PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	12. CONCLUSIONS
4 November 1957	Dunedin, Florida	☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local GMT 04/1940Z	**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 seven or eight mins	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** one	**9. COURSE** South
		☐ Other Contrails ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

One round silver object the size of a basketball at arm's length and with a tail four times as long as the obj, the same size. Obj was seen moving very slowly south and was in sight for seven or eight minutes.

11. COMMENTS

Concur with rpting officer that this sighting was caused by a jet pulling non-persistent contrails.

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DE RJESKB 4D

P 061615Z

FM COMDR 660TH ACWRON

TO RJEDDN/COMDR ADC

RJESKB/COMDR 35TH ADIV

RJEDWP/COMDR AIR TECH INT CNTR

RJEPHQ/DIR OF INT HQ USAF

INFO RJEPNB/COMDR EADF

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/UNCLASSIFIED/OPS 0617 PD UFOB PD ATTN: EADF CIO PD

1.

A. ROUND BALL SHAPE WITH A LONG TAIL

B. SIZE OF A BASKETBALL — As seen Through Binoculars

C. SILVER

D. ONE

E. NONE

F. HAD A TAIL 4 TIMES AS LONG AS BALL BUT THE SAME SIZE

G. SAME AS (F)

H. NONE

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I. NONE

2.

A. ROUTINE SCANNING

B. 10 DEGREES

C. 15 DEGREES

URGENT
1ST LEAD OBJECT
WHITE SANDS PROVING GROUNDS, N. M., NOV. 4.--(UP)--TWO SEPARATE MILITARY PATROLS REPORTED TODAY THEY HAD SEEN AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT NEAR THE SPOT WHERE THE FIRST ATOMIC BOMB WAS EXPLODED IN 1945.

THE DESCRIPTION OFFERED BY THE TWO PATROLS FIT THE ONE OFFERED BY PERSONS WHO SAID THEY SAW A FLYING OBJECT NEAR LEVELLAND, TEX., YESTERDAY.

THE PATROLS, OF TWO SOLDIERS EACH, REPORTED THEY HAD SEEN THE "VERY BRIGHT" OBJECT YESTERDAY NEAR "TRINITY SITE," THE SPOT IN AN ISOLATED AREA OF WHITE SANDS PROVING GROUNDS WHERE THE FIRST TEST ATOMIC BOMB WAS EXPLOSED. THEY SAID THEY SAW IT AT DIFFERENT TIMES YESTERDAY.

ONE PATROL REPORTED THE OBJECT TOUCHED DOWN BRIEFLY AT THE TRINITY SITE. THE OTHER GROUP SAID IT ONLY HOVERED OVER THE SPOT.

LT. H. F. TENNY, COMPANY COMMANDER AT THE ARMY'S STALLION SITE ON THE GROUNDS, MADE AN INSPECTION TRIP TO THE SCENE TODAY HE FOUND NO VISIBLE MARKINGS.

HE SAID HIS INVESTIGATION WAS COMPLETED, AND THAT THE REPORT WOULD STAND.

(PICKUP 3RD PGH EARLY, STARTING: [redacted] ETC.)
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URGENT
WHITE SANDS PROVING GROUNDS, N. M., NOV. 4.--(UP)--TWO SEPARATE MILITARY PATROLS REPORTED TODAY THEY HAD SEEN AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT EARLY YESTERDAY OVER AN ISOLATED AREA OF THE WHITE SANDS PROVING GROUNDS.

THE DESCRIPTION OFFERED BY THE MILITARY PATROLS FIT THE ONE REPORTED BY PERSONS WHO SAID THEY SAW A FLYING OBJECT NEAR LEVELLAND, TEX., YESTERDAY.

[redacted], PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER FOR THIS MISSILE-TESTING CENTER, REPORTED OFFICIALLY TONIGHT THAT A "VERY BRIGHT" OBJECT WAS SIGHTED BY THE TWO PATROLS.

THE REPORTS FROM THE PATROLS SAID THE OBJECT WAS SHAPED LIKE A CIGAR, 200 FEET LONG AND 75 FEET IN DIAMETER. THE PATROLS SAID THE OBJECT WAS ABOUT 50 YARDS ABOVE THE GROUND.

ONE PATROL SIGHTED THE OBJECT AT 2:30 A. M., YESTERDAY, AND THE OTHER SAW IT AT 8 P. M., YESTERDAY.

[redacted] SAID THE MISSILE CENTER'S RADAR UNIT DID NOT PICK UP ANY OBJECT ON ITS SCREEN. HE SAID AN INVESTIGATION WAS UNDERWAY TO DETERMINE AUTHENTICITY OF THE REPORTS.

See Investigation's Report attached

THE MILITARY POLICE PATROLS PUT THE INFORMATION OF THE UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT IN THEIR OFFICIAL DAILY REPORTS. HOWEVER, THE REPORTS WERE NOT FILED WITH THEIR HEADQUARTERS UNTIL TODAY.

HAGGART SAID THE PATROLS SAW THE OBJECT (OR OBJECTS) AT POINTS LOCATED 90 MILES NORTH OF THE WHITE SANDS PROVING GROUNDS HEADQUARTERS, IN THE ISOLATED MISSILE IMPACT AREA.

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H.T. Nov. 5, 1957

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Sky 'Object' Spotted at A-Bomb Site

WHITE SANDS PROVING GROUND, N. M., Nov. 4 (AP).—The Army today reported that a huge oval object "nearly as bright as the sun" was spotted Sunday hovering near bunkers used in the first atomic bomb explosion.

The sightings were made seventeen hours apart by two different military police patrols on this southern New Mexico missile testing range. The first atomic bomb was touched off on the northern edge of the area July 16, 1945.

First Lt. Miles F. Penney, commanding officer of the M. P.'s, said none of the men had heard radio reports or seen newspaper accounts of similar sightings in Texas yesterday.

Both sighting were in the area of abandoned bunkers used by technicians who observed the world's first atomic explosion.

Lt. Penney said one sighting was made by a two-man patrol at around 8 p. m. Sunday.

Sp. 3/c Forest R. Oakes and Sp. 3/c Barlow reported that time their patrol saw a bright light, Specialist Oakes thought hanging about fifty feet above the old atom bunker. He said the "large bright light took off at a 45 degree angle into the sky and started blinking. Then it disappeared.

This patrol estimated the object's size as "200 or 300 feet long." "It was very bright," Specialist Oakes said. He said his patrol was two or three miles west of the light.

The earlier sighting came at 3 a. m. Another two-man jeep patrol consisting of Cpl. Glenn H. Toy and a Pfc. Wilbanks made the report.

Lt. Penney quoted them as saying they noticed a "very bright object" high in the sky. The object descended until it was about fifty yards above the atom bomb bunkers when it went out.

A few minutes later, Cpl. Toy said, "the object became real bright, like the sun, then fell in an angle to the ground and went out."

He described the object as about 75 to 100 yards in diameter and shaped like an egg.

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EXTRACT FROM RUPPELT'S BOOK

At 2:30 a.m. on Sunday morning, only a few hours after UFO sings had wrought havoc around Develland, an army military police patrol was cruising the supersecret White Sands Proving Ground in New Mexico.

Here is their report as they gave it to Air Force UFO investigators:

"At approximately 0230, 3 November 1957, Source, together with PFC____, were on a routine patrol of the up range area of the White Sands Proving Ground when Source noticed a 'very bright' object high in the sky. This object slowly descended to an altitude estimated to be approximately 50 yards where it remained motionless for about 3 minutes, then it descended to the ground where the light went out. The object was not blurred or fuzzy, emitted no vapor or smoke. The object was in view for about 10 minutes, and Source estimated that it was approximately 2 or 3 miles away. It was estimated to be between 75 and 100 yards in diameter and shaped like an egg. Source stated that it was as large as a grapefruit held at arm's length. The weather was cold, drizzling and windy, and Source stated no stars were visible. After the light went out Source and PFC____ continued north to the SIMULATOR SITE CAMP and reported the incident to the Sergeant of the Guard who returned to the area but failed to find anything."

The flap was on.

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ALBUQUERQUE, N.M., NOV. 4--(UP)--THE SOUTHWEST'S LEADING METEORITICIST, DR. LINCOLN LA PAZ, SAID TODAY HE DOESN'T BELIEVE THE MYSTERIOUS CIGAR-LIKE OBJECT SIGHTED OVER WEST TEXAS AND NEW MEXICO LAST NIGHT CONTAINED "LITTLE PEOPLE FROM MARS OR VENUS."

LA PAZ, HEAD OF THE METEORITICS INSTITUTE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO, SAID THE OBJECT WAS "EITHER MAN-MADE"" OR COULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO "METEORITIC PHENOMENON."

HE SAID STORIES OF THE POSSIBILITY OF A "SPACE SHIP" FROM ANOTHER PLANET MOTIVATED BY MAGNETIC FIELD FORCES "HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN SERIOUSLY BY SCIENTISTS." BUT HE INDICATED IT WAS "ENTIRELY POSSIBLE" THAT THE OBJECT WAS MAN-MADE.

LA PAZ SAID HE HAS RECEIVED CALLS TODAY FROM "THROUGHOUT THE AREA" MADE BY PEOPLE WHO REPORTEDLY SIGHTED THE MYSTERIOUS OBJECT. AMONG THEM WERE METEORITE WATCHERS" WHO OBSERVED THE RED, CIGAR-SHAPED PHENOMENON THROUGH "BREAKS" IN AN UNUSUALLY CLOUDY SKY.

CIGAR-LIKE OBJECTS AND OTHER SUCH OBJECTS, GLOWING RED, GREEN, AND PRACTICALLY EVERY COLOR OF THE RAINBOW, HAVE BEEN SIGHTED OVER THE SOUTH WESTERN DESERT FAIRLY FREQUENTLY WITHIN THE LAST 10 YEARS. LA PAZ SAID ALL REPORTS, INCLUDING THOSE MADE TODAY, WERE FORWARDED TO THE OFFICIAL GROUP AT WRIGHT PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE IN OHIO WHICH IS INVESTIGATING SUCH PHENOMENON.

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As for the White Sands sightings, the AF explanation speaks of "lights seen by planes patrolling the area." This is the first mention anywhere of planes; all the newspaper accounts said lights were seen by two two-man jeep patrols - by one at 3 a.m. and by another at 8 p.m. the same day (Nov. 3). Didn't the AF know about the jeeps? Did it know about them and prefer to ignore them, and why? Or were they merely being careless about their $10,000 facts? Were the lights also seen by planes? Whatever the reason for this discrepancy, we can test the AF conclusions only against the reports of the jeep observers. Says the AF: "The reports of the plane pilots were apparently explainable by the planet Venus in an unusually favorable position for observation, or by cloud formations around the moon." So far as the jeeps are concerned, the first explanation is all wrong and the second is preposterous. Venus is NEVER visible at all at 3 o'clock in the morning, and on November 3 it had set at 7:30 p.m., half an hour before the second jeep patrol saw anything. As for the alternate explanation suggested, the soldiers' descriptions of what they saw (page 2) indicates that such celestial acrobatics of "cloud formations around the moon" (in New Mexico's notoriously clear skies) were never seen before nor since.

The West Texas reports were only hours old when sightings were made independently by two Army patrols in the old A-bomb testing range outside of the White Sands Proving Ground in New Mexico. The first incident occurred at 3 a.m.; a two-man jeep patrol, consisting of Cpl. [redacted] and Pfc [redacted], watched a "very bright" egg-shaped object, about 75 - 100 yards in diameter, descend from the sky until it was about 50 yards above the old atom bunkers; then it went out. Suddenly it flared up again brilliantly, "like the sun, then fell in an angle to the ground and went out." No traces were found, and no unusual effects on the jeep were noticed. Seventeen hours later, at 8 p.m., Specialists 3/c [redacted] (sic) and [redacted] saw a "bright 200 or 300-foot light" hanging motionless about 50 feet above an old bunker; the light "took off at a 45-degree angle" and started blinking; then it disappeared. None of the men in either patrol had known of the Levelland reports.

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G. SAME AS (F)

H. NONE

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I. NONE

2.

A. ROUTINE SCANNING

B. 10 DEGREES

C. 15 DEGREES

D. SOUTH VERY SLOWLY NO MANEUVERS

E. FADE OUT

F. 7 OR 8 MINUTES

3.

A. GROUND VISUAL

B. 750 POWERED BINOCULARS

C. NONE

4.

A. 1940Z 04 NOV 57 4/1940Z 1940 - 5 = 1440

B. DAY

5. GHHN 1858

6.

A. MRS [redacted] FLA. HOUSEWIFE

MRS [redacted]

[redacted] DUNEDIN FLA. HOUSEWIFE

B. NONE

7.

B. DAY

5. GHHN 185[redacted]

6.

A. MRS [redacted] IN FLA. HOUSEWIFE

M[redacted]

DUNEDIN FLA. HOUSEWIFE

B. NONE

7.

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A. VERY CLEAR

B. 5,000 350DEG-20 10,000 340DEG-25 15,000 320DEG-25
20,000, 300DEG-30, 50,000, 280 DEG-15.

C. UNLIMITED

D. UNLIMITED

E. NONE

F. NONE

8. NONE

9. NONE

10. NO DISCERNABLE TRAFFIC IN SITING AREA

11. SENIOR DIRECTOR, JET, PULLING NON-PERSISTENT CONTRAILS.

12. NONE.

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CONCUR:
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