

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 28 June 1947	2. LOCATION 30 Miles NW Lake Meade, Nevada
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON CLUSTER
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 5 or 6	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object was circular, white heading S in close formation.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Air-Visual	
7. COURSE 120 Deg	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

[REDACTED]

Incident #53 -- near Lake Meade, Nevada -- 28 June 1947

There appears to be nothing astronomical about this incident.

According to the observer, the objects had a speed of 285 MPH and were moving on a course of 120° . Now, since the plane was moving at 285 MPH on a course of 300° , it is possible that the observed motion of the objects was only apparent (since 180° plus 120° equal 300°), and we can conjecture that a cluster of balloons (cosmic ray apparatus perhaps) was observed, the motion of which was merely a reflection of the motion of the plane.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

UNCLASSIFIED

UNIDENTIFIABLE OBJECTS
Williams Fld., Chandler, Ariz.
15 July 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE OFFICER IN CHARGE:

1. On 14 July 1947, 1st Lt. [REDACTED], 170th AAF Base Unit, Ferry Division, Brooks Field, San Antonio, Texas was interviewed and the following information was obtained: Lt. [REDACTED] departed Williams Field, Arizona at 1400 CST on 28 June 1947 in a P-51 for Portland, Oregon, by the way of Medford, Oregon. At approximately 1515 CST on a course of 300 degrees, and ground speed of 285, altitude 10,000 feet, approximately thirty miles northwest of Lake Meade, Nevada Lt. [REDACTED] sighted five or six white, circular objects at four o'clock, altitude approximately 6,000 feet, courses approximately 120 degrees and an estimated speed of 285 MPH. Lt. [REDACTED] said the objects were flying very smoothly and in a close formation. The estimated size of the white objects were approximately 36 inches in diameter. Lt. [REDACTED] stated that he is sure the white objects were not birds, since the rate of closure was very fast. Lt. [REDACTED] was certain that the white objects were not jets or conventional type aircraft since he has flown both types.

AGENT'S NOTES:

Lt. [REDACTED] was very sincere in the explanation and was not the exaggerating type. He merely stated that he saw and has drawn no conclusions as to what the white objects were.

Lawrence R. King, Jr., Special Agent, CIC, ADC

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY:

Signed
R. D. STEPHENS
Major, Air Corps

UNCLASSIFIED

CHECK-LIST - UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS

Incident # 53

- Incident # 55
1. Date 28 June 47
 2. Time 1515 CST
 3. Location 30 miles northwest of Lake Meade, Nevada
 4. Name of observer 1st Lt [REDACTED]
 5. Occupation of observer Ferry Division, Brooks Fld., San Antonio, Texas
 6. Address of observer Brooks Fld., San Antonio, Texas, 170th AF Base Unit
 7. Place of observation 30 miles northwest of Lake Meade from air
 8. Number of objects 5 or 6
 9. Distance of object from observer N/S
 10. Time in sight N/S
 11. Altitude 6,000 ft
 12. Speed 285 MPH
 13. Direction of flight 120° (NW)
 14. Tactics horizontal very close formation
 15. Sound N/S
 16. Size 36" in diameter
 17. Color white
 18. Shape circular
 19. Odor detected N/S
 20. Apparent construction N/S
 21. Exhaust trails N/S
 22. Weather conditions N/S
 23. Effect on clouds N/S
 24. Sketches or photographs None
 25. Manner of disappearance N/S
 26. Remarks: (over) [REDACTED]
- DOWNGRADED AT 12 YEAR
INTERVALS: NO [REDACTED]
DECLASSIFIED [REDACTED]
- UNCLASSIFIED

DECLASSIFIED ON: 01-28-2001

UNCLASSIFIED

INCIDENT INDEX

1. Astronomical

a. High probability:

#26, 27, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 48, 49, 59, 60, 66, 69, 70, 94,
95, 96, 97, 98, 101, 102, 103, 104, 116, 119, 132, 136, 140,
147, 148, 158, 174, 184, 185, 187, 197, 203, 204, 208, 216,
219, 238.

b. Fair or low probability:

#19, 20, 23, 24, 28, 35, 36, 46, 50, 63, 67, 80, 82, 93, 100,
112, 120, 121, 129, 130, 144, 153, 165, 166, 167, 175, 192,
199, 202, 205, 220, 230, 240.

2. Non-astronomical but suggestive of other explanations

a. Balloons or ordinary aircraft:

#3, 11, 22, 41, 42, 53, 54, 73, 81, 83, 91, 92, 113, 114, 115,
126, 131, 138, 141, 145, 155, 156, 157, 159, 160, 161, 163,
169, 171, 173, 178, 180, 182, 188, 190, 194, 195, 196, 198,
200, 201, 209, 210, 217, 222, 235, 237, 239.

b. Rockets, flares or falling bodies:

#4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 25, 56, 65, 78, 106, 107,
108, 109, 133, 170, 211, 218.

c. Miscellaneous (reflections, auroral streamers, birds, etc.):

#39, 89, 123, 124, 128, 146, 164, 181, 189, 214, 221, 231, 234.

3. Non-astronomical, with no explanation evident

a. Lack of evidence precludes explanation:

#38, 44, 45, 47, 55, 57, 72, 86, 87, 88, 90, 99, 110, 117, 118,
125, 127, 137, 139, 149, 150, 177, 179, 191, 206, 212, 213,
229, 232, 233.

b. Evidence offered suggests no explanation:

#1, 2, 10, 17, 21, 29, 37, 40, 51, 52, 58, 61, 62, 64, 68, 71,
75, 76, 77, 79, 84, 105, 111, 122, 135, 151, 152, 154, 162,
168, 172, 176, 183, 186, 193, 207, 215, 223, 224, 225, 226,
227, 236, 241, 242, 243, 244, 134.

~~RESTRICTED~~

On 28 June 47 ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ in a P-51 bound for Portland, Oregon, by way of Medford, Oregon, at approx 1515 CST (course of 300°) and ground speed of 285 MPH, altitude 10,000 ft, approximately 30 miles NW of Lake Meade, Nevada. Lt ~~XXXXXX~~ sighted 5 or 6 white, circular objects at 4:00, ~~position~~ altitude approximately 6,000 ft, on a course of 120° and flying at an estimated speed of 285 MPH. The objects were flying very smoothly and in a close formation. The estimated size of the white objects was approximately 36" in diameter. Lt ~~XXXXXX~~ was sure the white objects were not birds since the rate of closure was very fast. He was certain too that the white objects were not jets or conventional aircraft since he has flown both.

AGENT'S NOTES:

Lt ~~XXXXXX~~ was very sincere in the explanation and was not the exaggerating type. He merely stated what he saw and drew no conclusions.

~~RESTRICTED~~

117