PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 8 February 1957	**2. LOCATION** Randolph AFB San Antonio, Texas	**12. CONCLUSIONS** ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical Meteor ☒ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other_____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 09/0250Z	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	**6. SOURCE** military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5-10 seconds	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** one	**9. COURSE** NW to SE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

One object, round, size from pea to basketball. Color bright white. No source. Some observers saw tail others didn't. Object flew straight & level.

11. COMMENTS

Probably a meteor.

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UNITED STATES	57-1	

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (UFOB)

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
Randolph Air Force Base, Texas	Wing Intelligence Office, 3510th Combat Crew Training Wing, Randolph AFB, Tex

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
14 February 1957	8 February 1957	C 3

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
1/Lt Russell A. Reed	2 Officers and 4 Airmen, as listed in report

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

The attached UFOB is submitted as directed in AFR 200-2. The time lapse from date of information to date of report was due to non-availability of some of the persons involved, and this office was not notified until 12 February 1957.

APPROVED:

DWAIN A. ROCKIE
Lt Colonel, USAF
Wing Operations Officer

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1. Description of the object:

a. Round.

b. Three of the observers, S/Sgt Simpson, A/2C Bowman, and A/2C Durham, thought it was the size of a pea, while another observer, A/1C Watland thought it was the size of a basketball.

c. All observers state that it was a bright, white light.

d. There was only one object.

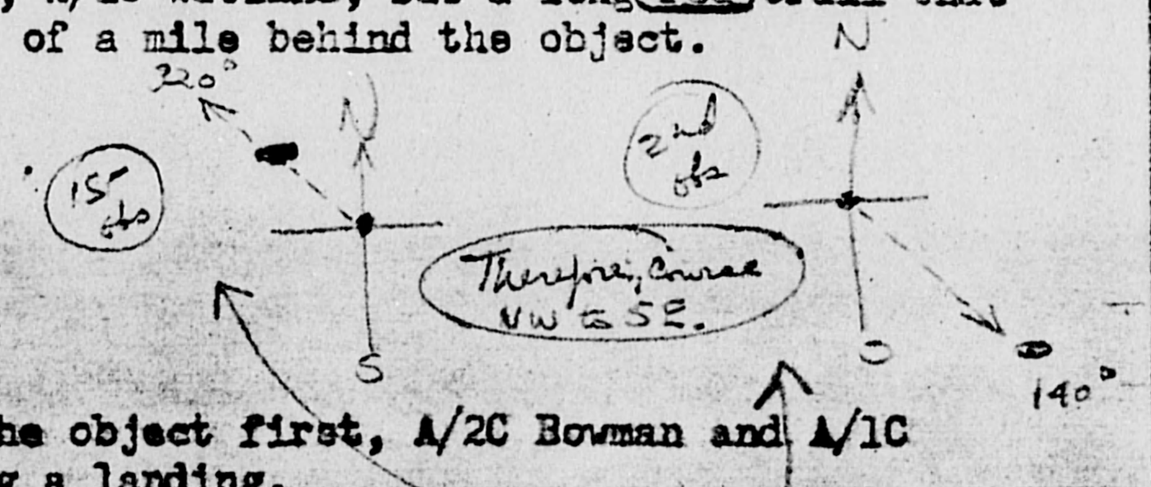
e. N/A

f. N/A

g. Two observers, S/Sgt Simpson and A/2C Bowman, say there was no trail or tail. One observer, A/2C Durham, states there was a small bluish-green trail directly behind the object. One observer, A/1C Watland, saw a long red trail that faded out about one-half to three-fourths of a mile behind the object.

h. No sound was discernible.

i. None.



2. Description of course of object:

a. The two observers that saw the object first, A/2C Bowman and A/1C Watland, were watching three F-84's making a landing.

b. Angle of elevation was 30 degrees and the azimuth was 320 degrees when first observed.

c. Angle of elevation was 30 degrees and the azimuth was 140 degrees upon disappearance.

d. Straight and level flight path with no maneuvers.

e. The object gradually disappeared into the distance.

f. Estimated at 5-10 seconds from first sighting to last observance.

3. Manner of observation:

a. Ground - visual by observers, Simpson, Watland, Bowman and Durham. Air - visual by Major Brandt and Captain Church.

b. No optical aids were utilized.

c. The air-visual sighting was made from a C-47, #24073, that was flying 2300 feet to 2500 feet on a heading of 170 degrees, at a speed of 140 knots. The aircraft was from Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

4. Time and date of sighting:

a. 090250Z February 1957.

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b. Night.

5. Location of observers:

a. S/Sgt Simpson, A/2C Bowman, A/2C Durham were on duty in the East Control Tower, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

b. Major Brandt and Captain Church were airborne 5 miles north of Randolph Air Force Base.

c. A/1C Watland was on the ground about 100 yards from East Control Tower, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas.

6. Identifying information of all observers:

a. N/A

b. Major Lester R. Brandt, A0434072, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas,
Captain Harold C. Church, A0781225, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas,
S/Sgt Harold G. Simpson, AF17262697, 2015th AACSRON, Randolph AFB, Texas,
A/1C James R. Watland, AF17346445, 3516th STURON, Randolph AFB, Texas,
A/2C James A. Bowman, AF24633020, 2015th AACSRON, Randolph AFB, Texas, and
A/2C Johnnie B. Durham, AF18469904, 2015th AACSRON, Randolph AFB, Texas.

All of the observers are highly qualified personnel in their career field and are considered as excellent observers; and, due to their location at the time of sighting, were able to see the object from several areas in and around Randolph Air Force Base.

7. Weather and winds-aloft conditions at time and place of sightings:

a. All observers state that it was a clear, warm, dry night, with little or no winds.

b. From 24th Weather Squadron, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas

(1) Surface wind SSE at 4 knots

5,000	feet	180	degrees at	25	knots
10,000	"	210	"	15	"
16,000	"	300	"	20	"
20,000	"	300	"	20	"
30,000	"	360	"	30	"
40,000	"	310	"	30	"
50,000	"	270	"	47	"

c. Clear.

d. 15 mile visibility.

e. No clouds.

f. No thunderstorms in area.

8. None.

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9. Contact of the San Antonio Filter Center was made by the Control Tower personnel. They also transmitted on all frequencies requesting any aircraft in the area to report if they saw object. C-47 #24073 replied affirmative. They contacted Head Man, a radar site at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, to see if they picked up anything on radar. Negative report.

10. Three F-84's in Randolph flight (let-down) pattern; one C-47 five miles north of Randolph.

11. It is the opinion of the Wing Intelligence Officer, 3510th Combat Crew Training Wing, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, that the information submitted by these men may be of value to personnel responsible for investigating these reports.

12. N/A

RUSSELL A. REED
1st Lt, USAF
Wing Intelligence Officer

Description, light path and duration — indicate "probably very prominent meteor — as observed on a clear, dry night as reported. GTH

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