

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 12 January 1957		2. LOCATION Tempe, Arizona		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 1125 GMT 12/1825Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE AF Civilian Employee			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE unk	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object size of half dollar shining with brilliant light observed at approx 30,000ft. Object remained stationary.				11. COMMENTS WX balloons normally launched between 1030-1100 hours. 4 balloon launching units within very short distance: Luke AFB, Williams AFB, Prescott and Winslow. Size, shape, description and stationary movement all indicate object undoubtedly balloon.	

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PREPARING INDIVIDUAL Coville, L. Scott Captain, USAF		DATE OF REPORT 6 February 1957	SRI NO. CANCELED/INCOMPLETE	
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE Mr. Asa W. Baker		EVALUATION	SRI NO. ACTIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON (Date)	
REFERENCES (BAIR Subject, previous reports, etc., as applicable) None				
SUBJECT (Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects) Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)				
SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112, unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List enclosures, including number of copies) At approximately 1125 hours, 12 January 1957, Mr. Asa W. Baker of 502 College Avenue, Tempe, Arizona, observed an unidentified flying object that gave off an intense light.				
1. Initial report rendered by L. W. Baker (1 of) w/d by 4602d AISS				
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REFERENCE: AIR FORCE REGULATION 200-2, 12 August 1956, paragraph 7.

(1) Description of Object

- (a) Shape - At first appearance object was almost square; just prior to disappearance it became oblong.
- (b) Size - Approximate size of half-dollar piece, 12 held in palm of hand at arms length. (Object was observed at approximately 30,000 feet altitude.)
- (c) Color - Gave off a brilliant light as if it was a large mirror reflecting the sun's rays.
- (d) Number - One (1)
- (e) Formation - N/A
- (f) Features - None
- (g) Tail, Trail or Exhaust - None
- (h) Sound - None
- (i) Other pertinent or unusual features - None

(2) Description of Course

- (a) What first called attention to object? - Intensity of Light.
- (b) Unknown
- (c) Unknown
- (d) Description of Flight Path - Remained Stationary
- (e) Manner of Disappearance - Faded out of sight in two to three seconds as if it were moving away from observer at a high rate of speed.
- (f) Length of Time in Sight - Approximately five (5) minutes.

(3) Manner of Observation

- (a) Ground/Visual
- (b) Optical Aids - Area in which object was observed was searched after its disappearance with an eight (8) power telephoto lens. Lens was not immediately available when object was sighted.
- (c) N/A

(4) Time and Date of Sighting

- (a) Zulu time-date group of sighting - 1525 hours 12 January 1957.
- (b) Light Conditions - Day

(5) Location of Observer - Four to five degrees east of due south of the west city limits of Tempe, Arizona.

(6) Identifying information of observers - [REDACTED] Tempe, Arizona, civilian employee of Base Fire Department. Mr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Tempe, Arizona.

(7) Weather and Winds aloft Conditions

- (a) Observers' account of weather conditions - Clear, Visibility Unlimited, minimum surface winds.
- (b) Reported Base weather station -
10,000 - 230 - 11 E-34
15,000 - 230 - 21 E-34
15,000 - 230 - 22 W-34
20,000 - 230 - 57 E-34
- (c) Ceiling - 35,000 - Broken
- (d) Visibility - 20 miles

Wind direction →

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- (c) Amount of Cloud Cover - 17 per cent
- (d) Thunderstorms in Area - None
- (e) Any other unusual activity or condition - None
- (f) Interception Action - None
- (g) Location of balloon in area - Unknown
- (h) Position Title and Grade of Reporting Officer - Wing Intelligence Officer.
It is known that balloon activities were being conducted in this area during this incident.
- (i) Existence of Physical Evidence - None

why - didn't he check?

- ① Balloon (WX) normally launched o/a 1030.
- ② Luke AFB + Williams AFB very close to VFD location. WX balloon into WINGLOW + PRESCOTT.
- ③ Based on numerous balloon reports from desert regions - eye witness reflection of sun's rays off surface of balloon shows up as exceptionally bright light.

Prob Balloon