

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 18 December 1954		2. LOCATION Foster AFB, Texas		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 18/2135Z to Sunset		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☐ No		6. SOURCE Civilian & Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Over 3 hours		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Oblong and/or round. Metallic. One object with another suspended underneath. Was stationary. San Antonio CAA center reported Goodfellow AFB release 2 lighted balloons tied together. A/C scrambled.				11. COMMENTS Object was identified as a weather balloon.	

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(G) OBSERVERS REPORTS VARY FROM SMALL TAIL TO NONE.

(H) NONE

(I) NONE

(2) (A) UNK

(B) FROM FOSTER AFB TEX 260 DEGREES, 50 DEGREE ELEVATION

(C) SAME

(D) WAS STATIONARY

(E) GRADUAL

(F) 2135Z TO SUNSET

3) (A) GROUND-VISUAL

Multi

IN

NOV 1954

20 DEC 1954 07 30

19/2135Z
FOSTER AFB TEXAS

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1. Attn
2. Attn-2
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4. File

ATTC

RC19

WPE016

YMA021

WYAG16

WMA031

JWFFZ 005

OO JEDEN JEDWP JEPHQ JWFNK 444

DE JWFFZ 01

O 190200Z

FM COMDR FOSTER AFB TEX

TO JEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO SPRINGS COLO

JWFNK/COMDR 33RD AIR DIVISION OKLA CITY OKLA

JEDWP/COMDR AIR TECH INT CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

JEPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASH D C

KF12-450 PD UFOB PD BRIGHT UFOB OBJECT IN SKY FIRST REPORTED AT 182135Z
OVER GOLIAD, TEX. SAME UFOB VISIBLE TO AO AND TOWER PERSONNEL AT FOSTER
AFB, TEX.

(1) (A) OBLONG AND/OR ROUND

(B) FROM HEAD OF PIN TO SIZE OF DINNER PLATE. NOT A CHANGING SIZE,
BUT THE REPORTS OF SIZE VARY

(C) METALLIC

(D) ONE, WITH ANOTHER SUSPENDED BENEATH.

(E) NONE

(F) NONE

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(B) THOMPSON, DONALD O. A/2C, 450TH AIR BASE GRP, BASE OPS DESPATCHER
RELIABLE REICH, DONALD E. 2/LT, 450TH FTR DAY SQ, AIRDROME OFF,
RELIABLE HOLDER, WILLIE M. A/1C, 2015-2 AACS DET, TOWER OPER,
RELIABLE

(7) (A) -X 5MILES DUST, TEMP 68, DEW PT 31, WIND NW 21KTS GUSTS 31 ALT
30.18

(B) 6000 - 310 DEGREES AT 40 KTS

10000 - 310 DEGREES AT 40 KTS

16000 - 290 DEGREES AT 50 KTS

20000 - 280 DEGREES AT 70 KTS

30000 - 280 DEGREES AT 75 KTS TO 150 KTS

50000 - UNK DEGREES AT UNK KTS

80000 - UNK DEGREES AT UNK KTS

(8) SAN ANTONIO CAA CENTER REPORTS GOODFELLOW AFB RELEASED TWO LIGHTED
BALLONS TIED TOGETHER WHICH WERE SUPPOSED TO DRIFT EASTWARD ABOVE 20,000
FEET AND ARE SUPPOSED TO BURST IN THE EARLY MORNING OVER GULF OF MEXICO
IN VICINITY OF NEW ORLEANS, LA.

(9) ONE EACH ADC T-33, OF 32ND AIR DIV, NIAGRA FALLS, N.Y., ON X-C
IN VICINITY OF FOSTER AFB, TEX, WAS REQUESTED TO ATTEMPT IDENTIFICATION
OF UFOB BY FOSTER CONTROL TOWER. UNABLE TO PERFORM INTERCEPTION. PILOT
STATED UFOB APPEARED TO BE A BALLON.

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(10) ONE T-33

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(12) NONE

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