

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 16 June 1957		2. LOCATION Gardena, California		12. CONCLUSIONS ☒ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 16/2130Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No		6. SOURCE Civilian		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION nine mints		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE moving up	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One small round shiny object the size of a half dollar at arm's length. Object was moving up and out of sight. Object was seen visually for nine minutes.				11. COMMENTS Description, duration, flight path indicate that this sighting was caused by a balloon. No attempt will be made to obtain the photos unless a request is received.	

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FM COMDR 27TH AIR DIV DEF NORTON AFB CALIF

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJEDWP/COMDR ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEPHQ/DIR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASH DC

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UNCLAS/270T TAC F0371 UFOB PD

1. A. ROUND. B. HALF DOLLAR. C. SHINY. D. ONE E. NO FORMATION.
F. SMALL ROUND OBJECT. G. NONE H. NONE I. NONE.
2. A. LOOKING UP NOTICED OBJECT. B. ELEVATION 35 DEGREES. 230
DEGREES AZIMUTH. C. ELEVATION 35 DEGREES. 230 DEGREES AZIMUTH.
D. MOVING UP. E. CONTINUED UP OUT OF SIGHT. F. NINE MINUTES.
3. A. GROUND VISUAL. B. NONE C. NONE.
4. A. 16/2130Z. B. DAY.
5. SOUTHEAST LOS ANGELES AIRPORT. ~~REDACTED~~
GARDENA, CALIFORNIA

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6. A. CIVILIAN, MR AND MRS ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~. ~~XXXXXX~~ SOUTHWEST UPTON PLACE GARDENA CALIFORNIA, PHONE FACULTY ~~XXXXXX~~
7. A. CLEAR. B. SURFACE SOUTHWEST 14. ~~6000~~ FT-~~050~~/~~05~~, 10,000 FT-350/16, 16,000 FT-340/25, 20000 FT-310/36, 30,000 FT 310/48. C. CLEAR. D. 6 MILES E. NONE. F. NONE.
8. NONE
9. INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN 2F3D NORTH ISLAND SCRAMBLED 2229Z.
10. NONE
11. ALFRED FONTES, CAPT, USAF, SENIOR CONTROLLER, 27ADCC. THIS OBJECT COULD NOT BE FOUND BY INTERCEPTOR FIGHTER, OR WAS OBJECT SEEN BY OTHER OBSERVORS OR RADAR UNITS IN AREA. POSSIBLE COULD HAVE BEEN A BALLON FROM WEATHER UNITS IN AREA ALTHOUGH NO DEFINATE TIMES COULD BE ESTABLISHED FRO SOME BALLON RELEASE TIME. THE FOLLOWING TIME
- X WERE OVARTABLE. SANTA MONICA WEATHER BALLON 0930 PST. LAS VEGAS 1030 PST, LONG BEACH NAVY ELECTRONIC LABORTORY RELEASED BALLON 8X 25 FT MAXIMUM ELEVATION THREE THOUSAND FEET. ALSO BALLON LAUNCHING FROM SANTA MONICA U. S. ARMY PROJECT, REPORTED THEIR BALLON SHOULD HAVE BEEN DOWN AT TIME OF SIGHTING.
12. PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN.

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