

PROJECT 101 RECORD CARD

1. LOCATION

PHOENIX, ARIZ.

2. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

☒ Ground-Visual

☐ Ground-Radar

☐ Air-Visual

☐ Air-Intercept Radar

3. SOURCE

Civilian woman

4. CONCLUSION

☐ Was Not

☐ Probably

☐ Possibly

☐ Was Aircraft

☐ Probably Aircraft

☐ Possibly Aircraft

☒ Was Astronomical

☐ Probably Astronomical

☐ Possibly Astronomical

☐ Other

☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation

☐ Unknown

METEOR

5. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

1

6. COURSE

SW

7. DURATION OF SIGHTING

3-4 min

8. COMMENTS

Ball of fire flew across sky in shallow

arc.

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Phoenix, Arizona

127th Pilot Training Wing (Intelligence)

10 July 1952

2 July 1952

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Captain Stephen D. Rockstroh, Intel. O. Base Provost Marshal and [REDACTED]

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Report submitted in compliance with AFL 200-5, Department of the Air Force, dated 29 April 1952.

Observation of unidentified flying object by civilian inhabitant of Phoenix, Arizona.

Significance of this report is undetermined.

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Overlay for Sectional Aeronautical Chart "Phoenix"(Q 3) - 6 cys

Original - D/I, DCS/O, Headquarters USAF, ATTN: AFOIN-C/CC
1 cc - Chief, ATIC, AFMTC, ATIAA-2c, Wright -Patterson AFB, Ohio
2 cc - CG, Air Training Command, Scott AFB, Belleville, Illinois
1 cc - CG, Crew Training Air Force, Randolph AFB, San Antonio, Texas

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Lt. Duane K. Miller, AG 776373, Assistant Base Operations Officer, was contacted by telephone by Mrs. [REDACTED] on [REDACTED], Phoenix, Arizona (phone: [REDACTED]) on 2 July 1952. Mrs. [REDACTED] reported sighting an unidentified flying object. Previous efforts to contact subject were unsuccessful.

A follow-up investigation by this office produced the following information:

1. Sighted object was "ball of fire" shaped like a "flattened out grapefruit" with a platter cutting across its diameter. Object appeared 7 to 8 inches in diameter to naked eye. Color was "like the yellow flame of a candle". A trail of flame extended six to eight feet astern. Trail was broad as the object itself at the base, growing narrower and thinning down astern. Speed seemed "a little faster than searchlights (reflected) on clouds." Object flew in shallow arc and disappeared when a house obstructed vision.

2. Object was sighted at about 0420 hours on 2 July 1952 for 3 to 4 minutes including observation of burning trail after object had disappeared.

3. Observation was made visually from the ground.

4. Subject viewed phenomenon from front walk of residence at [REDACTED] Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona. Object was observed in flight through 90° of compass, appearing first northwest and disappearing southwest. Various angles of elevation from the horizon are as follows:

Northwest - 40°
West - 30°
Southwest - 10 to 15°

Distance of object estimated at 7 to 10 miles.

5. Subject volunteered information that she is far-sighted, has lived near many air bases, frequently scans the sky as she likes to know what is passing overhead. Subject's husband, Colonel [REDACTED], USA, Ordinance, had planned a trip with his wife. She had set her "mental alarm clock" to get up early. She went outside for air because she had had trouble sleeping.

6. Weather conditions at the time of the sighting were reported as follows:
2 July 1952

Hour	Ceiling	Visibility	Wind
0330	Clear	15 + miles	4 knots north
0430	Clear	15 + miles	4 knots north
0530	25000 feet very light scattered overcast	60 miles	calm

7. No meteorological phenomenon reported.

8. None

9. A search of areas indicated on inclosed overlay has been requested of Base Operations. Presume from angle of flight that object contacted ground. Object of search is scars or burn marks on ground. No observations reported yet.

10. No military or commercial air traffic was in vicinity at time of sighting.

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No balloons were released in local area at time of sighting.

Crowell Crop Dusting Company based at Air Haven had a Cessna "170" or Navion take-off toward east between 0400 and 0430 hours. Climbed to 1500 feet immediately. Steady navigating lights - red, green, and white. About 18 inches of blue flame would be observed from exhaust.

Attached overlay is to be used with Sectional Aeronautical Chart, "Phoenix (q 3)", United States Air Force Edition.

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MAP OVERLAY

Scale 1:500,000

Sectional Aeronautical Chart

PHOENIX (Q-3)

33° 45' +

Limits of observation

Estimated direction
of flight

40° eL

30° eL

10 mi

10 mi

15 mi

Primary Search Area

Estimated line of
Ground Contact.

Secondary Search Area

+ 112° 45'

+ 32° 45'

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