

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 16 Mar 58	2. LOCATION Tampa, Fla. Macdill AFB. Fla		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☒ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1 hr prior to sunset GMT 16/2130Z-2340Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual Binoculars ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military & Civilian		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 mins	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE stationary	☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 1. Obj like inverted pear. White changing to reddish-orange. Size of pea w/naked eye, size of dime w/binoculars. 2. Egg shaped obj w/large part on top, silver color, size of pea.		11. COMMENTS The description is typical of a balloon seen at dusk. Confirmed WX Bureau Schedule.	

80000 UNKNOWN

C. NONE

D. 15 MILES

E. TWO TENTHS

F. NONE

8. NONE

9. NONE

10. NONE

11. FLIGHT SERVICE OPERATIONS OFFICER FORWARDED FOR
INFORMATION AND NECESSARY ACTION.

12. NONE

BT

17/0053Z MAR RJESSW

S/SGT ROBERT M TOPPMAN AGE 29 1928TH AACCS SQDN TOWER OPERATOR

ALL STATIONED MACDILL AFB, FLA.

1. A. CLEAR

B. 6000 280 DEGS 20K

10000 290 DEGS 35K

Note discrepancy
in this given - by
three diff. servers
SAME
by

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16000 280 DEGS 60K

20000 270 DEGS 45K

30000 270 DEGS 120K

50000 270 DEGS 110K

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THRU

BA/COX 1217 022358
16 MAY
ATTC

RC004

SQB012 YDC001 VYC005 VMA010SWA003

PP RJEDDN RJEDWP RJEPNB RJESDB

DE RJESSW 2B

P 170051Z

FM COMDR 2047TH AACSRON

TO RJADEN/COMDR AIR DEFENCE COMMAND

RJEDWP/COMDR AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER

RJEPNB/COMDR EASTERN AIR DEFENCE COMMAND

1-
2-
3- } 454

4- 4X20

71091

1. A. STAR OR BALLOON

B. PEA

C. SILVER *NOTE!*

D. ONE

E. N/A

F. N/A

G. NONE

H. NO SOUND

I. NONE

2. A. PEOPLE ALL OVER CITY OF TAMPA CALLED MACDILL AFB ABOUT IT.

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B. 040 DEGS UP *← IN what direction?*

C. SAME

D. NONE

E. COULD NOT SEE AFTER SUNSET

F. ONE HALF HOUR *← NOTE!*

3. A. GROUND VISUAL

B. BINOCULARS *← observer watched stationary object for 30 minutes, ~~not~~ through binoculars, yet could not identify same*

C. NOT SEEN AIRBORNE

4. A. 16/2330Z *2330-5 = 1830*

B. DUSK

5. MACDILL AFB, FLA.

6. A. NONE

B. T/SGT. COOK AGE 27 ORIG HQ SQDN 809TH AIR FORCE GROUP,

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RAC09

V SQA018 YDA004 VYC012 VMA017SWA007

PP RJEDDN RJEDWP RJEPNB RJESKB

DE RJESSW 4B

P 170405Z

FM CMDR 2247TH AACSRON

TO RJEDEN/CMDR AIR DEFENSE COMMAND

RJEDWP/CMDR AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER

RJEPNB/CMDR EASTERN AIR DEFENSE COMMAND

RJESKB/CMDR 35TH AIR DIVISION

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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL INFO ON UFOB

FURTHER SIGHTING ON UFOB

INN 150 DEGS AT 2238E. MYR ESE AT 2238E. V1074 IN VICINITY OF

AZELIA INTERCETION AT 2238E. V1575 ON A9 5 MINS SOUTH MYR 022

DEGS AT 2238E. V6034 ON A9 SOUTH 6 MINS NE MYR AT 2238E

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17/0405Z MAR RJESSW

Phone 00
1705434 -
Rising later

Mar 17 04 53 '53

1- } 4E4
2- }
3- }

4- 4X2a

 JTC 9/1

16/23402

28

1 Witness

BA 11/08/50

Mar 17 03 11 '50

RA005

SQAC13 YDC002 VYC007 VMA012SWA005

PP RJEDDN RJEDWP RJEPNB RJESDB

DE RJESSW 3B

P 170200Z

FM COMDR 2047TH AACSRON

TO RJEDEN/COMDR AIR DEFENCE COMMAND

RJEDWP/COMDR AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER

RJEPNB/COMDR EASTERN AIR DEFENCE COMMAND

RJESDB/COMDR 35TH AIR DIVISION DEFENSE

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SUBJECT: UFOB

1. A. PEAR LIKE INVERTED PEAR

B. PEA CHANGING TO SIZE OF DIME WHEN USING BINOCULARS

C. WHITE CHANGING TO REDDISH ORANGE

D. ONE

E. NONE

F. NONE

G. NONE

H. NO SOUND

I. NONE

1-
2- } 4E4
3- }
4- 4X2a
GHC 911

General appearance of some balloons before they inflated. A fact well known and can be confirmed by numerous photographs.

2. A. JUST HAPPENED TO LOOK UP AND SAW IT.

B. 050 DEGS NNE OF TREASURE ISLAND ST PETERSBURG, FLA.

C. SAME

D. NONE

E. REDDING ORANGE COLOR DISAPPEARED AT SUNSET

F. 10 MINUTES

3. A. GROUND VISUAL

B. NAKED EYE AND BINOCULARS

C. NONE

4. A. 16/2340Z 2340-5 = 1840

B. DUSK

5. A. TREASURE ISLAND ST PETERSBURG FLA NORTH NORTH EAST

6. A. ██████████ AGE 40 ██████████ ST PETERSBURG 6, FLA.

MECH ENGINEER WITH HAMILTON STANDARD

B. NONE

7. A. CLEAR

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17/0201Z MAR RJESSW

cc check shows a balloon was released at Tampa around time reported. (Ref: U.S. Weather Bureau Schedule 0 0 -4.23, dtd 230-57) The description given is typical of a balloon seen at dusk etc as has been proven many times.

although items 7 B + 7C shows no movement, the object.

Witness

11/21/30 Z

18.401

19

7 MAR 58 00 2 MAR 17 05 39 '50

ATLC

Phone CD-1705437
Pick up later

RC011

SQA021KYDA005 VYC014 VMA019DLA007

PP RJEDDN RJESDB RJEDSQ RJEPHQ

DE RJESDL 1

P 170430Z

FM COMAIRDIV 6 MACDILL AFB FLA

TO RJEDDN/COMAIRDEF ENT AFB COLO

RJESDB/COMAIRDEFDIV 35 DOBBINS AFB MARIETTA GA

RJEDSQ/COMAIRTECH INTELLIGENCE CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB DAYTON OHIO

RJEPHQ/ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASHDC

RJEPHQ/OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES HQ USAF WASHDC

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/UNCLAS/UFO

(A) 1. EGGSHAPE WITH LARGE PART ON TOP

2. PEA

3. SILVER

4. ONE

5. N/A

6. NONE

7. N/A

8. NONE

9. NONE

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(B) 1. BRIGHT SLIVER COLOR IN DAYLIGHT

2", 45 DEGREES UP ON NORTH HEADING

3. SAME

4. NONE DID NOT MOVE

5. SUNSET

6. 30 MINS BEFORE SUNSET

(C) 1. GROUND-VISUAL

2. NONE

3. N/A

(D) 1. 2130Z - 16 MAR 58 *2130-57 = 1630*

2. DUSK

(E) MACDILL AFB

F. MALCOLM E. TOOF CAPT. HQ. SQN. 809TH ABG MACDILL AFB ASST
OPERATION OFFICER VERY RELIABLE

(G) 1. 1757E HRS - HIGH SCATTERED 15 MI 61/35-NW7 .004

1857E HRS- HIGH SCATTERED 15 MI 58/43-NW5-007

2. SURFACE - 320/6

3300 - 310/14

15000-300/29

16000-280/43

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20000-270/59

30000 270/65

50000 270/75

80000- NOT AVAILABLE

3. NONE - SCATTERED CIRRUS *

4. 15 MI

5. 3/8 CIRRUS *

6 NONE

(H) NONE

(I) NONE

(J) ONE T-33 DEPARTED MACDILL AT 1840E FOR EGLIN AT 10,000 FT ON
A NORTH HEADING

(K) ASST. OPERATIONS OFFICER MACDILL AFB, OBJECT APPEARED TO BE A
BALLOON AT VERY HIGH ALTITUDE, WITH THE SETTING SUNSHINING ON IT TO
GIVE IT THE SHINY LOOK. WX STATION AT MACDILL SAID IT COULD BE
A WEATHER BALLOON AT VERY HIGH ALTITUDE. FROM THE TIME IT WAS SIGHTED
IT DID NOT SEEM TO MOVE UNTIL IT DISAPPEARED.

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17/0453Z MAR RJESDL

CONCUR:

POSS BALLOON

It is pointed out that the observer
was looking at object through a
scattered cloud cover * (see 3-5 above),
at dusk. The tricks played on eyes under
these conditions well-known (and documented)
for over 12 years by UFO section.