PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 27 Feb 61	2. LOCATION San Bernardino, California	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 1130 GMT 271930Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round, White objt, size of pinhead. Appeared and disappeared at 60° angle above northern horizon. Movements of small magnitude in essentially one position.

11. COMMENTS Both observer and reporting officer state they believe objt was a meteorological balloon. There were at least 3 balloons launched during morning hours prior to sighting. One of these balloons was possibly in position reported for objt.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

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MAR 9 1961
ATIC

RB014
CZCSQD147ZCQYD050
RR RJEDSQ
DE RJWZNF 9D
ZNR
R 072200Z
FM SBAMA NORTON AFB CALIF
TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLO
RJWZJB/LAADS NORTON AFB CALIF
RJEDSQ/AIR TECH INTELLIGENCE CTR WPAFB
RJEZHQ/HQ USAF WASHDC
RJEZHQ/SEC OF THE AF WASHDC
BT
UNCLAS/SBBFT-3-5-E UFO. FOR HQ USAF AFCIN FOR SEC OF THE AF SAFIS.
(1) ROUND
(2) PINHEAD HELD AT ARM LENGTH
(3) WHITE
(4) ONE
(5) THRU (9) NONE
B
(1) NOTED WHILE WATCHING COMMERCIAL 707 BOEING
(2) SIXTY DEGREE ANGLE ABOVE NORTHERN HORIZON
(3) SIXTY DEGREE ANGLE ABOVE NORTHERN HORIZON

1961 MAR 8 00 51

12 4E2 (UFO)
34X2A

1961 MAR 8 12 46

WPAFB ADVANCED SERVICES

JOINT MESSAGEFORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

SPACE BELOW RESERVED FOR COMMUNICATION CENTER

ZNR 10 MAR 61 1954z 10/2144Z 8T

PRECEDENCE		TYPE MSG (Check)			ACCOUNTING SYMBOL	ORIG. OR REFERS TO	CLASSIFICATION OF REFERENCE
ACTION	ROUTINE	BOOK	MULTI	SINGLE	AF	SBBFT-3-5-U	UNCLAS
INFO							

FROM:
ATIC W-PAFB

TO:
NORTON AFB CALIF RJWZNF

UNCLAS/AFCIN-4E2x 3-1195

SBAMA, YOUR MSG SBBFT-3-5-U, DTD 7 MAR 61, REQ THE WEATHER DATA, REF PAR 15g, AFR 200-2, DTD 14 SEP 59 FOR THE TIME OF SIGHTING BE FWD TO ATIC. IN ADDITION, REQ A CHECK BE MADE TO DETERMINE IF A BALLOON WAS LAUNCHED JUST PRIOR TO THE TIME OF SIGHTING. IF SO, INCLUDE ALL PERTINENT DATA REGARDING THE LAUNCHING.

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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DATE	TIME
10	1010
MONTH	YEAR
MAR	1961

WRITER

SYMBOL: AFCIN-4E2x

TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature, if required): James D. McClelland for Maj Robert J Friend

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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION: UNCLASSIFIED

RELEASER

SIGNATURE: Philip G. Evans

TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE:
PHILIP G. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science and Components

DD FORM 1 MAY 55 173 REPLACES DD FORM 173, 1 OCT 49, WHICH WILL BE USED UNTIL EXHAUSTED

(4) MOVEMENTS OF SMALL MAGNITUDE IN ESSENTIALLY ONE POSITION

(5) OBSERVERS STOPPED WATCHING OBJECT

(6) APPROXIMATELY TWENTY MINUTES

C

(1) GROUND VISUAL

(2) NONE

(3) NOT APPLICABLE

D

(1) ~~07 MARCH~~ 27 Feb 1961 1930 TO 1950Z

(2) DAY CLEAR

E [redacted] AVE SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF

F

(1) CIVILIAN [redacted], [redacted] SAN BERNARDINO CALIF

(2) CIVILIAN [redacted], [redacted] SAN BERNARDINO CALIF

G

(1) CLEAR AND VISIBILITY GOOD

H COMMA I COMMA J NONE

K JOHN R FINN MAJOR USAF PD OBJECT BELIEVED TO BE COMMON METRO BALLOON BY OBSERVERS AND INVESTIGATING OFFICER.

BT

07/2247Z MAR RJWZNF

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
STAFF MESSAGE DIVISION
UNCLASSIFIED MESSAGE

INCOMING

AF IN : 55936 (23 Mar 61) K/hph

ACTION: CIN-14

INFO : OOP-CP-1, OOP-2, SAFS-3 (21)

SMB C 050

ZCZCHQB370ZCQJB170

PP RJEZHQ

ZNR ZDK

NFB182

PP RJWZJB RJEZHQ RJEDSQ RJWFAL

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FM SBAMA NORTON AFB CALIF

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RJWZJB/LAADS NORTON AFB CALIF

RJEDSQ/AIR TECH INTELL CENTER WPAFB

RJEZHQ/HQ USAF WASHDC

RJEZHQ/SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE WASHDC

BT

UNCLAS/SBBFT-3-10-E UFO FOR SAFIS. REF TWX SBBFT-3-5-E AND MSG AFCIN-4E2X 3-1195. TO MSG SBBFT-3-5-E ADD FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH G/1/ /A/: NORTON AFB. NO WEATHER BALLOONS LAUNCHED DURING PERIOD APPLICABLE TO SIGHTING. WINDS ALOFT 5000 340/15 8000 330/20 10000 330/20 14000 330/30 18000 320/30 25000 330/40 30000 330/45 35000 330/50 40000 320/60 50000 290/40 60000 290/20.

/B/ GEORGE AFB. PIBAL RELEASED FROM CUDDYBACK GUNNERY RANGE 27 FEB 1530Z. WINDS 15441 40702 0504 60104 3604 83604 3106 03112 23221 43222 63226 8330 03327 23527. RUN TERMINATED AT 22000 MSL /MAX ALTITUDE REQUIRED/.

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/C/ EDWARDS AFB CALIF. RAWINSONDE BALLONS RELEASED AT 1305Z AND 2145Z 27 FEB 61. WINDS FROM 2145Z RELEASE 5000 264/08 10000 320/31 15000 310/35 20000 310/36 25000 306/45 30000 322/44 35000 334/62 40000 327/60 45000 300/44 50000 290/37 60000 296/18 70000 310/09 80000 276/08. BALLONS RAISE AT APPROXIMATELY 1000 FPM.

/D/! OXNARD AFB CALIF. NEGATIVE RELEASES FROM OXNARD AFB SAN NICOLAS ISLAND AND POINT MUGU NAS. POINT ARGUELLO RELEASED RAWINSONDE 27 FEB 1800Z WHICH REACHED 32000 METERS REPEAT METERS. WINDS ALOFT FROM THIS RELEASE 17930 0408 23608 3512 43612 3616 63621 3422 83323 3323 03326 23330 43235 63131 83236 03233 33227 53243 03340 53453 03360 43038 53047 02937 42930 03014 03110 53306 01506.

/E/ PALMDALE USWB QUERIED ON RELEASE. NO REPLY. ALSO INFORMED SANDBERG RELEASED PIBAL BUT NO INFO OBTAINABLE. REFERENCE PARA K BASIC MSG: OBJECT STILL BELIEVED TO BE BALLOON. SUGGEST CASE BE CONSIDERED CLOSED.

BT

22/2030Z MAR RJWZNF