

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>9 Apr 52</u>		2. LOCATION <u>Shreveport, Louisiana</u>		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 <u>1430 CST</u> GMT <u>09/2030 Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE <u>C-46 crew</u>			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>1</u>		9. COURSE <u>varied</u>	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING "Cream colored" Circular. Circled then climbed. Sighting took place $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before balloon release at Barksdale AFB. However description of sighting is similar to balloon. Later data - three balloons were released shortly before time of sighting. No info on when or why.				11. COMMENTS C-46 pilot and co-pilot observed object dead ahead. As object closed on C-46 pilot made 360° turn. Object appeared to make local 360° turn and climbed into clouds which were at 12,000'. Also seen by another crew at 1445 CST.	

EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 7

DATE: 9 Apr 52

TIME (Local): 1432 CST

LOCATION: Shreveport, La.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: Not Reported

SOUND: Unknown

SPEED: 200-400 mph

ALTITUDE: 4,000'

HEADING: W & SE

SOURCE: AF Pilots

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Two F-84 and three silvery-white balloons were in the area at time.

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: C-46 sighted a disc-shaped, whitish cream colored object which circled Barksdale AFB, ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

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APPENDIX IV

Shreveport, La. - 9 April 1952

I. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

At approximately 1430 CST on 9 April 1952, a C-46 crew observed an object between Shreveport, La., and Barksdale AFB. The C-46 was at 9,000 ft. on a heading of 90°. The object, which appeared to be disc-shaped, cream-colored and 30 to 40 feet in diameter was ahead of the aircraft at an estimated altitude of 4,000 ft. and coming directly toward it. When the object was some distance ahead of the C-46, it appeared to turn into the easterly wind. It passed under the C-46, over Barksdale AFB, and climbed into the overcast which was at 12,000 ft.

Fifteen minutes later another C-46 observed a similar object five-six miles north of Barksdale. It appeared to be at 11,000 ft. and was disappearing on a northerly heading.

F-84's from Barksdale were alerted and attempted an intercept with negative results.

II. STATUS OF INVESTIGATION

A Rawinsonde balloon was scheduled for launching at 1500 CST. The description of the object and its maneuvers are somewhat similar to previous reports that were possibly balloons. However, if the time of sighting is correct and the balloon was launched on schedule, the object was probably not a balloon.

III. CONCLUSIONS

Pending.

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