

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 13 May 1957		2. LOCATION San Angelo, Texas		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 1951 D GMT 13/1951Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE SE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object, oblong - comparable to obj 8" to 9" long, held at arms length. Color white on surface w/black fins. Arrow head type nose, w/2 horizontal fins mid-way on fuselage and 2 horizontal tail fins black smoke trailing object 20 ft behind object. Had sound of fast moving jet a/c except sound was higher pitched.				11. COMMENTS Possible a/c or rocket. Duration extremely short to give detail provided.	

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UNCLAS FROM 0271E UFOB 1 A OBLONG OBJECT. B. COMPARABLE TO
OBJECT 8 TO 9 INCHES LONG HELD AT ARMS LENGTH. WITNESS STATES
OBJECT BELIEVED TO BE 60 FEET IN LENGTH. C. WHITE ON SURFACE
WITH BLACK FINS. D. ONE. E. N/A F. ARROW HEAD TYPE NOSE WITH 2
HORIZONTAL FINS MID WAY ON FUSELAGE WITH TWO HORIZONTAL TAIL FINS.
G. BLACK SMOKE TRAILING 20 FEET BEHIND TAIL OF OBJECT. H. OBJECT
EMITTED SOUND LIKE FAST MOVING JET AIRCRAFT EXCEPT THAT SOUND
WAS HIGHER PITCHED. SOUND WAS MUCH LOUDER THAN JET OBSERVED
BY THE WITNESS AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME HEIGHT ON PREVIOUS
OCCASIONS. I. WITNESS DISCARDED POSSIBILITY OF OBJECT BEING LOCAL
TYPE AIRCRAFT. OPINION BASED ON A PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE AS A MEMBER

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OF THE ARMED FORCES AND FAMILIARITY WITH DIFFERENT TYPES AIR CRAFT
WHEN SHOWN PICTURES OF VARIOUS TYPES AIRCRAFT AND MISSILES WITNESS
IDENTIFIED SIMILARITY OF OBJECT SIGHTED TO A DOUGLAS NIKE AJAX
EXCEPT WITNESS STATED OBJECT SIGHTED BELIEVED TO BE OF MUCH
LARGER DIMENSIONS THAN THE NIKE AJAX MISSILE. 2. A. FIRST HEARD
STRANGE LOUD NOISE. B. OBJECT 75 DEGREE ANGLE ON FIRST OBSERVATION.
C. OBJECT 40 DEGREE ANGLE LAST OBSERVATION. D. STRAIGHT AND
LEVEL SOUTH EAST DIRECTION FLIGHT. E. DISAPPEARED DUE TO DISTANCE.
F. LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED- 4 SECONDS. 3. A. GROUND VISUAL OBSERVA-
TION. B. NEGATIVE. C. N/A. 4. A. 1951Z, 13 MAY 57. B. DAY 5. 31 DE-
GREE 27' NORTH 100 DEGREE 25' WEST. 6. A. CIVILIAN ~~██████████~~
~~██████████~~ STREET, SAN ANGELO TEXAS, UNEMPLOYED. CIVILIAN,
~~██████████~~ 52, ~~██████████~~, SAN ANGELO TEXAS, PRODUCERS
LIVESTOCK COMPANY. 7. A. CLEAR VISIBILITY EXCELLENT. B. AIR
WEATHER SERVICE OBSERVATION LOCAL VISIBILITY 20 MILES PLUS SURFACE
WIND WEST - SOUTH WEST 9, 6,000 300/25; 10,000 270/40; 16,000
240/50; 20,000 250/55; 30,000 210/75; 40,000 230/65; 50,000 230/60;
60,000 230/50. 8. NEGATIVE. 9. COORDINATION WITH AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL
THIS AREA REVEALED NO AIRCRAFT OF THIS CAPABILITY PRESENT IN LOCAL
AREA AT TIME OF OBSERVATION. 10. LOCAL TRAFFIC B-25'S BELOW 10,000
FEET ON TRAINING MISSION IN GENERAL AREA. 11. WING OPERATIONS
OFFICER GOODFELLOW AFB BELIEVES OBJECT SIGHTED POSSIBLY HIGH
PERFORMANCE CENTURY SERIES AIRCRAFT: HOWEVER THIS BELIEF UNCONFIRMED
BY LOCAL CAA TRAFFIC CONTROL PERSONNEL. 12. NEGATIVE REPORT
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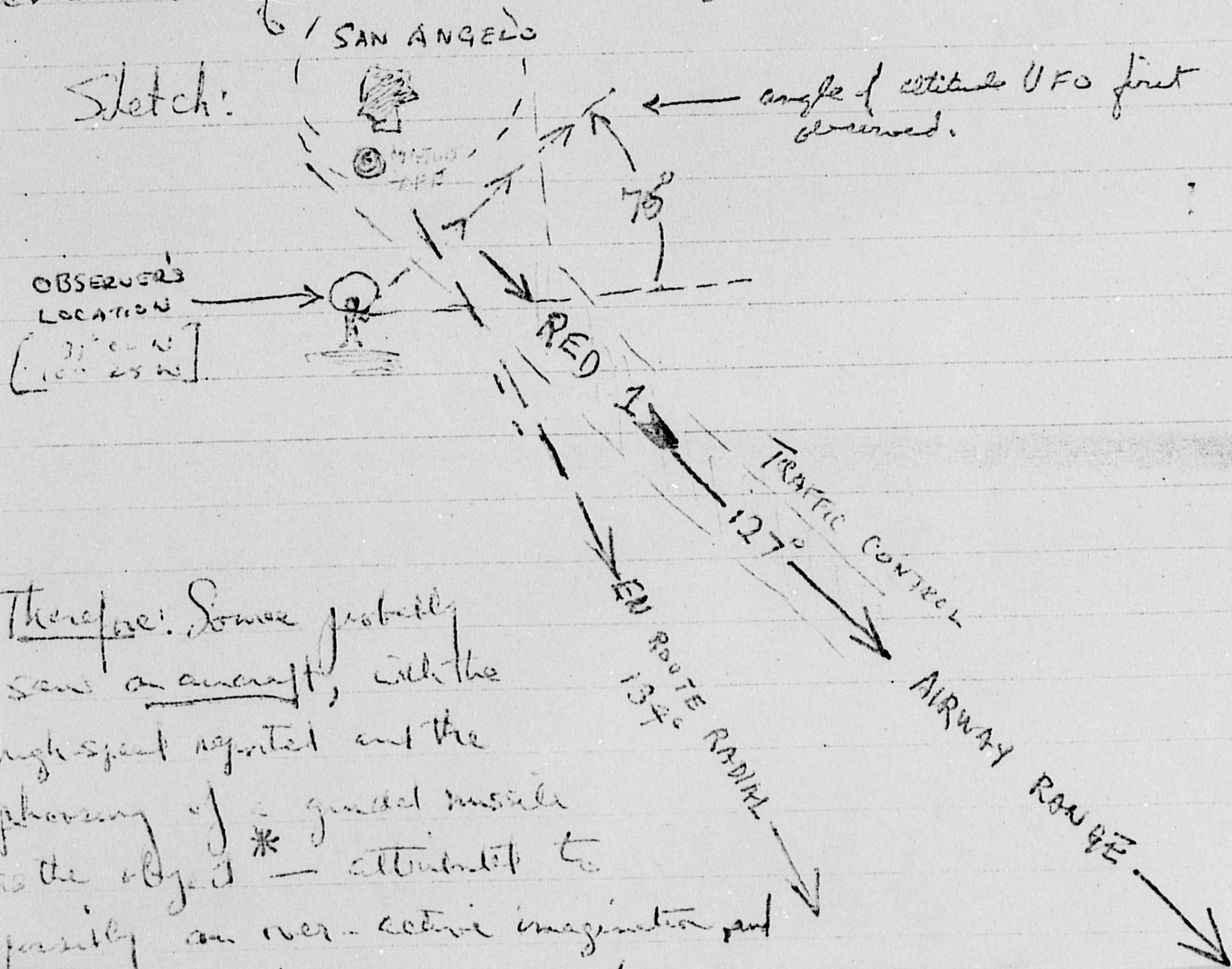
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*Our files show a few cases
where unemployed have tried
to take advantage of the publicity
to focus attention on themselves - ?*

UFO Case - 13 May 1957

Observed by unemployed civilian.
When shown various types of a/c and missiles,
picked out NIKE-AJAX as the object he UFO
resembled. Flight in SE direction. Fast; observed 4 sec.

Comment: A check of Aero Chart # 469 shows
that Source's location was adjacent to ^{traffic} airways
and ranges running NW-SE. (i.e. Red 1,
Airway, 127° approach, with "airway radial"
out of San Angelo at 134° !! As plotted
on the chart Source was approximately 9 to 12
miles from flying object. This correlates well
with the 75° degrees (high) angle of elevation that
would be required to see object.



Therefore: Source probably
saw an aircraft, with the
high speed reported and the
phasing of a guided missile
as the object * attributed to
possibly an over-active imagination and
the known inability of laymen to
judge time. The fact Source was unemployed should not be
discounted. The fact that unemployed often take advantage of
publicity to bring attention to themselves is well known.
SOURCES are always asked to
draw target first - then given a choice to chase.