

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 Apr 58		2. LOCATION Between Fresno-Merced, Cali		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 25/1725Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☐ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4-5 secs		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE SW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Circular obj, size of pea at arms length. White. Obj far above balloon which was at 150,000ft. 180 degrees of turn was seen, then obj streaked toward Pacific.				11. COMMENTS A U-2 a/c on classified project was in the general area on date and time indicated. A balloon was sighted by the pilot. The U-2 a/c did make a turn in that general area.	

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FM COMDR 669TH ACWRON

TO RJEPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASH 25 DC

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RJEDSQ/COMDR AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER

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ORGL 122160UFOB SIGHTING, 25/1740Z APR 58 IN ACCORDANCE

WITH AFR 200-2 DTD 12 AUG 54 THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED.

1A. ROUND 1B. PEA 1C. LIGHT WHITE OR SILVER 1D. ONE 1E. N/A 1F.

UNABLE TO DETERMINE 1G. NONE 1H. NONE 1I. NONE 2A. MERIDEN BLUE

FLIGHT WENT OVER TO INVESTIGATE AREIAL BALLON AND SAW OBJECT. 2B.

APPROXIMATE 45 DEGREES ELEVATION, AZIMUTH 30 DEGREES STARBOARD OF

FLIGHT (FLIGHT HEADING 300 DEGREES) 2C. APPROXIMATE 45 DEGREES

ELEVATION, AZIMUTH 45 DEGREES PORT OF FLIGHT (FLIGHT HEADING 300

DEGREES) 2D. MADE A 360 DEGREE TURN BALLOON THEN ROLLED OUT HEADING

SOUTH 2E. OBJECT MOVED AWAY AT HIGH SPEED 2F. ONE MINUTE 3A. AIR

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VISUAL 3B. NAKED EYE 3C. F-100'S MERIDEN BLUE FLIGHT/THREE AIRCRAFT,

45,000 FEET, 300 DEGREES MAG, GEORGE AFB, CALIFORNIA 4A. 25/1725Z 1725-8-07 20

APR 58 4B. DAY 5. HALFWAY BETWEEN FRESNO CALIF AND MERCED CALIF

A. [REDACTED] CAPT, [REDACTED], 413TH FIGHTER DAY WING GEORGE AFB,

CALIF, RELIABLE. FRIDLEY C. I. 1LT 413TH FIGHTER DAY WING

GEORGE AFB, CALIF, RELIABLE.

7A. EXCELLENT 7B. SURFACE ^{WNW} 305 DEGREES 30 KNOTS, 6,000, ^{WNW} 305 DEGREES

30 KNOTS, 10,000 ^W 275 DEGREES 50 KNOTS, 16,000 ^W 265 DEGREES 7 KNOTS,

20,000 ^W 265 DEGREES 70 KNOTS, 30,000 ^W 265 DEGREES 70 KNOTS, 50,000

^{WSW} 250 DEGREES 15 KNOTS, 80,000 UNKNOWN. 7C. CLEAR 7D. UNLIMITED 7E. LESS

THAN 10 PERCENT 7F. NONE 8. OBJECT ABOVE 65,000 FEET. 9. NONE

10. AERIAL BALLON 36 DEGREES 35 MINUTES NORTH, 119 DEGREES 25 MINUTES

WEST AT 1753Z 11. OBJECT WILL PROBABLY TURN OUT TO BE A MILITARY

VEHICLE BEING PUT THROUG TESTS. HOHN KROEHLER JR 2/LT, DUTY

DIRECTOR. 12. NONE.

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*how is this determined? It is very
difficult to estimate altitude while
in the air, with any degree of
accuracy, with naked eye.*

*pt Repat states balloon at
130,000 feet (Inconsistent)*

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UNCLAS FROM FDOI 04-598. SUBJ: UFO. A. (1)

CIRCULAR. (2) SIZE OF PEA HELD AT ARMS LENGTH. (3) WHITE.

(4) ONE. (5) N/A (6) NONE. (7) NONE. (8) NONE. (9) NONE. B. (1)

FLIGHT WAS MAKING INTERDEPT OF WEATHER BALLOON AT TIME OF

SIGHTING. (2) WEATHER BALLOON WAS AT APPROXIMATELY 150,000 FEET

AND OBJECT WAS FAR ABOVE BALLOON. (3) ABOVE 150,000. (4) WHEN

SIGHTED OBJECT WAS IN A TURN, AROUND OR NEAR BALLOON. 180

DEGREES OF TURN WAS SEEN. THEN OBJECT STREAKED TOWARD PACIFIC

OCEAN ON SOUTH-WEST HEADING. (5) VERY RAPIDLY IN A SOUTH-WEST

DIRECTION. (6) FOUR FIVE SECONDS. C. (1) AIR-VISUAL. (2) NONE

Note: Apparent 175 miles
from Edwards AFB
(High speed aircraft)
grounded - ... to
6000 feet

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(3) TWO F-100C, SERIAL NUMBERS [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED], 45,000 FEET,
33 DEGREES, .78 MACH, GEORGE AFB, CALIFORNIA. D. (1) 1725 ZULU,
25 APRIL 1958. (2) DAY. E. 3707N - 12015W, SITUATED HALFWAY
BETWEEN FRESNO AND MERCED, CALIFORNIA. F. (1) N/A. (2) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CAPTAIN, PILOT, [REDACTED]

1/LT, PILOT, 436TH FTR DAY SQUADRON, GEORGE AFB, CALIFORNIA. G.

(1) CLEAR WITH EXCELLENT VISIBILITY. (2) GROUND: 300 DEGREES/10

KTS, 6000 FEET: 300 DEG/5 KTS, 10,000 FEET: 310 DEG/25 KTS

15,000 FEET: 310 DEG/44 KTS 20,000 FEET: 310 DEG/45 KTS, 30,000

FEET: 300/DEG/44 KTS, 50,000 FEET: 250 DEG/37 KTS, 74,000 FEET

100 DEG/4 KTS (3)
[REDACTED] UNLIMITED. (4) 20 NM (5) NONE. (6) NONE. H.

NONE. 8. NONE. J. ONLY OTHER SIGHTING IN AREA WAS WEATHER

BALLOON, SIGHTED AT 3707N - 12015W. K. 479TH WING INTELLIGENCE

OFFICER, CAPTAIN DEAN E. ABBOTT, PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF THESE

EVENTS REVEALS NO KNOWN REASONS OR CAUSE FOR THIS SIGHTING.

THE TWO OBSERVERS HAVE AN EXCELLENT REPUTATION FOR VERACITY.

THEY WERE INVESTIGATING THE LARGE "SKY HOOK" WEATHER BALLOON

WHEN THE UFO WAS SIGHTED IN ITS VICINITY. 1. NONE/ END/ UNCLAS

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JOINT MESSAGEFORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

Unclassified

SPACE BELOW RESERVED FOR COMMUNICATION CENTER

PRECEDENCE	TYPE MSG (Check)	ACCOUNTING SYMBOL	ORIG. OR REFERS TO	CLASSIFICATION OF REFERENCE
ACTION PRIORITY	BOOK	AF	FDOI 04-598	UNCL
INFO AIR MAIL	MULTI X			
	SINGLE			

FROM: COMDR, ATIC

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

TO: COMDR, EDWARDS AFB, MUROC, CALIFORNIA *R20P34*
INFO: COMDR, 1006TH AISS, ENT AFB, COLO SPRINGS, COLO (AIR MAIL)
UNCLASSIFIED/AFCIN-4E4 *5-872-E*

Ref para.'s 1, 6b & 6c, AFR 200-2, subject UFO, and TT Msg
FDOI 04-598, 25 Apr 58, copy to COMDR NORAD. Request checks be
made to determine if any flights, tests, or other operations known
to you, or part of your activities, which could account for UFO
sighting reported by two F-100c pilots in general area midway
between Merced and Fresno California at approximately 1725 Zulu
Time, 25 April 58. Brief details: pilots Capt. [REDACTED] and
Lt. [REDACTED] from 436th Ftr. Sqd., George AFB, Calif., at
45,000 feet, 30 degree heading, about Mach Nr. .8 investigating
"Sky Hook" balloon, which was at approximately 150,000 feet. UFO
reported seen ⁽⁴¹⁰⁾ above balloon, which made 180 degree turn near
^(above 65,000 feet and) or around balloon, then streaked, repeat streaked, towards Pacific

DATE 5	TIME 1600
MONTH MAY	YEAR 1958

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FROM:

COMDR, ATIC

Ocean on SW heading. In reply refer to AFCIN-4E4 with info copy to Assistant Chief of Staff/Intelligence, Headquarters, USAF, Washington 25, D.C.

COORDINATION:

AFCIN-4E4

A.A. Miley
Dr. MileyDATE 5 May 58

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HK Gilbert
Colonel GilbertDATE 5 May

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Francis Arcier
Mr. ArcierDATE 6 May 58

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FM COMDR AFFTC

TO RJEDSQ/COMDR AIR TEC INTEL CEN WPAFB

INFO RJWFAM/COMDR 1006TH AIR INTEL SER SQUAD PETERSON FIELD

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UNCLASSIFIED/FROM FTOOC-5-9-E, FOR AFCIN-4E4

(WADC), ASST CHIEF OF STAFF/INTELLIGENCE (HQ USAF).

REFERENCE ATIC MESSAGE AFCIN-4E4-5-872-E. A U-2 AIRCRAFT,

ON A CLASSIFIED PROJECT FROM THIS CENTER, WAS IN THE
GENERAL AREA ON DATE AND TIME INDICATED. A BALLOON WAS
SIGHTED BY THE PILOT. THE U-2 AIRCRAFT DID MAKE A TURN
IN THAT GENERAL AREA.

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15/2234Z MAY RJWPBF

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