

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 6 Jul 49 06/1950Z	2. LOCATION For. Worth, Texas	391
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One		
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object was the size of a fist at arm's length. Silver in color and appeared to be semi-transparent. No sound or exhaust trail. Radar sight unit at Carswell AFB unit released a balloon at 2000 local which passed over the position of the observer.	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual		
7. COURSE North		
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No		

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INCIDENT NO. 391

1. Date of Observation 6 July 1949 Date of Interview 7 July 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 1350
3. Place of Observation Fort Worth, Texas
4. Position of observer Ground while working on B-36
5. What attracted attention to object. Noticed while scanning sky
6. Number of objects 1
7. Apparent size Fist at arms length 3 in diam at distance
8. Color of object Silver-semi transparent
9. Shape Spheroid, similar to soap bubble
10. Altitude 90°
11. Direction from observer West
12. Distance from observer 1 Mile
13. Direction of flight of object(s) South to North
14. Time in sight 15 Seconds
15. Speed 300 MPH
16. Sound and odor None
17. Trail None
18. Luminosity Reflection
19. Projections None
20. Maneuvers Straight flight
21. Manner of disappearance Behind obstacle
22. Effect on Clouds None
23. Additional Information Concerning Object Radar sight unit at Carswell AF Unit
released balloon at 1401 passed over position of observer.
24. Weather Conditions. Scattered cumulus, unlimited visibility, good light.

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Name and address of observer:

1st Lt [REDACTED]
7th Bomb Group, H, Carswell Air Force Base, Fort Worth,
Texas

Occupation and hobbies:

Pilot
Aircraft Commander

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

Possesses formal AEC clearance. Considered reliable.

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

Comments of Interrogator: Based upon the fact that a rawin balloon was in the vicinity at approximately the time of sighting of the object, and the similarity in description, too much credence cannot be attached to this report.

STATEMENT

On the 7 July 1949 at 1350 hours, I saw an unidentifiable object from a position on the horizontal stabilizer of a B-36. I was assisting in the installation of a control lock at the time, and from the position that I was in it was necessary for me to look skyward for a period of ten or fifteen minutes. I feel that I would never have seen the object had I not been in such a position. When I first saw the object, I thought that my eyes were blurred or that I was seeing a reflection, therefore I closed my eyes and opened them again, and the object was still present.

The object was flying South to North at approximately 300 MPH, and appeared to be approximately 3 inches in diameter. I was unable to judge either the size or the altitude of the object with any accuracy. I feel certain that this object was not a balloon, as it was flying in a horizontal plane and the speed was too great, although it did resemble a child's soap bubble, being spherical in shape and semi-transparent, silver in color. There was no sound or exhaust trail. Visibility at the time of sighting the object was good, there being scattered cumulus only.

I certify that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

[REDACTED]
1st Lt., USAF

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HEADQUARTERS 7TH BOMBARDMENT WING, HEAVY
Carswell Air Force Base
Fort Worth, Texas

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18 July 1949

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

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TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: MCIAXO-3

Attached copies of Report of Unidentified Flying Object and
statement of the observer are submitted for your information.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Sam A. Roberts

SAM A. ROBERTS
Major, USAF
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1. Investigation Rpt
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2. Statement (in trip)

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UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

Incident No. 2

1. Date of Observation July 1949 Date of Interview 7 July 1949
2. Exact time of Observation (local) 1350 Central
3. Place of Observation: Over Consolidated Aircraft Factory, Fort Worth,
(Map Coordinates) Texas. 33° 47' N 97° 27' W.
4. Position of observer (air, car, bldg, location of - give details):
Working on B-36 Aircraft parked on ramp in front of Control Tower
at Carswell Air Force Base, Ft Worth, Texas
5. What attracted attention to object: Noticed while casually scanning sky.
6. Number of objects and sketch of formation or grouping: One (1)
7. Apparent size (compare to known object, i.e., sun, moon, thumb or fist
at arms length):
Fist at Arms length.
8. Color of object: Silver, semi-transparent.
9. Shape (give graphic description - compare with known object):
Spheroid, similar to soap bubble.
10. Altitude (angle of elevation above horizon - 0° at horizon, 90° overhead):
90° overhead
11. Direction from observer (angle clockwise from North): 9 O'clock
When first seen? 1350 Central When last seen? 1351 Central
12. Distance from observer (distant to town, bldg, etc., over which
object appeared to be): One (1) mile
13. Direction of flight of object (s): 360°
14. Time in sight: 15 Seconds
15. Velocity (time to cover given angular distance): 300 mph
16. Sound and odor: None

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17. Trail (color, length, width, persistence, etc.) None
18. Luminosity (visible by reflection, incandescence, other - degree of brilliance): Visible by reflection.
19. Projections (fins, wings, rods, antennae, canopies, etc.): None
20. Maneuvers (turns, climbs, dives, etc. - sketch of flight path):
Straight and level.
21. Manner of disappearance: Disappeared behind rudder of parked aircraft.
22. Effect on clouds: None
23. Additional information concerning object: None
24. Weather conditions and light at time of sighting:
Scattered cumulus, unlimited visibility, good light.

Name and address of observer: 1st Lt. Clifford Schoeffler, 9th Bomb Squadron,
7th Bomb Group, H, Carswell Air Force Base, Fort Worth, Texas.

Occupation and hobbies:

Pilot.

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer
(check neighbors, police dept., FBI records, employer, etc.):

Posesses formal ATO clearance. Observer is an aircraft commander
and a Regular Air Force Officer. is considered very reliable.

Did observer wear glasses, especially polaroid glasses at time of sighting,
or was object viewed through canopy, window, or other transparent material?

Did not wear glasses. Observer was in the open.

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Relative to Radar Sightings

1. Re radars now operating on ground No radar sightings
 - a. Observations of direction, range, speed, altitude and size of target.
 - b. Did target execute any turns? If so, what angle (180°), etc, and what radius of turn. If radius of turn was not observable, how long did the target stay in the the turn and what was its speed?
 - c. Note particularly any separation of distant target into several targets upon approach:
 - d. Was radar blip on cathode ray tube well defined and consistent with size of object; faint; fading, pulsating at regular rate:
 - e. Did radar echo signal disappear suddenly or gradually?
2. If airborne, when object was sighted
 - a. Were there any radar indications or extra noise on radio circuits:
 - b. Give estimates of size, speed, maneuvers, etc:

GENERAL

1. Teletype sequences of local weather conditions:
1329 F.M. 45 @ 12 124/93/74 at 9/992

2. Winds aloft report:

2000	180°	15K
4000	210°	15K
6000	230°	20K
8000	240°	17K
10000	250°	15K

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3. Local flight schedules of commercial, private and military aircraft flying in vicinity at the time:

(Check Canadian activity if close to border)

None reported.

4. Possible releases of testing devices in vicinity sent aloft by Ordnance, Navy, Air Force, Army, Weather Units, Research Organizations or any other; obtain computed or observed trajectory of device (theodolite, radar readings, etc.) Radar sight unit at Carswell Air Force Base, Ft Worth, Texas, released a rawin balloon at 1401, Central. Course was IE, 270° turn to right and passing over reported position of object.

5. If object contacted earth, obtain soil samples within and without depression or spot where object landed for purposes of making comparison of soils.

No contact observed.

6. Obtain photographs (or original negatives) where available; if not, secure sketches of: No photographs obtained.

- a. Object
- b. Surrounding terrain where object was observed
- c. Place where object contacted earth (if this happened)
- d. Maneuvers
- e. Formation (if more than two)

7. Secure signed statements. Attached.

8. Obtain fragments or physical evidence where possible. None

9. Comments of Interrogator:

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Office of the Intelligence Officer
Carswell Air Force Base
Fort Worth, Texas

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13 July 1949

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