PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 10 Mar 59	2. LOCATION Oro Grande, Calif.	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other_____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 10/0225Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 secs	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE West

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Obj roughly triangular in shape, appeared very bright and colorless. Approx 5 1/2 to 6" across base and about 4 to 5" fm apex to base. Appeared to emit a trail a about 8 to 10 times longer than the obj itself which seemed more like the afterglow of a cigarette moved quickly thru the air in a darkened room rather than an actual emitted trail. Trail was whiter in color though duller in intensity than the obj itself.

11. COMMENTS

Obj sighted was probably a meteor.

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SUBJECT
UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT (UFO)

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	831st Air Division, USAF

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
17 March 1959	10 March 1959	F-6

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
Captain Rudolph H. Pestalozzi	Mrs [redacted] (Civilian)

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
AFR 200-2

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

An Unidentified Flying Object was reported to this headquarters, 12 March 1959, by Mrs [redacted]. A through investigation of the report was made by Captain Rudolph H. Pestalozzi, 831st Air Division Intelligence Officer. The text of the report begins on Part II of Form 112 and is in accordance with AFR 200-2, dated 5 February 1958.

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a. Object Data

(1) Shape: Shallow, bell-shaped. (See attachment #1).

(2) Size: The size of this object could not be accurately judged because it was at an unknown distance from the observer's position. The observer stated that the object appeared to be roughly triangular in shape. At arms length the object was approximately 5 ½ to 6 inches across the base of the triangle and about 4 to 5 inches from apex to base. The object appeared to emit a trail about 8 to 10 times longer than the object itself. She did state that this trail could have been similar to the after-glow of a cigarette moved quickly through the air in a darkened room rather than an actual emitted trail.

(3) Color: The object appeared to the observer to be very bright and colorless. She stated that the "trail" was whiter in color though duller in intensity than the object itself but under continued questioning could give no color impression of the object. The observer stated that the trail appeared to be non-solid and streaked. She did not notice the light reflected in objects within her range of vision nor did she notice reflected light in her darkened room.

(4) Number: One

(5) Formation: N/A

(6) Features: No apparent flight control surfaces.

(7) Trail: (See (3) above.

(8) Sound: None

(9) Other features: None.

b. Description of Course:

(1) What first called observers attention to object?
Mrs [redacted] had risen approximately 10 0915Z March 1959 to give her sick child some medicine. At 0925Z after having again retired, she was lying in bed observing the stars through her bedroom window which faces south, when the object appeared at the left or eastern edge of her bedroom window.

(2) Angle or elevation and azimuth when first seen:
Mrs [redacted] stated that when first seen the object was about 15° above the horizon. From her position, its distance from the windows and her description she first observed the object about 170 to 175° azimuth.

(3) Angle of elevation and azimuth when last seen:
When last seen the object was between 20° and 25° above the horizon and at 220° - 225° azimuth from observers position.

(4) Flight Path:
The object was observed south of 34° 34' 30'N/117° 22' 15" W at an unknown distance traveling in a straight line shallow ascent from east to west. The observer stated that the objects line of flight could have been East Southeast to West Northwest.

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(5) How did object disappear:
The limits of observation were confined by her bedroom windows which were about eight feet in width. The two windows were separated by a four inch frame. Her view of the UFO was simply cut off by the confines of the west window.

(6) Length of observation: About 3 seconds.

c. Manner of observation:

(1) Ground visual

(2) No optical aids used

(3) N/a

d. Time and date of sighting:

(1) 10 0925Z March 1959

(2) Night

e. Location of observer:
Geographical coordinates: 34° 34' 30" N/ 117° 22' 15" W
Approximately 5 miles northwest of Victorville, California

f. Name, etc., of Observer:
Mrs. [redacted] California, Housewife

g. Weather, etc., at time and place of sighting:

(1) Observers account: The weather was clear, with no moon, no clouds, and visibility unlimited.

(2) George AFB Weather Station winds at 1000Z:

Direction	Velocity in Kts	Altitude
340°	10	6,000
340°	10	10,000
320°	25	16,000
310°	40	20,000
280°	60	30,000
270°	65	50,000

(3) Ceiling: Unlimited

(4) Visibility: 10 miles

(5) Amount of cloud cover: None

(6) Thunderstorms in area: None

h. Unusual meteorological, astronomical activity: None

i. Interception or Identification action taken: None

j. Air TYraffic: None

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K. Position, title, and comments of preparing officer:

(1) Rudolph H. Pestalozzi, Captain, USAF, 831st Air Divison Intelligence Officer.

(2) Comments:

(a) Mrs. [redacted] had heard of Unidentified Flying Objects and knew vaguely that the Air Force was interested in these reports.

(b) She had never before seen anything like this object. She was absolutely certain that this object was not an aircraft and just as certain that it was not a meteorite. The objects speed was too fast and silent to be an airplane and too slow to be that of a meteorite.

(c) Mrs. [redacted] appeared to be sincere in her effort to report factually and was convinced that what she saw does exist.

(d) She denied wearing glasses and stated that upon last examination her eyes were normal.

(e) 1 There were no other reports of UFOs at or near the time of Mrs [redacted] observation.

2 Personnel in the George AFB Air Traffic Control Tower, 2½ miles north of observers position, saw nothing unusual that night and had had no air traffic in their system for about two hours before or three hours after the sighting time.

3 The tower personnel reported no astronomical or meteorological phenomena that could account for this sighting.

(f) Mrs [redacted] seemed to be a lucid, honest person. She firmly believes she saw what she reported and reported what she saw.

(g) There is no evidence, pro or con, other than Mrs. [redacted] word to substantiate this report.

1. Existance of physical evidence: none.

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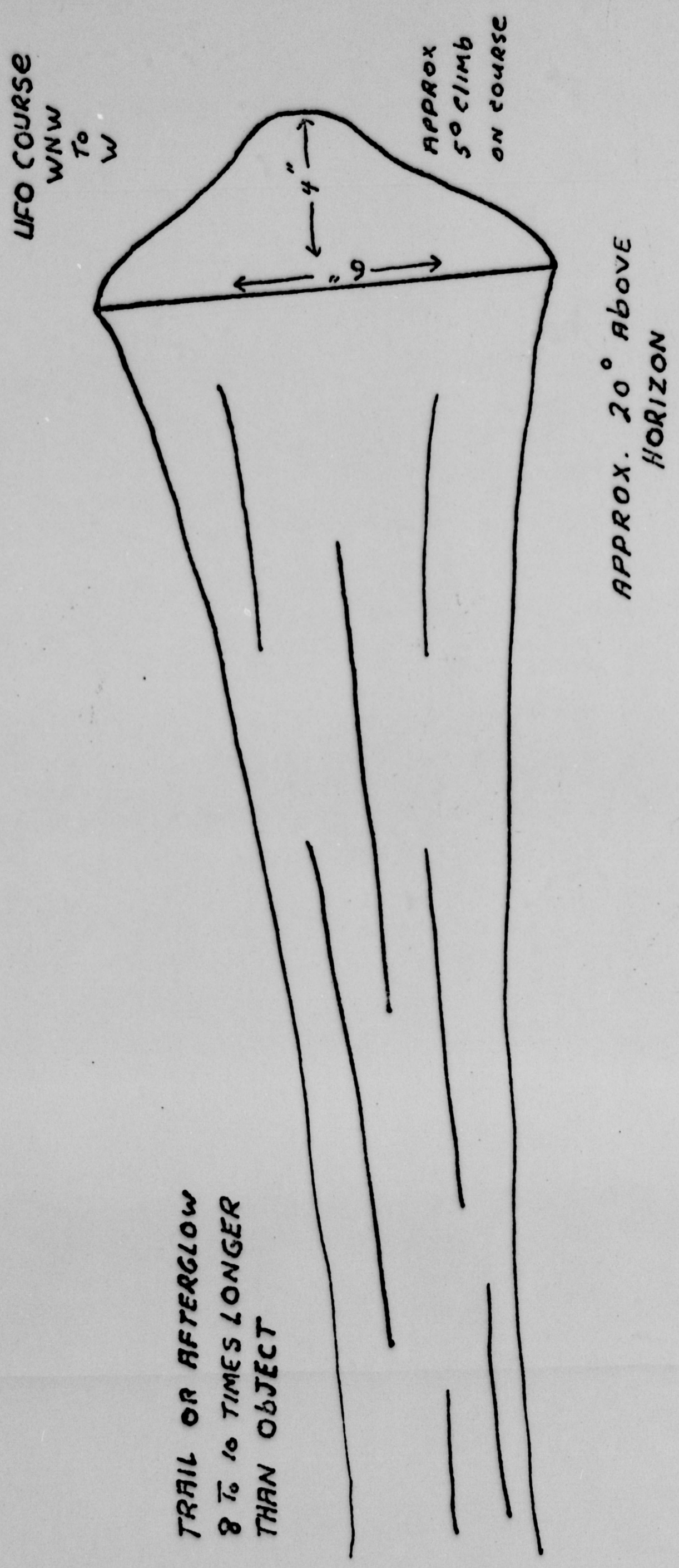

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