

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>17 Dec 55</u>		2. LOCATION <u>Mt Laguna, 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	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>17/1745Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☒ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE <u>military</u>			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>13 min</u>		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>1</u>		9. COURSE <u>erratic</u>	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Track of unusual high speed observed on ground radar equip by 3 USAF operators. Speed estimated at 1,415 knots.				11. COMMENTS Possible Test Vehicle	

FROM AC AND W SQ AT MT LAGUNA CALIF
TO DIR OF INTEL HQS USAF WASH DC
COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO
COMDR ATIC WPAFB OHIO
COMDR 27TH ADIV DEF NORTON AFB CALIF

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Carmen L. Mason
GROUP 4 20 LT.

Downgraded at 3 year
intervals; declassified
after 12 years

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THIS MSG IN 3 PARTS PART 1 UFOB CITE: SCD-OPS 5-2 18. PARA 1. UNK
(A) UNK (B) UNK (C) UNK (D) 1 (E) N/A (F) UNK (G) UNK (H) NOT HEARD
(I) EST SPEED 3000 KNOTS, CALCULATED SPEED 1415 KNOTS. PARA 2.
INBOUND FROM PRESCOTT RADIO TOWARD THERMAL RADIO, SEEMED TO CHECK
20 NM NORTH OF THERMAL RADIO, THEN TURNED OUT BOUND TOWARD TELESCOPEPEAK
(A) UNUSUALLY HIGH SPEED (B) RANGE AND AXIMUTH 045 DEGREES 200
NM (C) RANGE AND AXIMUTH 335 DEGREES 200 NM (D) INBOUND HEADING 240
DEGREES FOR 160 NM; OUTBOUND HEADING 320 DEGREES FOR 150 NM (E)
TRACK PASSED OUT OF RADAR LIMITS (F) 13 MINUTES PARA 3. (A) GROUND-
ELECTRONIC (AN/FPS-3) (B) NONE (C) N/A PARA 4. 0945 PST 17 DECEMBER
1955 (A) 1745Z 17 DECEMBER 1955 (B) DAY PARA 5. 32 DEGREES 53
MIN 34 SEC NORTH, 116 DEGREES 24 MIN 51 SEC WEST PARA 6. (A)
N/A (B) ROBERT D RALPH, S/SGT, USAF, AGE 23, CREW CHIEF, RAVID R
WYCKOFF, A/1C, USAF, AGE 24, CONTROL TECHNICIAN; DOUGLAS E WITTHOFT,
A/1C, USAF, AGE 23, INTERCEPT CONTROL TECHNICIAN; LAWRENCE J JORASKIE,
A/2C, USAF, AGE 21, INTERCEPT CONTROL TECHNICIAN, EUGENE FIFER,
A/2C, USAF, AGE 23, RADAR OPERATOR; EDWARD BRADDOCK, A/2C, USAF,
AGE 20, RADAR OPERATOR, RONALD SUMOSKI, A/3C, USAF, AGE 19, RADAR
OPR, ADDRESSES OF ALL PERSONNEL IS 751 AC AND W SQ, MT LAGUNA AFS,
SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA. RELIABILITY OF ALL PERSONNEL VERY GOOD.
PARA 7. GOOD, WINDS ALOFT AVERAGE (A) NO WEATHER ON RADAR SCOPE
(B) SURFACE WINDS NNW7 KNOTS, 6000 FT 250 DEG 10 KNOTS; 10000
FT. 270 DEG 20 KNOTS;

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PARAPHRASE NOT REQUIRED EXCEPT PRIOR TO
CATEGORICAL REMOVAL. ALL INFORMATION
SHOULD BE REMOVED FROM THE GROUP
IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT THE
GROUP IS QUOTED

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