

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 23 November 1957		2. LOCATION Amarillo AFB, 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 _____ GMT 23/1045Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2-3 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one			
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round, white, glowing, object, size of half dollar. Moved toward observer then veered up and to the right.				11. COMMENTS Observer probably saw an a/c which was in the vicinity of the sighting at the time.	

688TH AIRCRAFT CONTROL AND WARNING SQUADRON (ADC)
United States Air Force
Amarillo Air Force Base, Texas

OPS

NOV 1957

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Report

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

1. In accordance with paragraphs 905 and 906, chapter IX, of COMAD Manual 55-1, the following report of sighting of an unidentified flying object is hereby submitted:

a. Description of object;

- (1) Round.
- (2) Half dollar.
- (3) White.
- (4) One.
- (5) N/A.
- (6) It glowed.
- (7) None.
- (8) None.
- (9) None.

b. Description of course of object:

- (1) Bright light.
- (2) ^{AZ} 090° elev. 20° ~~at 10:00 AM on 11/1/57~~
- (3) ^{AZ} 120° elev. 60° ~~at 10:00 AM~~
- (4) Moved toward observer then veered up and to right.
- (5) Faded.
- (6) Two or Three minutes.

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c. Manner of observation:

- (1) Ground visual.
- (2) N/A.
- (3) N/A.

d. Time and date of sighting.

- (1) 1045Z 23 Nov 57. *1045-0 = 0445*
- (2) Night.

e. Location of observer(s). Exact latitude and longitude of each observer or georef position, or position with reference to a known landmark.

- (1) GEOREF position FJDF 2017.

f. Identifying information of observer(s):

- (1) N/A.
- (2) Fletchall, R.D. A/3C 688th AC&W Squadron, Air Policeman.
Fairly reliable.

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

- (1) Clear and cold.
- (2) Surface - 280 DEGREES 06 KNOTS *S*
6,000 FEET 050 DEGREES 05 KNOTS *NE*
10,000 FEET 040 DEGREES 15 KNOTS *NE*
16,000 FEET 050 DEGREES 25 KNOTS *NE*
20,000 FEET 060 DEGREES 50 KNOTS *ENE*
30,000 FEET 050 DEGREES 85 KNOTS *NE*
50,000 FEET 280 DEGREES 10 KNOTS *W*
80,000 FEET NOT AVAILABLE
- (3) None.
- (4) 15 *f*.
- (5) None.
- (6) None.

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h. Any other unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting.

(1) None.

i. Interception or identification action taken (such action may be taken whenever feasible, complying with existing Air Defense directives).

(1) None.

j. Location of any air traffic in the area at time of sighting.

(1) One Piper Tri-Pacer in area.

k. The following comment is submitted by 2/Lt. Richard P. Henderson, Director on Duty at time of sighting.

According to the observer he heard no sound and the object moved very fast, thus it is doubtful that the sighting was that of a TRI-Pacer.

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Commander

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5 DEC 1957

Hq Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado

TO: Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: AFCIN-4EH,
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

ATIC Comment:

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If the object moved "very fast" as reported, it is doubtful it would have stayed in sight for 2 or 3 minutes.

The observer is unreliable in reporting elevations and azimuths, he is probably just as unreliable in reporting speeds.

Under the circumstances the observer no doubt saw the tri-pacer that was in the area. Why he or the observer would report it, we cannot understand.