

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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| 1. DATE<br>20 Apr 52                                                                                                                               |  | 2. LOCATION<br><u>Griffin Park, B</u><br><u>Angeles, Calif.</u>                                                                                                                            |  | 12. CONCLUSIONS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical |  |
| 3. DATE-TIME GROUP<br>Local <u>2:40 AFTER DARK</u><br>GMT <u>21/0400Z</u>                                                                          |  | 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br><input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar<br><input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other <b>WATERSPOTS ON</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown <b>NEGATIVE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| 5. PHOTOS<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No                                                                |  | 6. SOURCE<br><u>civilian</u>                                                                                                                                                               |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION                                                                                                                           |  | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS                                                                                                                                                                       |  | 9. COURSE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING<br><br>Objects were undoubtedly due to water spots on negative. Very common on photographs. Negatives not requested. |  |                                                                                                                                                                                            |  | 11. COMMENTS<br><br>Photoes taken showed "objects".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |

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AIR MATERIEL COMMAND  
155 W. WASHINGTON BLVD.  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

IN REPLY REFER TO  
FOLLOWING OFFICE  
SYMBOL:

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MAIL ADDRESS:  
P. O. BOX 3849 TERMINAL ANNEX  
LOS ANGELES 54, CALIFORNIA

1 May 1952

SUBJECT: Photographs Submitted for Evaluation

TO: Commanding Officer  
Air Technical Intelligence Center  
1125th Hq USAF Field Activities Group  
Wright-Patterson AF Base, Ohio

1. Mr. [REDACTED], residing at [REDACTED], Downey, California, visited this Headquarters today and delivered three photographs that he thought might be of interest to the Air Force. They are attached hereto. All three of these photographs were taken of the same scene and when developed, the one showed objects in the sky that were not apparent on the other two.

2. Mr. [REDACTED] is aware of the fact that the developing process might have brought about an imperfection, but because the spots are regular in appearance and for whatever value might be attached to them, he thought they should be delivered to an Air Force representative. Recent issues of Life Magazine showing pictures of so-called "flying saucers" prompted his thought.

3. The following information was obtained from Mr. [REDACTED] with regard to these photographs:

a. Mr. [REDACTED] is in business for himself selling building supplies and hardware. He has no connection with any contractor doing business with the Air Force.

b. His phone number is [REDACTED].

c. The pictures were taken from Griffith Park planetarium, Griffith Park, Los Angeles, California on 20 April 1952, about an hour and a half after dark.

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Gp, W-P AFB, Ohio, dtd 1 May 52, Subj: Photos Submitted for Evaluation.

d. At the time these pictures were taken, Mr. [REDACTED] was accompanied by his wife and another couple visiting them from Wichita, Kansas. None of those present remember seeing anything in the sky, but they were looking at the scenery rather than in the sky.

e. The pictures were taken of the Hollywood "lights" at night time, in a direction as near as can be determined, West South West of the Griffith Park planetarium.

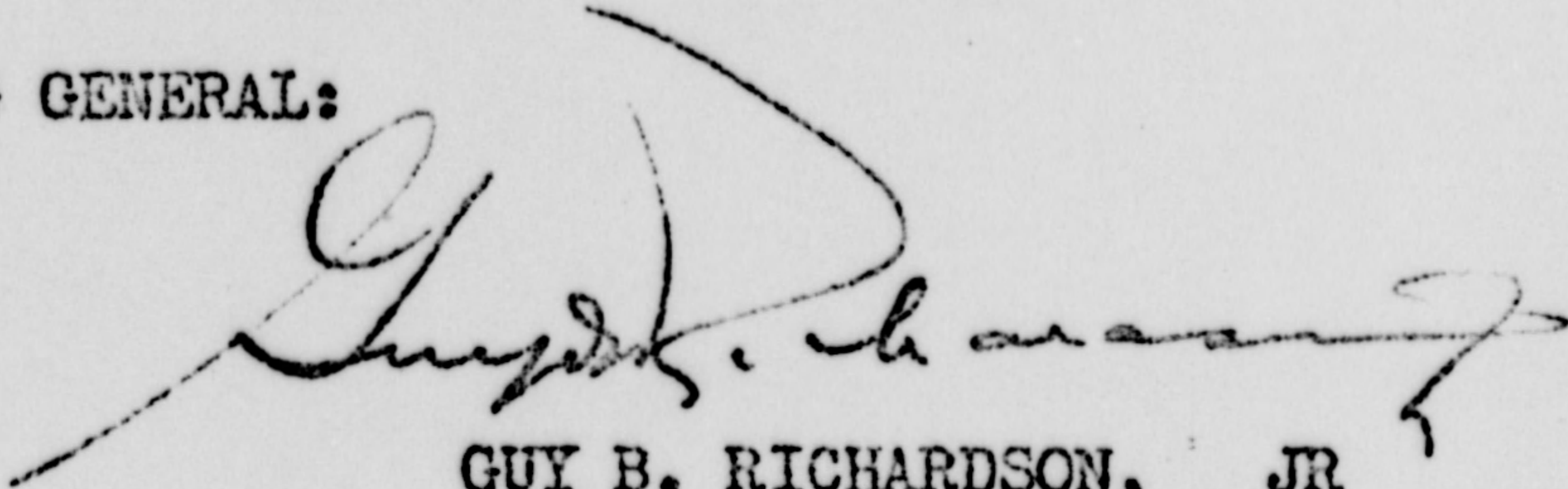
f. The pictures were taken about 15 to 20 seconds apart. Three were taken because Mr. [REDACTED] wanted to be certain that there was an adequate recording of these lights.

g. Exposure time was 1/25th at a lens opening of 5.6.

h. Pictures were taken on a Kodak model 35.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:

1 Incl.  
3 photos

  
GUY B. RICHARDSON, JR  
Lt Colonel USAF  
Inspector General, WEAPD

*Spots on prints are probably due to water spots on negative. When a negative is sprayed or "squeezed" sometimes little drops of water are left on negative. This may be the cause. However negative should be checked for a sure check. Negatives not requested because am sure that is cause.*

*L. E. J. Ruppelt*

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Case contains 1, 3"x4" photo