

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 4 May 51		2. LOCATION Sheppard AFB Wichita Falls Texas		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Birds</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>05/0230Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Ten to 15		9. COURSE SE TO NW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Objects believed to be solid with reflected light resembling a soft, fluorescent glow. All traveling in same direction, but moving independently with the formation. Repel one another in much the same fashion. Night clear and no sound. No known altitude.				11. COMMENTS Evaluated as a flock of birds.	

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PREPARED BY (Officer) Major L. W. Graf Wing Intelligence Officer	SOURCE Airmen Reports	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		

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.)

Unconventional aerial sightings observed at Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Texas during evening of 4 May 1951.

Sightings consisted of unidentified round objects traveling in a Southeast to Northwest direction at unknown altitude and speed. Observed sightings emitted a soft, steady fluorescent glow. Observations made for approximately 30 to 45 seconds.

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1. Report of Interview, S/Sgt. [redacted] and Sgt. [redacted].
2. Report of Interview, Sgt. [redacted] and Sgt. [redacted].
3. Sketch of locality of reported sightings.

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The preparing officer interviewed Staff Sergeant [REDACTED], AF [REDACTED], 3770th Instructor Squadron, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, and Sergeant [REDACTED], AF [REDACTED], 3770th Instructor Squadron, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, on 10 May 1951. The following information was received:

Subject Airmen state that, at approximately 2100 hours, 4 May 1951, they were returning to their squadron area from Theater #1. They observed a formation of ten to fifteen round objects moving in a Southeast to Northwest direction at an unknown altitude and speed. Objects were believed to be solid with a reflected light resembling a soft, fluorescent glow. Observed sightings were on a definitely set course, all traveling in the same direction, but moving independently within the formation. Objects seemed to repel one another in much the same fashion as electrons. No sounds were heard from sightings. Objects were first seen directly overhead and were observed for a period of approximately 30 seconds. No trailing contrails were noted and objects left no resultant glow after their disappearance. Subject Airmen state that night was clear with light clouds and no wind. No jet patterns and disappeared completely to the north west.

Comments of preparing officer:

1. Subject Airmen are unknown to preparing officer. Both are presently assigned as instructors in the 3-43 phase of the Airplane and Engine Mechanics Course, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. Information pertained to subject Airmen is as follows:

a. Sgt. [REDACTED] - 5 years service; completed Airplane and Engine Mechanics Course 11 April 1949; instructor in Airplane and Engine Mechanics Course at Sheppard Air Force Base and at Sheppard Air Force Base; 22 years of age.

b. Sgt. [REDACTED] - 4 years, 9 months service; instructor in Airplane and Engine Mechanics Course since August 1949; 28 years of age.

Both subject Airmen were previously trained at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, in the use of observation balloons. Both subject Airmen were also previously assigned to Bell County Field, Texas. Bell County Field is located 11 miles north of Sheppard Air Force Base.

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The preparing officer interviewed Sergeant [REDACTED], AF [REDACTED], 3770th Instructor Squadron, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas and Sergeant [REDACTED], AF [REDACTED], 3770th Instructor Squadron, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas on 11 May 1951. The following information was received:

Subject Airmen had accompanied S/Sgt. [REDACTED] and Sgt. [REDACTED] to Theater #1, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, on the night of 4 May 1951. At approximately 2130 hours, all four Airmen observed a group of circular objects in a rough V formation approaching from a southeasterly direction at an unknown altitude and speed. Subject Airmen described the number of objects as being "more than nine." Objects were described as weaving in and out in an independent manner, but remaining within one group. Objects emitted a steady, white glow with no change in color or brilliance. No vapor trails were observed and no sounds were heard. Subject Airmen stated that objects appeared to be controlled by an unknown force and kept on a steady, straight and level course towards the Northwest. Length of observation was approximately 30 seconds. Objects assumed a disk-like appearance just before their disappearance.

Comments of preparing officer:

1. Subject Airmen are unknown to preparing officer. They are presently assigned as instructors in the 1-2 phase of the Airplane and Engine Mechanics Course, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. Individual pertaining to subject Airmen is as follows:

1. [REDACTED] - 3 years service; completed Airplane and Engine Mechanics Course; instructor in Airplane and Engine Course for two (2) years; 23 years of age.

2. [REDACTED] - 5 years service; completed Airplane and Engine Mechanics Course; instructor in Airplane and Engine Course for two (2) years; 21 years of age.

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7th Street

Bldg. 650

Position of Aimer when
object first sighted.

Bldg. 674

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