

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>9 Apr 52</u>		2. LOCATION <u>Lackland AFB, Texas</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical <i>Mitten</i> ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>2240</u> GMT <u>10/0440Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE <u>Airman</u>			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>1-2 seconds</u>		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>1</u>		9. COURSE <u>SE to NW</u>	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING <u>White color. Sphere shape.</u>				11. COMMENTS <u>Source was watching C-97 take off when his attention was attracted to object with white trail.</u>	

EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 7

DATE: 10 Apr 52

TIME (Local): 0415

LOCATION: Ada, Minn.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: ~~XXXXXXXX~~ Not Reported

SOUND: Unknown

SPEED: Unknown

ALTITUDE: Unknown

HEADING: S

SOURCE: Civilians

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Possibly Fire ball

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Object traveled in horizontal plane. It started out as a circle became oval and then split into parts, all of equal brightness. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

UNCLASSIFIED

COUNTRY USA	UNCLASSIFIED IR-1-52	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT REPORTING OF INFORMATION ON UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS		
AREA REPORTED ON SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	FROM (Agency) INTELLIGENCE DIVISION LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, TEXAS	
DATE OF REPORT 16 April 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 9 April 1952	EVALUATION UNEVALUATED
PREPARED BY (Officer) 1st Lt BERNARD J. MACKIN, Chief, Intel. Div.	SOURCE S/Sgt [REDACTED] Hq Sq Sec, 3700 AB Gp, Lackland AFB	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) Ltr, Hq USAF, AFOIN-C/CC-2, 19 Dec 1951, Subject: RIGURO		
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.) The following report of the sighting of an unidentified flying object in the San Antonio area is the first such report to be received by Intelligence Division, Lackland Air Force Base. The observer could not give much detailed information on the sighting. The object was sighted accidentally and was observed through a closed glass window. No sound attributable to the object was audible to the observer. The observer heard what he thought was a C-97 take off from Kelly AF Base and went to his window to watch for the plane. The lights of a plane were observed through the lower right half of the window, making its first right turn in the traffic pattern. The observer remained at his window and scanned the sky. Through the upper left half of the window he sighted an object which he could not identify. This object was described as being white, sphere shaped, with a white trail equal in length to the diameter of the sphere. The object was traveling at an apparently high rate of speed in a straight line from SE to NW. The altitude and actual size of the object could not be determined but the object appeared to the observer as an ordinary marble in size. The object was observed for approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ second, disappeared behind a cloud momentarily and reappeared for another $\frac{1}{2}$ -second. The initial sighting to final disappearance of the object occurred through an estimated 10 degree arc, passing through the arc in slightly over 1 second. The observer estimated the time of sighting to be 2245 hours, 9 April 1952. The Kelly AF Base Flight Log records the take off of a C-97 at 2239 hours, 9 April 1952. The weather report of 2230 hours, same date, indicates the wind direction as NNE; velocity, 17 knots; cloud condition, overcast (broken); cloud base, 6,500 feet estimated. The observer was alone in his room in barracks building 2162, Lackland AF Base, at the time of the sighting. This barracks building is located approximately 2 air miles SW of Kelly AF Base flight line. No additional reports of this sighting have been received. The observer has worked as a Cryptographic Technician with an AC & W unit and is presently working with Radio Voice of Lackland.		
APPROVED: BERNARD J. MACKIN 1st Lt, USAF Chief, Intelligence Division		V. R. FRENEY Colonel, USAF Wing Operations Officer
DISTRIBUTION BY ORIGINATOR CG, Hq TFAF, Gulfport, Mississippi CG, Hq ATRC, Scott Air Force Base, Ill.		DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS; DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS. UNCLASSIFIED DOD DIR 5200.10

NOTE: THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION AFFECTING THE NATIONAL DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE ESPIONAGE ACT, 50 U. S. C. 31 AND 32, AS AMENDED. ITS TRANSMISSION OR THE REVELATION OF ITS CONTENTS IN ANY MANNER TO AN UNAUTHORIZED PERSON IS PROHIBITED BY LAW. IT MAY NOT BE REPRODUCED IN WHOLE OR IN PART, BY OTHER THAN UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AGENCIES, EXCEPT BY PERMISSION OF THE DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, USAF.