

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 19 Jan 54		2. LOCATION Manston AFS, England		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	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 19/1400Z, 19/1415Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 minutes, 5 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS round, silvery obj		9. COURSE stationary	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 1. Round silvery object stationary in air observed by aircrew. A/C at 38,000. Object at 45 deg elevation from them. Pilot turned left and lost sight of object. Could not relocate. 2. A/C at 45,000 observed object above him at estimated altitude of 60,000 ft. Described as a silver sphere. Object still. Brilliant. Observed for five minutes from all angles.				11. COMMENTS Balloon conforms with description given. No information presented conflicting with this analysis.	

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FM COMDR 405TH FBW MANSTON ENG
TO ZEN/COMDR AIR DEFENSE COMB ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLORADO
JEDWP/COMDR AGR TECH INTEL CENTER WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO
ZEN/DI HQ USAF WASHINGTON 25 DC
JFPBW/COMDR USAF WEISBADEN GER
JFLTA/COMDR 3AF RUISLIP ENG
AF 200-2 CLN

AF 200-2 CLN / OPS2 C 1-11-54/UFOB/FOG INFO IS SUBMITTED IAW

- (1) (A) SPHERE PD
(B) DIME CMA PILOT EST OBJ 15,000 FT ABOVE HIM PD
(C) SILVER
(D) ONE
(E) N/A
(F) NONE
(G) NONE
(H) NONE

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- (1) STANDING STILL - VERY BRILLIANT
- (2) (A) PILOT WAS CLIMBING & SAW BRILLIANT SILVER BALL CMA CLIMBED AS HIGH AS POSSIBLE AND OBSERVED IT FROM ALL ANGLES PD
- (B) 60 DEGREE ANGLE
- (C) OBJ REMAINED STABLE PD
- (D) N/A
- (E) OBJ WAS IN SAME POSITION WHEN PILOT HAD TO RETURN TO FIELD BECAUSE FUEL WAS RUNNING LOW PD
- (F) FIVE MINUTES
- (3) (A) AIR VISUAL
- (B) NONE
- (C) F-86 F CMA 525322 CMA 45,000 CMA 045 DEGREES WHEN FIRST SIGHTED BUT PILOT CRUISED AROUND AND OBSERVED OBJECT 200 KNOTS CMA 0 MANSTON RAF STATION PD
- (4) (A) 1415Z
- (B) DAY
- (5) NKBG 300 320 CMA APROX 15 MILES N E MANSTON RAF STA CMA ENG
- (6) (A) N/A
- (B) WILLIAM W. CRAWFORD CMA MAJOR CMA AO 703662 CMA 513TH FTR BMR SQ CMA SQ OPS OFF CMA EXPERIENCED FTR PILOT CMA HIGHLY RELIABLE

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- PD
- (7) (A) CLEAR PD
- (B) WIND DIR & VELOCITY IN DEGREES AND KNOTS AT SURFACE CLN 250 DEGREES 19 KNOTS CMA GUSTS UP TO 23 PD AT 6,000 FT CLN 380 DEGREES 50 KNOTS 10,000 FT CLN 280 DEGREES 50 KNOTS SEMICLN 16,000 FT CLN 270 DEGREES 50 KNOTS SEMICLN 20,000 FT 270 DEGREES 60 KNOTS SEMICLN 32,000 FT 280 DEGREES 70 KNOTS SEMICLN 50,000 FT 300 DEGREES 25 KNOTS PD
- (C) NONE
- (D) UNLIMITED
- (E) NONE
- (F) NONE
- (8) NONE
- (9) NONE
- (10) NONE
- (11) BRITISH CANBERRA AT SAME ALTITUDE PD
- (12) INTEL OFF 486TH FTR BMR WG PD THE SIGHTING VAA HIGHLY RELIABLE CMA VERY EXPERIENCED PILOT PD THE WEATHER WAS GOOD AND A CHECK PROVED THAT NO WEATHER BALLONS HAD BEEN RELEASED IN THE AREA FOR THE PAST 24 HOURS PD THIS SIGHTING CAN NOT BE ATTRIBUTED TO ANY

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KNOWN AIRCRAFT OR PHENOMENA AS CAN BEST BE DETERMINED BY THIS SECTION PD

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19/1402 MANSTON ENG
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IAW AFR 255-2CLN

- (1) (A) LOOKED ROUND
(B) DIME
(C) SILVER
(D) ON
(E) STATIONARY
(F) NONE
(H) NONE

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- (1) NONE
(2) (A) GLANCED UP AND SAW IT PD
(B) 45 DEGREES
(C) TURNED LEFT AND LOST IT PD
(D) STILL
(E) PILOT LOST IT
(F) TWO MINUTES
(3) (A) AIR VISUAL
(B) NONE
(C) F-36F CMA 525300 CMA 33,000 CMA 120 DEGREES CMA 200 KNOTS
CMA MANSTON PD
(4) (A) 1400Z
(B) DAY
(5) NKBC 400 300 CMA 5 MILES S E OF MANSTON
(6) (A) N/A
(B) RALPH A. BROWN CMA CAPT CMA AP 312 747 CMA 513TH FTR BMR SO
CMA JET FRT PILOT PL FLT LEADER CMA HIGHLY RELIABLE PD
(7) (A) CLEAR
(B) WING DIR & VELOCITY IN DEGREES AND KNOTS AT SURFACE CLN 250
DEGREES CMA 10 KNOTS GUSTS UP TO 25 PD

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15,000 FT CLN 280 DEGREES 50 KNOTS SEMICLN 12,000 FT CLN
280 DEGREES 50 KNOTS SEMICLN 15,000 FT CLN 270 DEGREES
50 KNOTS SEMICLN 20,000 FT 270 DEGREES 50 KNOTS SEMICLN
30,000 FT 280 DEGREES 70 KNOTS SEMIVLN 50,000 FT 300
DEGREES 25 KNOTS PD

- (C) NONE
- (D) UNLIMITED
- (E) NONE
- (F) NONE

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- (8) NONE
- (9) NONE
- (10) NONE
- (11) NONE

(12) INTEL OFF 406TH FTR BMR WG PD THE SIGHTING WAS MADE BY A
HIGHLY RELIABLE, VERY EXPERIENCED PILOT PD THE WEATHER WAS GOOD
AND A CHECK PROVED THAT NO WEATHER BALLOONS HAD BEEN RELEASED IN
THE AREA FOR THE PAST 24 HRS PD THIS SIGHTING CAN NOT BE ATTRIBUTED
TO ANY KNOWN AIRCRAFT OR PHENOMENA AS CAN BEST BE DETERMINED BY
THIS SECTION PD THIS PILOT WAS DEBRIEFED IMMEDIATELY UPON LANDING
AND HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE PRIOR REPORT OF SIGHTING OF MAJOR

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CRAWFORD PD BOTH REPORTS ARE SIMILIAR AND SUBSTANTIATES EACH OTHER

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