

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 12 August 1951		2. LOCATION Indianapolis, Ind.		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 1900 hrs CST GMT 13/0110Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military and civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION varied		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE West	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Appeared to be balloon.				11. COMMENTS Was definitely identified as Research Balloon.	

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CIRVIS. Following message relayed from Olmstead Flight Service via Andrews AFB communications. Quote: Object sighted 1900 Central Standard Time and now visible overhead Indianapolis Indiana moving in westerly direction. Altitude estimated at 30,000 feet. Color silver. Appears to be plastic balloon. Indianapolis 130110Z received from Patterson area. Sent to Lowery. Unquote. Subsequent request to Andrews AFB Communications for clarification and additional information elicited later statement that Wright-Patterson Flight Service duty Officer coordinated above sighting with Cambridge U Air Force R D Center. Balloon Project High altitude winds located Clinton County Ohio Airport. Research Center had tracked balloon over Indianapolis Indiana at time of sighting reported originally by Camp Atterbury Indiana Personnel.

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