

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>19 Oct 59</u>		2. LOCATION <u>Castorville, Texas</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Prob Cloud</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ <u>GMP/0015Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar <u>Binoculars</u> ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE <u>Military & Civilian</u>			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>20 mins</u>		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>one</u>		9. COURSE <u>downward</u>	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING <u>Orange fire colored, cigar shaped obj, size of grapefruit w/feathery edges. Obj was orientated vertically & moved very slowly toward horizon. vertically //</u>				11. COMMENTS <u>Probably an isolated cloud glowing in the rays of the setting sun.</u>	

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DISAPPEARED SLOWLY INTO HORIZON; (6) 20 MINUTES. PARA C, (1) GROUND VISUAL; (2) 7 X 35 BUSHNELL CENTER FOCUS BINOCULARS; (3) N/A. PARA D, (1) 0015 ZULU 10 OCT 59; (2) DUSK. PARA E, 29 20 N, 98 55 W, 4 MILES WSW OF CASTROVILLE, TEX. PARA F, (1) [REDACTED] [REDACTED], [REDACTED], RANDOLPH VILLAGE, RANDOLPH AFB, TEX. MAINTENANCE CHIEF, [REDACTED], RANDOLPH AFB, TEX. OBSERVERS CONSIDERED RELIABLE; (2) N/A. PARA G, (1) OBSERVERS STATE THAT WEATHER WAS CLEAR; (2) KELLY AFB AWS REPORTING SURFACE WINDS SE 9 KNOTS, 6000 FT 200/20; 10,000 FT 200/15; 16,000 FT 230/10; 20,000 FT 240/15; 30,000 FT 230/25; 50,000 FT 250/55; 80,000 FT NEGATIVE; (3) NEGATIVE CEILING; (4) KELLY AFB AWS REPORTING 15 MILES VISIBILITY AND (5) 3500 FT SCATTERED; (6) NEGATIVE THUNDERSTORMS; (7) TEMP GRADIENT, ONE DEGREE/1000 FT TO 1000 FT, 2.2 DEGREES/1000 FT ABOVE 1000 FT. PARA H, NEGATIVE. PARA I, NEGATIVE. PARA J, NEGATIVE. PARA K, STAFF OFFICER IN WING OPS SECTION, 3510 FLYTRAWG, RANDOLPH AFB IS PREPARING OFFICER. COMMENTS. OBSERVERS ARE SINCERE, INTELLIGENT AND STABLE. LACAL AFB TOWERS, AC&W GCI AT LACKLAND AFB, AND SAN ANTONIO CENTER RADAR CONTACTED WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS REVEALS NO PROBABLE CAUSE OF SIGHTING. PARA L, NEGATIVE.

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UFO ANALYSIS SHEET

Location CASTROVILLE, TEXAS.

Date 9/10 OCT 59 Hour (Z) 10/0015 Z

WX CLEAR, SCATTERED CLOUDS AT 3500'

Description CIGAR SHAPED, SIZE OF GRAPEFRUIT
ORANGE FIRE COLORED - WITH FEATHERY
EDGES. (ONE OBJECT).

Direction of Motion REPORTED AS DOWNWARD BY WITNESS.

Satellite: (AFCIN-4F3, Phone 69219) OBJECT IN SIGHT 20 MINUTES

DESCRIPTION AND DIRECTION OF MOTION ALL RULE OUT SATELLITE

Astronomical Phenomena (Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc) OBJECT DESCRIPTION -

AND RELATIVE SLOW SPEED (METEOR) AND MOTION RULE OUT
ASTRO PHENOMENA AS A POSSIBILITY.

Radar Analysis (AFCIN-4E1)

N/A.

Natural Phenomena (Ball Lightning, etc) N/A. FOR BALL LIGHTNING.

OBJECT WAS PROBABLY A CLOUD SHOWING FIRE ORANGE IN
THE SUNSET AND DRIFTING AWAY FROM THE OBSERVER.

Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc. WITNESS LOOKED AT OBJECT
THROUGH BINOCULARS AND SHOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
IDENTIFY ONE OF THESE OBJECTS.

Other

Evaluation of Source Reliability PROBABLY GOOD.

Analysis and Conclusions:

THE WITNESS PROBABLY SAW AN ISOLATED CLOUD
FLOWING IN THE RAYS OF THE SETTING SUN... THE
CLOUDS IN THE AREA WERE REPORTED AT 3500 FT. - THE
WIND AT LOW LEVELS WAS FROM THE EAST GENERALLY
AND THE CLOUD WOULD HAVE BEEN DRIFTING AWAY
FROM THE OBSERVER, THIS COUPLED WITH THE ILLUSION
CREATED BY THE STILL SETTING SUN COULD HAVE BEEN
INTERPRETED AS VERTICAL MOTION. THE DESCRIPTION WOULD
NOT CHANGE MATERIALLY FOR THE WITNESS WHEN THE