

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 7 February 1956	2. LOCATION Keesler AFB, Mississippi		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 07/1400Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☒ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION see description	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS three	9. COURSE drifting east at 60 knots	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Three objects in a cluster were sighted from the ground at Keesler AFB, sighted from the air, and picked up on ground radar. By utilization of a theodolite it was ascertained that the objects were balloons of a large type tied together. The balloons were moving towards the east at 60 knots.		11. COMMENTS Definitely identified as balloon cluster.	

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TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO SPRINGS COLO

RJESKB/COMDR 35TH ADIV DEF DOBBINS AFB GA

RJEDWP/COMDR ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEPHQ/DIR OF INTEL HQ USAF WASH 25 DC

RJEDDK/COMDR ATC SCOTT AFB ILL

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OD 705B. UFOB REPT IN V PARTS. PART I. FOLLOWING REPT DEVIATES FROM
FORMAT REQUIRED BY AFR 200-2 SINCE FLYING OBJECT WAS IDENTIFIED.

REPT IS SUBMITTED TO AID IN EVALUATION OF UFOB SIGHTING REPORTS WHICH
MIGHT BE CAUSED BY SAME OBJECTS. PART II. AT 1400Z 07 FEB 56 LOCAL
BASE OPERATIONS OFFICER ADVISED UFOB INVES AN UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT
WAS APPROACHING THIS BASE FROM THE WEST AT A HIGH ALT AT SLOW RATE OF
SPD. UFOB INVIS AND WG OPERATIONS OFFICER WENT TO FLT LINE TO OBSR
OBJECT. LOWEAOFF, WG OPERATIONS OFFICER, BASE OPERATIONS OFFICER
AND UFOB INVES OBSERVED OBJECT THROUGH A THEODOLITE AND IDENTIFIED IT
AS A LARGE, PLASTIC BLN. A LOCAL C-54 ACFT AT 12,000 FT REPORTED

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AS A FALSE, BLASTIC BOM. A GOOD C-24 VOLT VL 15.000 LL RECOVERED
 AND ALSO IMAGES OBSERVED OBJECT THROUGH A THEODORE AND IDENTIFIED IN
 OBJECT. HOWEVER, MC OBSERVATIONS OFFICER, BASE OBSERVATIONS OFFICER
 2ND. ALSO IMAGES AND MC OBSERVATIONS OFFICER WENT TO LFL TIME TO OBSER
 WAS APPROACHING THIS BASE FROM THE WEST VL A HIGH VFL VL 2700. BASE OF
 BASE OBSERVATIONS OFFICER ADVISED ALSO IMAGES AM UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT
 MIGHT BE CAUSED BY SAME OBJECTS. BASE II. VL 10000 BL LEB 20 GOOD
 FEB 12 SUBMITTED TO VID IN EVALUATION OF ALSO SIGHTING REPORTS WHICH
 LONGER REQUIRED BY VFL 300-3 SINCE BLASTIC OBJECT WAS IDENTIFIED.
 OF 1955. ALSO FEB 12 IN A BASE. BASE I. FOLLOWING FEB 12 DELIVERED FROM
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 BTEBKAACONDE VFL 2000 FEB 11
 BTEBKAACONDE OF INLET 10 1240 WASH 30 DC

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OBJECT HIGH ABOVE HIS ACFT AT APRX 1435Z AN F-86 ACFT REPORTED OBJECT AT 40,000 FT OVER DAUPHINE ISLAND IN THE GULF ON MEX. OBJECT WAS COMPOSED OF 3 VERY LARGE PLASTIC BALLOONS TIED TOGETHER AND WAS MOVING IN EASTERLY DIRECTION OVER THE GULF TOWARDS FLA COAST.

PART III. AT 1900Z LOCAL AIR RESCUE UNIT REPORTED OVERHEARING RAD REPT AT 1500Z FROM AN F-84 ACFT AT 43,000 FT REPORTED OBJECT ABOVE HIS ACFT AND NOT IDENTIFIABLE EXCEPT AS TO NR WHICH TOTALLED 3. RATE OF TRAVEL WAS EST AT 60 KTS IN EASTERLY DIRECTION. PART IV. LOCAL RADAR UNIT 4 MILES WEST OF KEESLER AFB REPORTED OBJECT AT RANGE OF 9 MILES AZ 200 DEGREES, ELEVATION 60 DEGREES, ALT UNDETERMINED AT 1430Z.

TRACKING WAS UNSUCCESSFUL DUE TO INDISTINCT ECHO. PART V. COMMENTS OF REPORTING OFFICER: BALLONS WERE EXTREMELY LARGE SINCE THEY APPEARED TO BE THE SIZE OF A DIME AT ARMS LENGTH WHEN CLOSEST TO BASE. DISPARITY IN PILOT'S REPORTS UNDETERMINED. NUMEROUS LOCAL SIGHTING REPORTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED ON SAME OBJECTS.

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