PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
28 Aug 52

2. LOCATION
Barksdale AFB, La.

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 0300
GMT

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar
☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
airmen, AP's

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
2

9. COURSE
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10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

"Comet" shape. High speed to hover.

11. COMMENTS

2 objects sighted by airmen 1st may have been a meteor.

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

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COUNTRY: USA	REPORT NO.: **IR-134-52**

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: FLYOBRPT		
AREA REPORTED ON: Barksdale AFB, La.		FROM (Agency): 301st Bombardment Wing (M) SAC
DATE OF REPORT: 30 August 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION: 28 - 29 August 1952	EVALUATION: B-3
PREPARED BY (Officer): RICHARD P REINSCH, Major, USAF		SOURCE: A/2c Jack S Jones, AF 13342261
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable): USAF Letter 200-5, 29 April 1952		

SUMMARY: (Give 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)

At approximately 0300, 28 August 1952 A/2c Jack S. Jones, AF 13342261, 805th Air Police Squadron, Barksdale AFB, while on guard duty on the flight line in area "C", observed what appeared to be a comet. This comet or object moved at a terrific rate of speed in a direction from the N.W. to South. The "star like" light suddenly stopped in flight and hovered in a stationary position for a few seconds and then disappeared as though an electric light had been switched off.

On the 29th of August 1952 at approximately 0215 the same airman observed a simular object or light moving from a SW to SE position at an extremely high speed. When SE of the Barksdale landing strip, the light suddenly stopped without first diminishing its speed. After a few seconds of "bobbing", the light became stationary and gradually turned to a red glow, then green, again red and finally white. In comparison with the stars, the light was much larger and brighter. It appeared to be approximately the size of a silver dollar. The edges were cleanly defined, without fuzziness. Weather condition was clear and visibility unlimited.

This phenomenon was brought to the attention of the Sector Patrolman, S/Sgt J. K. Elliott, AF 16330495, who in turn reported it to the Sgt of the Guard, T/Sgt John J. Kasarada, AF 10315591. S/Sgt Elliott also observed the light in its stationary position.

Jones continued to watch the light which remained stationary and bright until he went to inspect the rear of the B-29 aircraft he was guarding. Upon returning to the front of the aircraft, the light had disappeared. The time was 0515.

0300
+6
0900 Z
0215
+6
0815 Z

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PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	3. TIME
25 Aug 52	Holloman AFB, N.M.	Local: 1540 MST Zebra: 2240

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)

Intelligence Section, 6540th Missile Test Wg.,
Holloman AFB, N.M.

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED?

None

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: 100 Minutes

23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:

	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted? Yes	Lighted? No	Describe Lighting
a.	Holloman	RW	AWS		✓	
b.						
c.						
d.						

(attach overlay)

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:

- ☐ Was Balloon
- ☐ Probably Balloon
- ☐ Possibly Balloon
- ☐ Was Aircraft
- ☐ Probably Aircraft
- ☐ Possibly Aircraft
- ☐ Was Astronomical
- ☐ Probably Astronomical
- ☐ Possibly Astronomical
- ☐ Other: _____
- ☐ Insufficient Data For Evaluation
- ☑ Unknown

24. COMMENTS:

(PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SH( )

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION	2. TIME OF OBSERVATION	3. STATION OBSERVING

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? ☐ Yes ☐ No
(If yes, at what altitude? _____)

6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? ☐ Yes ☐ No
(If yes, at what quadrant? _____)

7. CLOUD COVER:

_____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.
_____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.

8. VISIBILITY WAS
_____ MILES.

9. COMMENTS:

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