

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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| 1. DATE<br>30 July 1957                                                                                                                                         | 2. LOCATION<br>Santa Maria, Calif                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 12. CONCLUSIONS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon |
| 3. DATE-TIME GROUP<br>Local _____<br>GMT 31/0300 to 0320z                                                                                                       | 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar<br><input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft                 |
| 5. PHOTOS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                                                             | 6. SOURCE<br>Civilian                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical     |
| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>20 minutes                                                                                                                          | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS                                                                                                                                                                                  | 9. COURSE<br>1st North<br>then South                                                                                                                                                                                       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other mirage<br><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING<br>Six objects, round size of basketball, color red, flying in straight line. Objects described as 6 balls of fire. Faded in fog. |                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 11. COMMENTS<br>Objects were reported sighted near or in a fog bank, west of the observer. Sunset may possibly have caused an illusion of "red balls of fire" within the fog bank. Conditions conducive to mirage present. |                                                                                                                                                   |

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4-4x200g *atc*

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/UNCLAS/6390PS 081-Y PD UFOB PD 1. A. ROUND. B. BASKETBALL. C. RED.  
D. SIX. E. STRAIGHT LINE. F. NONE. G. NONE. H. NONE. I. DESCRIBED AS SIX  
BALLS OF FIRE. 2. A. LOOKING FOR AIRCRAFT IN THE WEST. B. 45 DEGREE  
ANGLE 270 DEGREE AZIMUTH FROM OBSERVER. C. 45 DEGREE ANGLE 270 DEGREE  
AZIMUTH FROM OBSERVER. D. FIRST SIGHTED MOVING NORTH, THEN MOVED SOUTH  
IN STRIGHT LINE. E. FADED IN FOG. F. 0300Z TO 0320Z 20 MINUTES.  
3. A. GROUND VISUAL. B. STRICTLY EYE SIGHT, NO OPTICAL AIDS AVAILABLE.  
C. GROUND SIGHTING. 4. A. 31 JULY 0300Z. B. DUSK. 5. NE 3558 SANTA MARIA,  
CALIFORNIA. 34 58 NORTH 121 25 WEST. 6. CIVILIAN ~~REDACTED~~,  
AGE 52 ~~REDACTED~~. SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

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POST SUPERVISOR PHONE ~~REDACTED~~. 7. A. CLEAR WITH FOG TO WEST.

B. SURFACE NNW 12, 6,000 340/10, 10,000 200/10, 16,000 210/35,

20,000 200/35, 30,000 200/45, 50,000 210/40, 80,000 NONE. C. NONE.

D. 50 MILES. E. SCATTERED. F. NONE. 8. NONE. 9. NONE. 10. NONE CHECKED

WITH CAA. 11. ROBERT B. MINNAN 1ST LT DIRECTOR. COMMENT: OBJECTS

OBSERVER. SUNSET MAY POSSIBLY HAVE CAUSED AN ILLUSION OF  
"RED BALLS OF FIRE" WITHIN THE FOG BANK. 12, NONE AVAILABLE.

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30 31/0300Z

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