

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 22 May 1952		2. LOCATION Stockton, California		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 1240 PDT GMT 22 1940 Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Air-Visual ☒ Ground-Radar ☒ Visual-Radar ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☐ No		6. SOURCE Reserve Artillery Officer and 7 other people			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 25 Min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Nearest scheduled balloon launch is at 1500Z San Francisco Area Color: Bright Silver Shape: Rectangular				11. COMMENTS Transit reading was 85° elevation over Stockton Naval Supply Station. Faded away after 25 Minutes. Radar picked up some object at 8,000' at 1300 PDT. Interception negative winds 360° 20-30 K at altitude. Observers on interrogation state object was definitely a balloon in their opinion.	

[REDACTED]

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, [REDACTED] OHIO

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9 July 1952

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
Flying object reportedly seen
at Stockton, California on
22 May 1952
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding Officer
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATI

1. Attached hereto for your information are two copies of the report of investigation by Special Agent MARK L. McDERMOTT, 19th OSI District, file 24-148, dated 26 June 1952, subject as above.

2. Investigation was initiated by the District Commander, 19th OSI District, Travis Air Force Base, California, based on information from Mr. [REDACTED] that he and several other persons had seen a rectangular object in the sky.

3. [REDACTED] described object. Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] stated they observed object and believed it to be a weather balloon.

4. No further investigative action is contemplated, and the files of the Office of Special Investigation are considered closed in this matter.

5. Attention is invited to par 7, AFR 205-1, which prohibits disclosure of classified information to unauthorized personnel.

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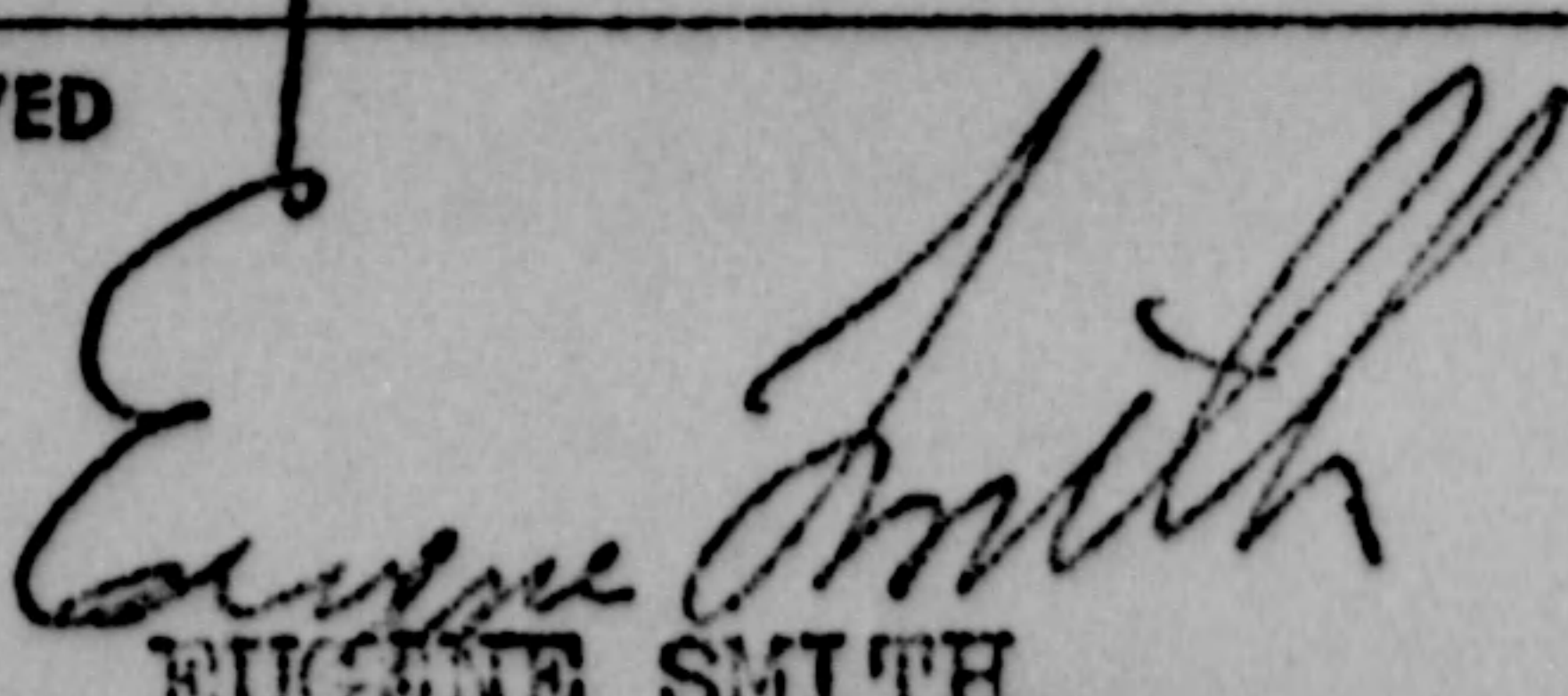
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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. 24-148	DATE 26 June 1952
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECT Flying object reportedly seen at Stockton, California on 22 May 1952 UNCLASSIFIED		REPORT MADE BY MARK L. McDERMOTT S/A	
		REPORT MADE AT DO #19, Travis AFB, California	
		PERIOD 22 May 1952	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #19, Travis AFB, California	
		STATUS CLOSED	
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY			
REFERENCE TWX, 19D 0875,, dtd 23 May 1952, to Hq OSI			
SYNOPSIS This investigation initiated by District Commander, 19th District OSI - (IG) USAF, Travis AFB, California based on information received from Mr. [REDACTED] to the effect that he and several other persons had seen a rectangular object in the sky at approximately 1240 hours 22 May 1952. [REDACTED] stated object was at approximately 30,000 feet altitude on a horizontal azimuth of approximately 350 degrees and on vertical angle of approximately 85 degrees. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he also observed object but believed it to be a weather balloon. Mr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] stated he observed object and believed it to be a weather balloon.			
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		APPROVED  EUGENE SMITH Colonel, USAF DISTRICT COMMANDER	
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DETAILS:

1. This investigation initiated by direction of District Commander, 19th District OSI (IG) USAF, Travis Air Force Base, California, based upon information received from Mr. [REDACTED], Civilian employee, Naval Supply Annex, Stockton, California to the effect that he and several other persons had seen a rectangular object over the Naval Supply Annex at approximately 1240 hours, 22 May 1952, which object seemed to be at an altitude of approximately 30,000 feet.

AT STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA

2. On 22 May 1952 [REDACTED], age 31, [REDACTED] was interviewed at which time he stated substantially as follows: At approximately 1240 hours, 22 May 1952, [REDACTED] was contacted by [REDACTED] a co-worker, and informed that [REDACTED] had observed an object in the sky which object seemed to be hovering at a very high altitude. At this [REDACTED] went outside of the building in which he was working, accompanied by [REDACTED] at which time [REDACTED] pointed out the object in the sky. [REDACTED] stated that he observed an object at approximately 30,000 feet altitude, bright silver in color, appearing rectangular in shape, which object remained almost stationery. [REDACTED] declared that he visually placed the object in relation to the edge of a building so as to determine drift, rise and motion. For a period of four (4) minutes, the object remained stationery, then disappeared. The object was last seen at 1305 hours. [REDACTED] advised that the object did not fly away, but merely disappeared from sight. [REDACTED] stated that according to his estimate, the object was on a horizontal azimuth of approximately 350 degrees and on a vertical angle of 85 degrees.

3. On 22 May 1952, Mr. [REDACTED] was interviewed at which time he stated that on 22 May 1952 as he was proceeding along a side walk in the vicinity of the Supply Annex, he noticed several persons looking into the sky. [REDACTED] stated that upon looking up he observed what appeared to be a round or oval shaped object very high in the sky in a northerly direction. [REDACTED] stated that he continued to observe the object for a period of two to five minutes after which the object disappeared. [REDACTED] declared that he was almost certain that the object was a weather balloon. [REDACTED] explained that he had seen a number of weather balloons released from Ordnance Depots, and in his opinion the object in the sky was definitely the same type.

4. [REDACTED] employee of the Navy at the Naval Supply Annex, Stockton, California was contacted at his home, [REDACTED] Stockton, California. Mr. [REDACTED] advised that he is employed as an Assistant Division Supervisor (Ordnance) at the Naval Supply Annex. [REDACTED] stated his attention was called to an object sometime shortly before 1300 hours 22 May 1952, by another employee. [REDACTED] stated there was no telescope available or any other instrument with which to look at the object. [REDACTED] described what he saw as appearing to be a globe having no wing or tail assembly and was of a silvery color. He looked at the

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object for a period two to three minutes to seven or eight minutes during which time it did not appear to move. [REDACTED] further stated at the time he was looking at the object there were no clouds in the sky but several aircraft were flying in the vicinity and a slight breeze was blowing. In his opinion, [REDACTED] stated the object appeared to him to be very similar to the weather balloons which had been released from the Stockton Airport. He stated when he first looked at the object he thought it was a balloon and he still thinks it was a balloon.

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COUNTRY United States	REPORT NO. IR 34-52	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT FLYOBREP - Unidentified Flying Object Report		
AREA REPORTED ON Stockton, California		FROM (Agency) WADF, Director of Intelligence
DATE OF REPORT 27 May 52	DATE OF INFORMATION 22 May 52	EVALUATION DOWN DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS DOD DIR 5200.10
PREPARED BY (Officer) Keith H. Morehouse	SOURCE USAF	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFL 200-5 29 Apr 52		
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.)		

In accordance with AFL 200-5, Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting, the following report is forwarded:

At 1240 PDT an unidentified aerial object was sighted in the sky at an estimated altitude of 30,000 ft over the Stockton Naval Supply Station, Stockton, California.

There was only one (1) object observed, it being bright silver in color, and rectangular in shape. A group of eight (8) people observed the object and reported the incident to Maj. Robert L. Stimpson, Army Instructor of the 49th Infantry Division, California National Guard.

A civilian, Mr. [REDACTED], who is also an Army Reserve captain, took a reading by using established rectangles by which he estimated object to be at 30,000 ft; vertical azimuth 850; horizontal azimuth 350.

The object was visible for a period of 25 minutes, then faded away.

Winds aloft were as follows: 10,000 ft., 30° at 20 knots; 20,000, 360° at 30 knots; 30,000, 360° at 30 knots.

The Stockton Interstate Air Weather Station, Stockton, California was queried re weather balloons sent aloft during the period of 2400 hours 21 May and 2400 hours 22 May 1952. Results were negative.

An intercept was attempted on two radar tracks at lower altitudes (8000 ft.) by two F-89 aircraft at approximately 1300 hours, but tracks faded before contact was made.

Keith H. Morehouse
Keith H. Morehouse
Capt., USAF
Chief, Operational Intelligence

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 7

DATE: 22 May 52

TIME (Local): 1240 PDST

LOCATION: Stockton, Calif.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 25 Min

SOUND: Unknown

SPEED: Stationary

ALTITUDE: 30,000'

HEADING: Unknown

SOURCE: Civilians

ACTION OR COMMENTS: None

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: A silver, rectangular object hovering in sky and eventually fading away.

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