

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 17 Nov 52		2. LOCATION Mendocino, California		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. TIME 2150 PDT		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION		☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
5. PHOTOS		☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Air-Visual	☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
6. SOURCE		8. SOURCE		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☒ Possibly Astronomical (METEOR)	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 seconds		9. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE W	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING. White light - color. Round shape. Straight line, high speed.		11. COMMENTS			

PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE <i>15 Aug 52</i>	2. LOCATION <i>Mendocino, Calif.</i>	3. TIME Local: <i>2150</i> Zebra: <i>140450</i>
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND? ☒ Yes ☐ No		
☒ Naked Eye ☐ Binoculars ☐ Telescope ☐ Theodolite		
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ By One Set ☐ By Two Sets ☐ By Three Sets		
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ A/C Observed Object ☐ Interception Attempted ☐ No Intercept Attempted		
7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ A/C Scrambled ☐ Visual Contact Made ☐ A/I Contact Made ☐ No Contact Made		
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ Normal ☐ Violent		
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT: ☐ Blinking ☒ Steady		
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT: ☒ 1-15 Seconds ☐ 1-5 Minutes ☐ Over 10 Minutes		
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address) <i>28TH ADD, Hamilton AFB, Calif.</i>		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED?		
13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac)		
☒ Night ☐ Day ☐ Sunrise ☐ Sunset		

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ One Aircraft ☐ More Than One Aircraft		
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION? ☐ Yes ☒ No		

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA?					☐ Yes		☒ No	
22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE:					_____ Minutes			
23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:								
	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting		
				Yes	No			
a.								
b.								
c.								
d.								

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V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE: ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Unreliable ☐ Extremely Doubtful ☐ Hoax	22. DETAILS OF REPORT: ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Insufficient to Evaluate		
23. FINAL EVALUATION: <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☒ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other: _____ ☐ Insufficient Data For Evaluation ☐ Unknown </td> </tr> </table>		☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☒ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other: _____ ☐ Insufficient Data For Evaluation ☐ Unknown
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FM CO 28TH AIR DIVISION DEFENSE HAMILTON AFB CALIF

TO JEPHQ/DIR OF INTELL HQ USAF WASHINGTON DC

JEDWP/AIR TECH INTELL CEN WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO

INFO JEDEN/CG ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLO

ZEN/CG WADF HAMILTON AFB CALIF

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JWPML ATTN: DIR OF INTELL.

(1) ONE SMALL, ROUND, WHITE LIGHT TRAVELING IN A STRAIGHT LINE AT
A HIGH RATE OF SPEED. NO SOUNDS HEARD. DISAPPEARED INSTANTLY.

(2) 2150 PDT, 15 AUGUST 1952 FOR 3 SECONDS.

(3) VISUALLY FROM THE GROUND.

(4) OBSERVERS LOCATED AT GOC POST, GEO REF COORDINATES MK 1515.

OBJECT PASSED HIGH OVERHEAD HEADING FROM EAST TO WEST.

(5) OBSERVER WAS DOROTHY VAGHAN, LITTLE RIVER AIRPORT ROAD, MENDICINO,
CALIF. WITNESS DANNY VAUGHAN, SAME ADDRESS.

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(6) WEATHER WAS CLEAR.

(7) OBJECT OBSERVED WAS POSSIBLY A METEOR. ✓

(8) NONE.

(9) NONE

(10) NONE.

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IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA?		☒ Yes		☐ No		
22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE:		<u>90</u> Minutes				
23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:						
	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting
				Yes	No	
a.	<u>Lake Charles, La</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>USDA WB</u>		☒	
b.						
c.						
d.						

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1. DATE OF OBSERVATION <i>15 Aug 52</i>		2. TIME OF OBSERVATION <i>1500 Z</i>		3. STATION OBSERVING <i>Lake Charles AFB</i>	
4. WINDS ALOFT:					
ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0			25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000			50,000		
6,000			55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000			75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		
5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? (If yes, at what altitude? _____)			☐ Yes ☒ No		
6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? (If yes, at what quadrant? _____)			☐ Yes ☒ No		
7. CLOUD COVER:				8. VISIBILITY WAS	
_____ tenths at _____ feet.		_____ tenths at _____ feet.		<i>CAVV</i> MILES.	
_____ tenths at _____ feet.		_____ tenths at _____ feet.			
9. COMMENTS:					

HEADQUARTERS STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND
OFFUTT AIR FORCE BASE
OMAHA, NEBRASKA

28 AUG 1952

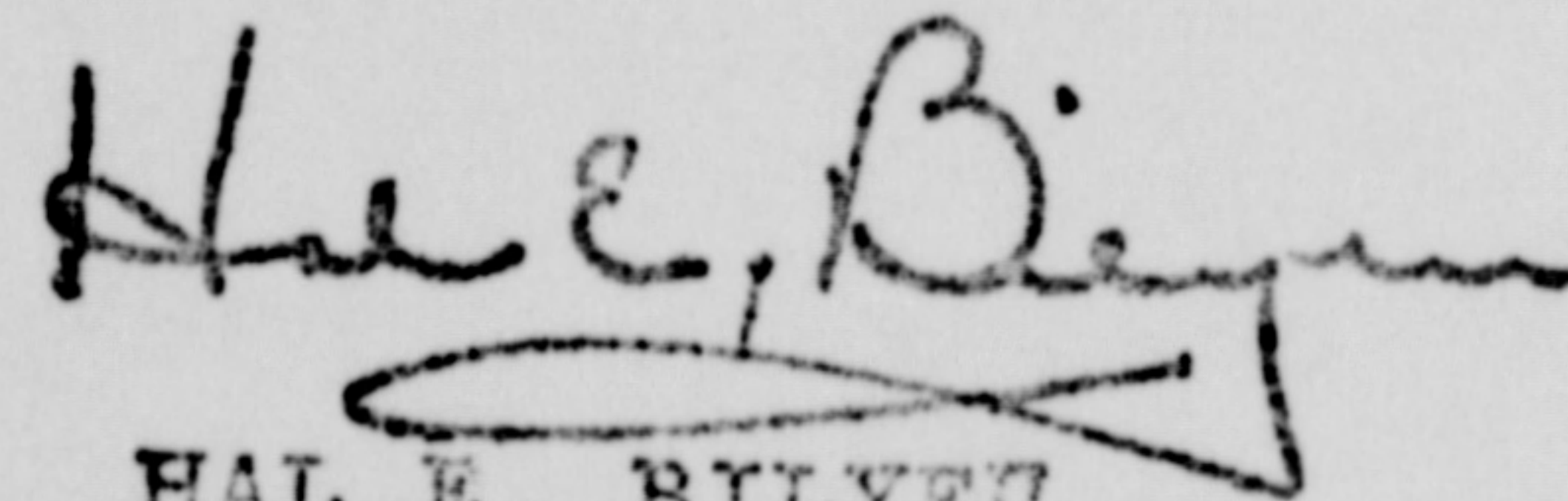
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SUBJECT: (Unclassified) FLYOBRPT

TO: Chief,
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

The attached AF Form 112, Air Intelligence Information Report is forwarded as per instructions AFL 200-5, dated 29 April 1952, subject, FLYOBRPT.

FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:



HAL E. BILYEU
MAJOR, USAF
Asst Adj Gen

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SECURITY INFORMATION

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COUNTRY USA		REPORT NO. IR-114-52	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT			
AREA REPORTED ON LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA		FROM (Agency) 44DOI 806TH AIR DIVISION	
DATE OF REPORT 16 August 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 14 August 1952	EVALUATION C-3	
PREPARED BY (Officer) LT COL THEODORE I. PASCOE, 3363A		SOURCE PERSONAL INTERVIEW WITH OBSERVER	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFL 200-5, 29 Apr 52, msg 806ADIV 44DOI 16 Aug 52, & AFON-C/CC-2, 19 Dec 51			
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.)			
(1) Description of object: Moving ball of yellowish light, size impossible to judge due to darkness, left no trail or exhaust, method of propulsion unknown. No sound. Speed at times was slow, at other times, extremely fast, about 1000 mi per hour. (2) Time was approximately 2230 hours 14 August 1952. When first observed, object was undulating unevenly in air over Mathieson Chemical Corporation, Lake Charles, La, in that it moved up and down, from side to side, would shoot ahead suddenly, then stop in same manner. (3) Manner of observation: Naked eye. Altitude approximately 5000 feet. (4) Location of observer: Standing on lawn at 319 College St, Lake Charles, La, coordinates 29° 30'N, 93° 30'W. Observer was facing due west, and object was about three miles distant. Observer it could not have been figment of imagination as the light was steady, unwavering. (5) Identifying information of obser: Mr [REDACTED] St, Lake Charles, La. Mr [REDACTED] is a District Engineer for the [REDACTED] Engineering Company of Los Angeles, California. Object was also observed by wife, [REDACTED], aged 29, and eldest son, [REDACTED], aged 14. (6) Weather and winds aloft conditions at time of sighting: clear, no clouds. (7) To the knowledge of the observer, there was no activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise, which might account for the sighting. (8) There is no existence of any physical evidence such as fragments, photographs and the like, of the sighting. (9) No interception or identification action taken. (10) There was no air traffic in general area of the sighting at that time.			
2 INCL. 1. Statement of Obsr (sex) 2. [REDACTED]		for - THEODORE I. PASCOE Lt Col, USAF Director of Intelligence	
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HEADQUARTERS 44TH BOMBARDMENT WING (M)
Office of the Director of Intelligence
Lake Charles Air Force Base
Lake Charles, Louisiana

15 August 1952

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Whom It May Concern

At approximately 1025, 14 August 1952, I observed aluminous object headed due west at about 5000 feet altitude. At first the object undulated unevenly, seeming to hover in one spot which I judged to be the Mathieson Chemical Corporation; it would move from side to side, up and down, shoot ahead, and then stop. Finally, it disappeared into the distance, its color turning a darker and darker red, until it was gone.

This was definitely not any known aircraft. It was also observed by my son, [REDACTED], 14, and my wife, [REDACTED], 29. There was no trail or exhaust. We watched the object for about 50 minutes.

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Lake Charles, La

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FM CO ADIV EIGHT ZERO SIX LAKE CHARLES AFB LA

TO JEPHQ/DIR OF INTEL HQ USAF WASH 25 DC

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FLYOB RPT PD ICW AFL TWO ZERO ZERO DASH FIVE DTD TWO NINE APR FIVE TWO
PD UNIDENTIFIED BLY OBJ REPTD SIGHTED BY CIV LISTED IN PAR PAREN FIVE
PAREN FOL PD DESCRIPTION AS REQ BY PAR COCA OF CITED LTR COL PD PAREN
ONE PAREN SHAPE OF OBJ CLN COULD NOT BE DETERMINED AS IT WAS JUST A
MOVING LIGHT PD SIZE OF OBJ CLN VERY LARGE PD COLOR OF OBJ CLN VARIED FR
YELLOW TO RED TO YELLOW ETC PD NO OF OBJ CLN ONE PD AERODYNAMIC FEATURES
CLN NONE PD TRAIL OR EXHAUST CLN NONE PRPLN SYS CLN NONE APPARENT PD
SOUND NONE PD SPEED CLN AT TIMES WHEN OBJ WAS MOVING AWAY FR OBSR IT WAS
EXTREMELY FAST CMA OTHERWISE IT JUST HOVERED AND MOVED FR SIDE TO SIDE PD

ACTION

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MANEUVERS CLN OBJ AT FIRST UNDULATED UNEVENLY CMA UP AND DOWN CMA FR
SIDE TO SIDE CMA THEN SHOOT AHEAD CMA AND THEN STOP PD OBSR JUDGED OBJ
TO BE IN AIR OVER MATHIESON CHEMICAL CORP OF LAKE CHARLES CMA LA PD
MANNER OF DISAPPEARANCE CLN OBJ CREW DARKER AND DARKER RED UNTIL IT WAS
GONE PD PAREN TWO PAREN TIME OF SIGHTING IN TWO FOUR DASH HR CLOCK Z
TIME CLN INITIALLY OBSR AT TWO TWO THREE ZERO HRS PD LGTH OF TIME OBSR
CLN APRX FIVE ZERO MIN PD PAREN THREE PAREN MANNER OF OBSR CLN NAKED
EYE PD FR AIR OF SURF CLN SURF PD NO OPTICAL OR ELECT EQUIP USED PD
LOC OF OBSR DURING SIGHTING CLN STANDING ON LAWN AT THREE ONE NINE
COLLEGE ST CMA LAKE CHARLES CMA LA CMA COORDINATES TWO NINE DEGREES
THREE ZERO N NINE THREE DEGREES THREE ZERO W PD LOC OF OBJ W/RESPECT
TO OBSR CLN OBSR WAS RACING WEST PD OBJ DIRECTLY IN FRONT PD ALT CLN
APRX FIVE ZERO ZERO ZERO FT PD DIS CLN APRX THREE MILES PD IDENTIFYING
INFO OF OBSR CLN [REDACTED] CMA [REDACTED] ST CMA LAKE
CHARLES CMA LA PD OBSR IS DISTRICT ENG FOR [REDACTED] ENG CO OF LOS
ANGLES CALIF PD OBJ ALSO OBSR BY MR [REDACTED] WIFE CMA [REDACTED] CMA AGED TWO
NINE CMA AND ELDEST SON CMA [REDACTED] CMA AGED ONE FOUR PD EST OF RELIABILITY
AND EXPERIENCE CLN ABOVE AVG PD PAREN SIX PAREN WEA AND WINDS ALOFT
COND AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTINGS CLN SKY CLEAR W/NO CLOUDS PD PAREN
SEVEN PAREN ANY ACTY OR COND CMA METEOROLOGICAL OR OTHERWISE CMA WHICH