

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE/TIME 17 Aug 52	2. LOCATION (N. Alabama) 87°11'W - 34°49'N	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATES/TIME Local 0247 EST GMT	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE AF Pilot	☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE ☐ Other ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING White color. Round. Stationary.		11. COMMENTS

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AREA REPORTED ON ALABAMA	FROM (Agency) 118th Tac Recon Wing Intelligence Office	
DATE OF REPORT 21 August 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 17 August 1952	EVALUATION B-6
PREPARED BY (Officer) Charles L. Wiley, Major, USAF	SOURCE Pilot Report	
REFERENCES (Control number, directing, previous report, etc., as applicable) Air Force Letter No. 200-5 dated 29 April 1952		
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.)		
I, Capt. Jack Buchanan, 15804A, while on a VFR flight direct from Memphis Municipal Airport to Shaw AFB, 17 August 1952, in a T-40 type aircraft, did observe an intensely bright, white object. At the time of this sighting I was flying at an altitude of 6,000 feet, at an indicated airspeed of 140 miles per hour on a heading of 95 degrees. At 1247-EST, exactly on course at 87 degrees, 11 minutes 30 seconds west, 34 degrees 49 minutes 30 seconds north, I looked off to my right and observed an intensely white, round object or ball. I did not notice an evidence of exhaust or trail from the apparently motionless object. At the time of the observation the aircraft canopy was open and I would estimate I observed the object for a period of approximately five (5) seconds. I looked down at my watch to note the time and upon looking up again the object had apparently disappeared. I immediately flew in the direction where the object was observed in an attempt to identify it but was unsuccessful. No aircraft were observed in the area at this time. Upon initially observing the object, the first impression was that it was approximately eight (8) miles away at an altitude of approximately 10,000 feet. Its size could not be determined but looked much like a white flare (intensely bright) except that no "shimmering" was evident and that it appeared to be solid material. The weather was excellent with only a few, if any, scattered clouds in the area with visibility about thirty (30) miles. The Wheeler Reservoir Lake was clearly discernable. The object was first observed approximately eighty-five (85) degrees to the right of the nose of my aircraft with an estimated ten (10) degree azimuth.		
 JACK BUCHANAN Captain, USAF		
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Captain Buchanan has nearly nine years of military service and at the present time is the Wing Passive Defense Officer. The officer has four and one half years of college toward a medical degree prior to entering service. In 1948 Capt. Buchanan was an air monitor on Kwajalein for Operation Sandstone and since that time has completed a tour in T-6 aircraft in Korea. This officer is level headed, capable and is very dependable in his statements and actions.

Charles L. Wiley
CHARLES L. WILEY
Major, USAF
Wing Intelligence Officer

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JEDEN/CG ENT AFB COLO

JEPLG/CG HAC LANGLEY AFB VA

JESDF/CGS9AF POPEMAFB NC

[REDACTED] /WDO I117SUBJ CLN FLYOBRPT CMA ONE PD ONE

INTENSELY WHITE RND BALL WITH NO EXHAUST NOR TRAIL CMA OBJECT

APPEARED TO BE STATIONARY PD TWO PD ONE TWO FOUR SEVEN EST ONE

SEVEN AUG ONE NINE FIVE TWO PD THREE PD VIS OBSR FR TANGO DASH

SIX FLY SIX THOUSAND FEET THAT ONE FOUR ZERO INDIA ALFA SIERRA

HEADING NINE FIVE DEGREES WITH CANOPY OPEN FOR APRX FIVE SECONDS AT

EIGHT MILES DIF AND TEN THOUSAND FEET ALT PD FOUR PD PLT LOC CMA

EIGHT SEVEN DEGREES ELEVEN MINUTES THIRTY SECONDS WEST THREE FOUR

DEGREES FOUR NINE MINUTES THIRTY SECONDS NORTH PD OBJECT APPEARED

TO BE AT APRX EIGHT FIVE DEGREES FR NOSE OF ACFT WITH TEN DEGREES

PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE <i>17 Aug 52</i>	2. LOCATION <i>N. Alabama</i> <i>87° 11' W - 34° 49' N</i>	3. TIME Local: <i>0247 EST</i> Zebra: <i>121847</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>CO, 118th TAC Recon Wg., Shaw AFB, S.C.</i>		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED?		<i>None</i>
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.								
(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 SHEET

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION		2. TIME OF OBSERVATION		3. STATION OBSERVING	
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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. _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.	_____ MILES.

9. COMMENTS: