

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. LOCATION

HARTSVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA

2. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

☐ Ground-Visual

☐ Ground-Radar

☒ Air-Visual

☐ Air-Intercept Radar

3. SOURCE

AF Pilot

4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS IN CLOUD

1

5. CONCLUSIONS

☐ Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☒ Possibly Balloon

☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft

☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical

☐ Other
☐ Unidentified
☐ None

15 Dec 52

15/0915EST

15/1415Z

II

10-15 sec

Circular silver object appeared size of half dollar from a ten mile distance. Object appeared to oscillate, losing & gaining altitude rapidly. Observed by pilot of RF-80 a/c, at an altitude of 15,000' traveling 300 mph.

1. This report was checked against a similar one from Greensboro, N.C., 120 miles N which took place 10 minutes after this sighting. Result: No apparent correlation between the two as the speed is too high for balloon or jet.
2. This object described a conventional balloon.