PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
4 November 1956

2. LOCATION
Point Arena, California

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local
GMT 05/0422Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☐ Ground-Visual
XX Ground-Radar
☐ Air-Visual
☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
XX No

6. SOURCE
Military

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
a. ninety-nine minutes
b. sixty one minutes

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
two

9. COURSE
southerly

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
Two objects slightly larger than DC-7 aircraft. Objects were located (a) 178 dgr, 175 miles at 21,000 feet and (b) 183 dgr, 185 miles at 21,000 feet. Objects moved at approximately 6 to 10 knots in an erratic course fading out at a position (a) 180 dgr, 200 miles at 25,000 feet and (b) 184dgr 188 miles at 21,000 feet. Objs were observed through ground electronic radar for (a) 99 minutes and (b) 61 minutes.

11. COMMENTS
Winds and duration indicate that these sightings were caused by balloons.

12. CONCLUSIONS
XX Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon
☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft
☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical
☐ Other
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

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1/2 4E4

3 4ZZQ

Witness

6 Nov 56 10 55

ACTION INFOR. A.F.S.C. INFOR.

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WPH111WPC 58 YDD 56 YD 71SBA095LCA 36

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DE RJMPSD 77A

M 5513152

FM COMAIRDIVDEF 26 HAMILTON AFB CALIF

TO RJEDEN/COMDR AIR DEF COM MNT AFB CLO SPRGS COLO

RJEDWP/COMDR AIR TECHNICAL INTEL CEN WRIGHT PATTER AFB OHIO

ZEN/COMDR 4602 AISS HAMILTON AFB CALIF

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(DECLASSIFIED) WIOID 17633. UFOB PE (1) (A) RADAR RETURN P

SLIGHTLTLARGER THAN AIR CRAFT (DC-7) PD (1) (C) N/A PD (1)(D) TWO PD (1)(E) TRAIL 12 TO 15 MILES SEPARATION PD (1)(F) NONE PD(1)(G) NONE PD (1)(H) NONE PD (1)(I) NONE PD (2)(A) SURVEILLANCE PD (2)(B) 170-175 MILES 21, FEET (IF 2 55) PD 183-185 MILES 21, FEET (IF1545) PD (2)(C) SIPAMPP MILES, 25,2 FEET PD 184-188 MILES 21, FEET PD (2) (D) RRACK APPROXIMATELY 105 AT 8-1 KNOTS, SLIGHTLY ERRATIC PD (2)(E) SLOWLY DIMINISHING IN RETURN TO POINT OF FADE PD (2)(F) ONE HOUR 30 MINUTES PD ONE HOUR 41 MINUTES PD (3)(A) GROUND ELECTRONIC PD (3)(B) NONE PD (3)(C) N/A PD (4)(A) 42 22

BASE THE FIGURE 77A

NOV 56 PDT CHA 151422 NOV 56 ZULU PD (4)(D) NIGHT PD (5) HJ 2943 PD

(6)(A) N/A PD (6)(B) [redacted] CHA K/3C [redacted] ARENA

AIR FORCE STATION PT ARENA CALIF PD RADAR OPERATOR RELIABLE PD (7)

(A) A/C IN AREA REPORTED SCATTERED CLUDDS BELOW

HIM (4,500 FEE) CLEAR ABOVE PD (7)(B) 15,000-020/23: UPUPPPAEYPZUP

25,000-350/20 PD (7)(C) NONE PD (7)(D) UNLIMITED AT ALTITUDE PD

(7)(E) SCATTERED AT APPROXIMATELY 2,000 FEET PD (7)(F) NONE PD (8)

OAKLAND WEATHER BALLON MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR ONE TARGET PD EXACT LOCATION

OF BALLOON NOT KNOWN PD VARYING ALTITUDE (RISING) HEAVILY DISCOUNTS /

THIS POSSIBILITY PD (9) NON PD

(10) ONE RC-121 LOOKED OVER THE AREA FROM 4,500 FEET WITH NEGATIVE R

RESULTS PD (11) (11) DIRECTOR IF INTELLIGENCE, WITH AIR DIV (DEF),

POSSIBLE BALLOON PD (12) NONE PD P-37 PICKED UP OUTBOUND TRACK AT

20,000 FEET, VARP KNOTS, TRACKING AGAINST THE WIND PD THEY TRACKED

THIS OBJECT FOR INDICATED TIME AND AT 0554Z PICKED UP ANOTHER SIMILAR

TARGET APPROXIMATELY TEN MILES BEHIND THE ORIGINAL PD WEATHER AND NAVY

ORGANIZATIONS CHECKED FOR POSSIBILITIES WITHOUT RESULTS, EXCEPT AS

NOTED PD

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