

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 30 July 1957		2. LOCATION Claremont, California		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 1900 GMT 31/0400Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar Binoculars			
5. PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE West	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round obj with single wing, size of pea at arm's length. Dark body with yellow to orange balls of flame on either side of fuselage (through binoculars had appearance of transport fuselage with single wing centrally located.) No sound. Brightness about that of Venus.				11. COMMENTS Possibility exists obj could be some type of high performance fighter or bomber a/c. Jet nacelles often appear as flames or fire, in ball form.	

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4. Time and date of sighting:

a. Zulu time-date group of sighting: 1900PDT 30 July 1957 - 0200 31 July 1957Z.

b. Light conditions: Day.

5. Locations of observers: Front lawn of residences listed below at all times.

6. Identifying information of all observers:

a.

████████████████████ ████████████████████ Claremont, California Height: 5'5" DOB: 4 Feb 38 Weight: 140 lbs Age: 19 Senior at Pomona College, Calif	████████████████████ ████████████████████ Claremont, California Height: 5'8" DOB: 20 Jan 41 Weight: 110 lbs Age: 16 Senior at Webb School, 3 miles west of Claremont private school.
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b. N/A

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

a. No clouds. Haze in distance which did not obstruct vision at height of object.

b. Wind direction and velocity not available.

c. Ceiling not available.

d. Visibility not available.

e. Amount of cloud cover not available.

f. Thunderstorms in area and quadrant in which located not available.

8. Observers claim no possibility object was meteor because it was moving too slow and traveling in wrong direction ~~for~~ an astronomical sighting.

9. At time of sighting, the incident didn't seem too unusual until observers talked to others and thought of the conditions of sighting, at which time interceptive action was too late.

10. There was a B-47 at little lower altitude than object just prior to object's passing from view. B-47 was making one thick vapor trail. B-47 not quite as far north as object when sighted and traveling east to west with possibility of crossing object's flight path after it had gone past. B-47 changed course to north but not for interception purposes. Didn't observe any exhaust flame from B-47. No sun reflection on B-47 at time of sighting. *Says who's Ashland WY charts*

11. Major Francis J. Breslin, Acting Chief, Combat Intelligence Division, Directorate of Intelligence, Headquarters Fifteenth Air Force. Possibility exists that object sighted could be some type of high performance fighter or bomber aircraft. Unusual balls of fire, especially on left wing, are not explainable by this officer.

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John E. Carl:

*Experiencing of similar reports, jet needles after
from the aircraft*

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1. Description of the object:
 - a. Shape: Round with single wing. *See drawing*
 - b. Size: Size of a pea held at arms length.
 - c. Color: Dark colored body except for yellow to orange balls of flame described in 1f below.
 - d. Number: One.
 - e. Formation: N/A.
 - f. Features or details: Constant shape (see drawing) and color. Fire balls appeared reddish and rippled around edges. Robert Sanchez (binoculars) stated that receding it looked like a transport fuselage with single wing centrally located. On left wing tip very large ball of fire about size of plane. On either side of fuselage smaller balls of fire. Flames were round in shape. He didn't see any red fringe. No noticeable parts. No noticeable engines. No tail assembly noted.
 - g. Tail, trail, or exhaust: No trails or exhaust from object.
 - h. Sound: No sound that they can recall from either B-47 or object. They think it was too far away.
 - i. Other: Intensity of brightness about that of Venus. Using ground observer corp handbook, figured object at approximately 30,000 feet or less.
2. Description of course of object:
 - a. David Romfeldt's parents saw object and called David. David called Robert Sanchez, who brought his binoculars. Robert's parents also saw object as did Ralph Gordon Webster, 545 West 10th Street, Claremont, California.
 - b. Object was 45° to horizontal and north of observer at first sight. Object when first sighted was estimated to be over or beyond Mt Baldy (north and west of Mt Baldy).
 - c. Object was 15° to horizontal and west-northwest of observer when passing from sight. It was between Pasadena and Los Angeles when passing from view.
 - d. Flight path of object was straight path east to west generally. ✓
 - e. Object proceeded until beyond vision of both eye and binocular.
 - f. Object was in sight approximately 10 minutes. Feel it was there longer than their actual observation.
3. Manner of observation:
 - a. Ground-visual observation.
 - b. Eausch and Lomb binoculars - 20 power magnification.
 - c. N/A.

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<i>Francis J. Breslin</i> FRANCIS J. BRESLIN Major, USAF Acting Chief, Combat Intelligence Division Directorate of Intelligence		

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