME ADDRESS [REDACTED] OKLAHOMA CITY OKLA. A/IC [REDACTED]

sent question

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~~REDACTED~~ AND A/1C ~~REDACTED~~ BOTH FROM 6TH MOBILE WEATHER SQUADRON
TINKER AFB OKLA.

/6/ 20,000 FT 320 DEGREES 18 KNOTS; 25,000 FT 292 DEGREES 21 KNOTS;
30,000 FT 230 DEGREES 15 KNOTS; 35,000 FT 230 DEGREES 21 KNOTS; 40,000
FT 290 DEGREES 17 KNOTS. 082100Z OBSERVATION. WEATHER AT 082230Z
082230Z SCT 25,000 SCT VIS 15 WINDS SOUTHEAST AT 15 KNOTS

/7/ BALLOON RELEASED BY 6TH MOBILE WEATHER SQUADRON AT 082100Z CITED
BY UNIT CHIEF CLAUDE R RIGSBY, ROY J REED CHIEF CIVILIAN AIR POLICE
ROGER D PACK CIVILIAN INVESTIGATOR AIR PROVOST MARSHAL UNIT THROUGH
BINOCULARS AND A/1C B S WHEELER. A/1C D L LORD. THE LATTER TWO MEN WERE
IN THE CONTROL TOWER AND CONFIRMED SIGHTING BALLOON WITH INSTRUMENTS
DANGLING AT 082350Z

/8/ NONE.

/9/ HEAD MAN 33RD ADIV NOTIFIED AND REPORTED OBJECT SOUTHEAST MOVING
TEN MILES PER HOUR.

/10/ NONE.

SSD FLIGHT OPERATIONS BRANCH

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FROM: (Originator)

COMER ATIC

TO: COMER OCANA TINKER AFB OKLA

INFO:

FROM: AFOIN-ATIAE-7-11-2

DATE-TIME GROUP

092000Z JUL 53

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☐ BOOK MESSAGE☐ ORIGINAL MESSAGE☐ MULTIPLE ADDRESS

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☐ YES☒ NO

REFERS TO MESSAGE:

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OC20-2T-7-10-2

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Reference your FLYCERPT OC20-2T-7-10-2 reporting one round, white, shiny object sighted 082227Z. ATIC requests wire answer to the following questions: 1) What were the estimated azimuth and elevation readings of the unidentified object sighting by Mr. Jarrett; and the azimuth and elevation readings of the balloon sighted by civilian and military observers through binoculars at 2350Z? ATIC attempting to establish that both sightings were of the same object - the balloon. 2) Did the 33rd AD report any radar contact in the area at the time of sighting?

ATIC has received three sightings of unidentified objects from you recently. Suggest you contact Lt Kenneth Knopp, Intelligence Officer, 33rd AD. He would be able to brief Tinker tower personnel, weather personnel, and civilian guards on unidentified flying objects. ATIC believes 8 July sighting was of a balloon, possibility of the two preceding sightings also being weather balloons.

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CRYPTOPRECAUTION

☐ YES☐ NO

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TO:

INFO:

Video film received but as yet not processed. Under separate cover you will receive questionnaire, briefing booklet, and latest Status Report for Project Blue Book. In reply cite Project Blue Book.

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ATIAZ-5 _____ Date _____
Lt Olsson

ATIAZ _____ Date _____
Col Johnston

ATIA _____ Date _____
Col McDuffee

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DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required)

LT R.M. OLSSON/vs

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

SYMBOL

ATIAZ-5

TELEPHONE

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OFFICIAL TITLE

ROBERT C. DICKIN, MAJOR, USAF
ADJUTANT

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TO COMDR ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

[REDACTED] OCIS-7-4-E URMSG AFOIN-ATIAE-7-11-E CITE PROJECT
BLUE BOOK. QUESTION 1/UNIDENTIFIED OBF SIGHTED BY JARRETT IVEY EST
ELEVATION 38000 FEET, AZIMUTH 0 /OVERHEAD/ 1ST OBSERVATION DISAPPEARED
AZIMUTH 270 DEGREES. BALLOON OBSR BY MIL AND CIV THROUGH BINOCULARS
EST ELEVATION 38000 FEET, AZIMUTH 135 DEGREES. QUESTION 2/ NO RADAR
CONTACT BY 33D ADIV AT TIME OF SIGHTING.

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- 1.
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4. Reading

(1, white, round, shiny object)

20,000 ft / 16 knots
21000 ft ascending

0°



25/21

CAUTION LAUNCHED BY 6th WING AT 2100 Z
- SIGHTED BY TOWER AT 2350 Z

270°

TINKER

SIGHT MADE HERE
AT 2227 Z - object
unseen at first
then went lost.

90°

X Supposed balloon seen
by Tinker thru binoculars

90/15

WEATH. AT
2330 Z

55,000 ft / 10 knots

180°



BALLOON BY 6th Wm - 2100 Z
 SIGHTING AT - 2227 Z
 BALLOON NOTICED BY TOWER - 2350 Z

If the sighting was of 6th's nuclear wind balloon, this ball. would have been at 87,000 ft. - it seems improbable that such a balloon up 9 ft. nuclear wind could be seen at this height.

The balloon noticed by Tower - if released at 2100Z would be at approx. 117,000 ft. Too high to be the 2100 Z sampling.

Note:

USCIB Weather Bureau released a pilot ball at 2100 Z according to B.B. records.

2227
 2100
 1 hr. 27 min after
 2350
 2100
 1 hr. 45 min after
 launch

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In reply refer to
AFOIN-ATIAE-5

SUBJECT: (Uncl) Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Commander
Oklahoma City Air Materiel Area
Tinker Air Force Base
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Inclosed are five USAF Technical Information Sheets, one Project
Blue Book Status Report, and two ADC Special Briefing booklets as was
stated in our electrical message of 9 July 1953 for your information
and retention.

3 Incls

1. USAF Tech Info Sheets (5)
2. ADC Special Briefings (2)
3. Status Report No. 10

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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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SUSPENSE

1. DATE <i>8 July 1953</i>	2. LOCATION <i>Tinker AFB, Oklahoma</i>	3. SOURCE <i>military</i>	
4. TIME <i>Local 1627 EST</i> <i>2227Z</i>	5. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <i>1</i>	6. SHAPE <i>round</i>	7. COLOR <i>white</i>
8. COURSE <i>Onward</i>	9. ALTITUDE	10. ANGULAR VELOCITY <i>0</i> per second	11. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☐ No
12. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <i>91. visual</i>	13. LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED <i>3-4 minutes</i>	14. MANEUVERS	
15. CONCLUSIONS <i>one round white shiny object, no trail or exhaust, no method of propulsion noted, little or no motion, no sound, holding altitude until object disappeared in the far west.</i>		16. COMMENTS <i>1) no 4/c in area. 2) balloon released at 2100 by 6th wea. balloon still aloft at 2350Z. 3) Upon receipt of Tinker's report: aloft data apparently not 2100Z but 2100Z. 4) W-2 at 2100 being asked - wind, clouds and balloon track 5) W-2 guest not yet received.</i>	

R. C. C.