

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>24 Aug 52</u>		2. LOCATION <u>Leveland, Texas</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>2130</u> GMT <u>0330</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☒ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☒ Unknown	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE <u>civilians</u>			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>2</u>		9. COURSE <u>NRW</u>	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING <u>Yellow, red, blue. Spherical.</u>				11. COMMENTS <u>Possibly F-51 flown by Col. P.M. Childress.</u> <u>Conclusion pending return of questionnaire sent to Mr. E. Sharp.</u> <u>Exact time of sighting in doubt due to garbled message.</u>	



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2100HRS AND HAD A COURSE OF SSE TO SE TO 16,200FT. PAR 8. NEGATIVE PAR
3. NEGATIVE 2PAR 9. NEGATIVE PAR 13 A/C FROM REESE AFB WERE IN GENERAL
AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING.

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United States	IR-67-52	
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT		
AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)	
DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	REVALUATION
Levelland, Texas	24 August 1952	See below
PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE	
24 August 1952	C-3	
REFERENCES (Control numbers, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		
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.)		
Two (2) unidentified flying object were observed over Levelland, Texas, 24 August 1952 between the hours 2130 to 2400. SOURCE: Mr. & Mrs. [redacted] Levelland, Texas Mr. & Mrs. [redacted] Levelland, Texas Mrs. [redacted] Levelland, Texas		
<i>Loren M. Cockriel</i> LOREN M. COCKRIEL A/2c Interviewing Airman <i>James T. McElroy</i> JAMES T. MC ELROY Major USAF Wing Intelligence Officer		
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PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	3. TIME Local: <u>2130</u> Zebra: <u>0330</u>
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)		
<u>0-3400 12th St. N. S.E. A.P. Tex.</u>		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED? <u>None</u>		
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) <u>Evening</u>		
☐ 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:		30 Minutes <i>PM</i>				
23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:						
	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting
				Yes	No	
a.	<i>Lufthansa (Rover 4 & B)</i>	<i>Pilot</i>	<i>A.W.S.</i>			
b.						
c.						
d.						

(attach overlay)

V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE:		22. DETAILS OF REPORT:	
☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☒ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Unreliable ☐ Extremely Doubtful ☐ Hoax		☐ 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:			
<i>final evaluation pending next time of sighting.</i>			

PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SHEET

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? (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.		_____ MILES.	
_____ tenths at _____ feet.		_____ tenths at _____ feet.			
9. COMMENTS:					

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

(Agency)

King Intelligence Office
Besse Air Force Base, Texas

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SUBJECT: FLUXORPT

children's time 2100-2130
quiet his F-81 can't

1. On 24 August 1952 between the hours of 2130 and 2400, two (2) unidentified flying objects were sighted. The objects sighted were spherical in shape and tapered off at bottom forming an object resembling a top and revolving very rapidly. First object sighted hovered in mid-air for approximately twenty (20) minutes then object started a straight and level flight before disappearing north northwest of observer. It took approximately three (3) minutes for object to disappear. Approximately one (1) hour later second object appeared and repeated same maneuvers. During the time stated above objects would fade out then reappear, sometimes together at approximately the same altitude.

The observers agreed that objects when first sighted seemed to be in a mist. Approximately one (1) minute after objects were sighted mist disappeared and objects could be very clear. Subject objects emitted a constant glow changing from a red to yellow and then blue and kept changing colors in this manner until disappearing.

Mr. [redacted] and wife was under the opinion that the base of object had holes for steam or vapor to escape. Objects gave forth a shrill sound such as whistling and a tail of fire following objects. Size of object was estimated to be three (3) feet in diameter and no estimate of thickness of object was made.

Manner disappearance of object: Object was hovering in mid-air then started a straight and level flight, veered upward and continued to gain altitude until out of sight of observers.

2. Objects were sighted between the hours of 2130 and 2400, 24 August 1952. Objects sighted were north northwest of observers.

3. Objects were viewed with naked eye. No optical or electronic equipment used.

4. Observation took place at EUCD 3735 in the city of Levelland, Texas. Object appeared north northwest point of observation at approximately four (4) to five (5) miles at a estimated altitude of 5000 feet. The only feasible landmark was a watertower approximately six (6) blocks due west point of observation.

5. Information concerning the reliability and experience of the observers is limited altho observers were very sincere in their efforts to help this organization.

6. The weather condition at 2130 hours, 24 August 1952 was: Clear, Temperature 68 degrees, fifteen (15) mile visibility, wind south southeast at sixteen (16) knots.

7. At 2100 hours this station released a weather balloon. Weather station disclosed that weather balloon had a south southeast heading to 16,000 feet.

8. Physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, etc. were nonexistent.

9. No interception or identification action taken.

10. No evidence of any air traffic in the general area at time of sighting.

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Ref Cable GA 490 H (DTG 261630Z) ^{RM} fr
CO 3500th PTW Reese AFB Tex :

4/Col. P. M. Childress, AFOIN-1A, states he
was flying F-51 on VFR N of Lovelland, Tex at
2100 CST 24 Aug, 7000' alt, hdg NE. Did
not see obj referred to but F-51 exhaust
might account for observation reported.

Comment (DIF): Time of sighting not specified
in msg rec'd AFOIN-2AR or else read garbled
since msg states "sighted first obj for one
hour, 24 Aug 52". If this actually means
obs lasted one hour, F-51 ruled out. On
other hand, if it was supposed to be
time of sighting but was read garbled,
could be F-51. Suggest you request time
of sighting from originator of msg if
your copy reads as above.

Sent Oklahoma

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ACTION

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INFO JWFGC/CG FTAF WACO TEX

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/ ~~GA490M FLYCERPT. PAR 1. TWO UNIDENTIFIED FLY OBJ,~~
SPHERICAL IN SHAPE, APPARENT EXHAUST COMING FROM OBJ. APPROX 3 FT IN
DIA EMITTED CONSTANT YELLOW, RED, BLUE GLOW. SECTED FIRST OBJ FOR
ONE HOURS; 24 AUG 52, LEVELLAND, TEX. PAR 3. SEEN WITH NAKED EYE.
BOTH OBJ IDENTICAL IN SHAPE AND SIZE. OBJ FLEW COUSE SW TO NNW.
ESTIMATED ALT 5000 FT. OBJ IN VIEW APPROXTHRU 30 DEGR ANGLE OF ARC.
PAR 4. POINT OF OBSERVATION: LEVELLAND, TEX. PAR 5. THE OBSERVERS WERE
MR. ~~MR. [REDACTED] MRS. [REDACTED]~~
~~[REDACTED]~~ ALL OF LEVELLAND, TEX. PAR 6. WEATHER CLEAR, VISIBILITY 15
MILES, TEMP 68 DEGR. PAR 7. WEATHER BALLOON RELEASED AT THIS STA AT