

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 6 June 1956		2. LOCATION Banning, California		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other UNIDENTIFIED ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☒ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 06/1330Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 8-10 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE circling auto	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING See preliminary report.				11. COMMENTS UNIDENTIFIED.	

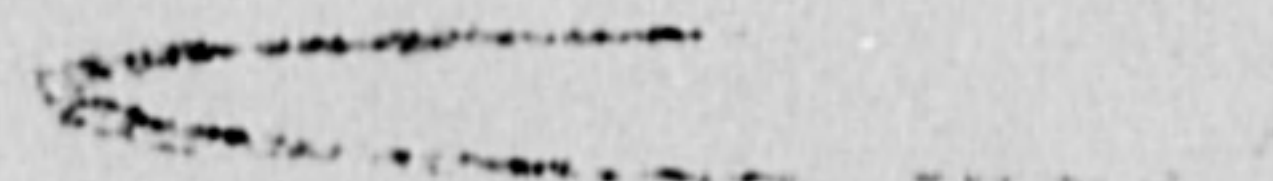
1 Witness
REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

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1. Description of the object:

a. As seen edge-on, the object appeared to be thin and wide, tapered on either end as shown below:



Later on, the object appeared to bank left and presented the following appearance:



b. Although the object was reported to be about the size of a present day jet fighter, it is estimated that this would be the equivalent of a silver dollar held at arms length. The observer seemed very positive that the flying object couldn't have been more than 100 yards away from him at any time.

c. The color was ^{shimmering} silver in appearance. This was when the object was down-sun. As it moved up-sun, it took on a bluish hue.

d. One object was sighted.

e. (omitted since only one object was sighted)

f. The object appeared absolutely smooth, with no breaks such as paneling, hatches, exhaust ports, etc. When the object was in a banked attitude, a small bubble type canopy was seen on top in the center of the object. This is shown in the second drawing above. Observer can't remember if this canopy was transparent or not, but he definitely remembers that he didn't see anyone or anything inside the canopy. There were no identifying markings seen.

g. There was no tail or any other protruberances on the object other than the canopy described above. No exhaust, flame, smoke, or any other indication of propulsion was seen. There seemed to be no visible system of propulsion.

h. There was no noise of any kind emanating from the object. The driver braked his car to a stop and remained that way the entire time the object was in sight. He remembers that there was little or no wind to interfere with his hearing.

i. The observer clearly remembers that the object, as it moved around him, left no indication of its manner of propulsion. No dust was kicked up, nor was any wind or slip-stream noticed, that could have been caused by the object passing.

2. Description of course of object:

a. The observer was by himself in his car. He was on the way from Phoenix, California to Banning, California on U.S. 78. About three to five miles out of Banning the road turned right around a small hill. As he was turning right around the hill he first saw the object. He noticed it out his right front window first. It appeared to be hovering about 100

feet off the ground and was about 100 yards away from him. He seemed to be quite sure of this range to the object and aware that it was never more than about 100 yards from him the entire time. As soon as he saw the object, he was so frightened that he braked his car to a halt and sat there and watched it in fascination.

b. He gave no elevation angle on the object; however, he first saw it through his right hand window, so the object must have been very low to the ground.

c. The object finally returned to approximately the same position where it was first sighted, then suddenly zoomed upward at a tremendous speed in a west-northwesterly direction to a position angle of about 20° and disappeared from sight. The observer states that the object didn't just slowly fade from view, but disappeared almost immediately. He estimates that the object, from the time it started up until it could no longer be seen, completed this maneuver in less than $\frac{1}{2}$ second. He seemed to be genuinely amazed that it could have disappeared so suddenly.

d. The object was either hovering or moving very slowly when he first noticed it. As he braked to a stop, the object slowly moved across the highway in front of him moving in a counter-clockwise direction. After crossing the highway, it banked left (this was when he reported seeing the canopy on top) and moved slowly down his left side. It banked again and crossed the highway in back of him and moved up his right side to approximately the same position in which it was originally seen. He sat in his seat in the car and was able to watch the object during the entire time. He estimated that it took about 8 or 9 seconds for the object to completely circle him and seemed very positive that the range was constant at about 100 yards the entire time. During the entire time the observer was sure that he saw no lights or anything else that would indicate that the object was signalling or trying in any manner to contact him or signal anyone else.

e. As stated in c. above, the object returned to its original position, then suddenly zoomed out of sight.

f. Total time the object was in sight was about 4 to 10 seconds.

3. Manner of observation:

a. Ground-visual.

b. No optical aids were used. The observer was not wearing glasses. He states that his windshield and windows were clear.

c. Not applicable since sighting was made from the ground.

4. Time and date of sighting:

a. Object sighted at approximately 061330Z June 1958

b. Light conditions: day

5. Location of observer.

6. Identifying information of observer:

a. Mr. [REDACTED]

Los Angeles 45, California

here: [REDACTED]

7. Observer and observer's unit: [REDACTED]

a. Observer's account of weather conditions:

Mr. [REDACTED] states that it was a beautiful day. No clouds and visibility unlimited. It was still fairly cool, although he did state that later on in the day it was very hot. There was little or no wind.

b. Weather report from USNATC, Point Mugu, California:

8. There is no known unusual weather, astronomical, meteorological, astronomical or otherwise, which could account for the sighting. There were no other cars on the highway at the time of the encounter.

9. Since the observer did not report the object for a week, it is doubted that any interception action was taken.

10. There was no other aircraft sighted in the vicinity, during or after the alleged encounter.

11. LT Marvin S. BLAIR, USN, 420440/1100, Asst Officer-in-Charge, Guided Missile Unit FIFTY, USN SBC Port Hueneme, California took the information from Mr. [REDACTED] on his sighting. Mr. [REDACTED] felt that he should tell someone, so when he made his regular stop at the Beauty Shop to make a delivery, he reported his sighting to the Security Force Officer on ~~that~~ the Construction Battalion Center. The Security Officer referred him to LT BLAIR at Guided Missile Unit FIFTY. LT BLAIR tried to ask as many pertinent questions as he could think of that might shed some light on this event. As far as LT BLAIR could tell, the man seemed to be telling the truth. It must be pointed out though, that there were no witnesses to what Mr. [REDACTED] saw and no photographs were taken of the phenomena. The only basis of opinion therefore is LT BLAIR's own impression of what Mr. [REDACTED] had to say. The man appeared to be emotionally disturbed over what he claims to have seen. To start with, he stated that he had been afraid to tell anyone about the matter because "they would think I was crazy". He felt that it was his duty to tell someone, preferably the military, about it. He requested that his name be omitted because he was afraid the newspapers would get the story and he would then become an object of ridicule. Mr. [REDACTED] seemed genuinely disturbed, and repeated over and over again, "I don't drink, I wasn't tired, I've never had hallucinations, I don't read science-fiction, I've never read any books about flying saucers - only what I've noticed in the newspapers, I have no history of mental illness, my vision is 20-20, etc.". Mr. [REDACTED] was told to return home and write as detailed an account of the experience as he could, omitting nothing. He readily agreed to make such statement under oath and stated that he would even be willing to submit to a lie-detector test if it would help people believe that he was telling the truth. This statement was taken by LT BLAIR at 1500 PDST, 13 June 1956 - one week after the alleged event took place.

a. Mirage effect and other phenomena were considered, but if the weather conditions were actually like they were reported, this explanation doesn't seem likely. No final conclusions could be reached as to the cause for this phenomena.

12. No physical evidence exists to corroborate this sighting.