

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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| 1. DATE<br><b>28 April 1955</b>                                                                            |  | 2. LOCATION<br><b>Dahlgren, Virginia</b>                                                                                                                                                                         |  | 12. CONCLUSIONS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <b>Jupiter</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other<br><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |  |
| 3. DATE-TIME GROUP<br>Local _____<br>GMT <b>28/1820Z</b>                                                   |  | 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar<br><input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |
| 5. PHOTOS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                        |  | 6. SOURCE<br><b>Military</b>                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |
| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br><b>1 hr, 30 mins</b>                                                           |  | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br><b>one</b>                                                                                                                                                                               |  | 9. COURSE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING<br><b>Round, 20-30 feet in diameter.<br/>Silver-metallic. Moving slowly.</b> |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  | 11. COMMENTS<br><b>Jupiter in approximate position<br/>reported. Daylight observation.<br/>Object not visible to naked eye.<br/>Visible only through theolite.<br/>RADAR EVAL: BALLOON.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |



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UFOB

1 DESCRIPTION

A. ROUND

B. 20-30 FEET DIAMETER

USING GRND THEOLITE

C. SILVER METALLIC

D. ONE

E. N/A

F. ELONGATE AND WAVER COULD BE ILLUSION

G. NONE

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H. NONE

I. NONE

2 DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

A. TAKING PIBAL AND TRACKING IT WHEN THEY CAME UPON UFOB

B. 31.8 DEG ELEV "40 DEG RELATIVE BEARING FROM DAHLGREN OPERATIONS VA.

16 MILES AT 281820Z 19.8 DEG ELEV "59 DEG TRUE BEARING AT 281940Z

FROM SAME LOCETION

C. STILL VISIBLE AT 29 DEG

D. MOVING VERY SLOWLY DROPPED TO 29 DEG ELVE 245 DEG RELATIVE BEARING

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AT 28/1820Z
- E. STILL PRESENT
- F. 1 HR 30 MINS

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

- A. GROUND VISUAL AND GROUND ELECTRONIC - AIR SURVEILLANCE RADAR
- B. THEDI.

TES

C. N/A

4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

A. 281820Z

B. DAY

5. LOCATION OF OBSERVER

LAT 3820N 770"Z AT DAHLGREN BASE OPNS VA

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BYM IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBSERVERS

A. N/A

B. [REDACTED] N( AL PROVING GRD DAHLGREN VA EA OBSERVOR

[REDACTED] AG1 SAME ORGAN AND SAME DUTY

RELIABILITY UNK

7. WEATHER AND WINDS ALC. I CONDITION AT IME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING

A. 250 SCATTERED CLDS 20000 SCATTERED CLDS VIS 15 MILES WINDS SSW 25  
KTS

B. 6000 FT 0210 DEG 24 KT

10000 FT 020 DEG 17 KT

16000 FT 040 DEG 11 KT



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10000 FT 020 DEG 17 KT

16000 FT 040 DEG 11 KT

20000 FT 090 DEG GPE KT

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30000 FT 10 DEG 13 KT

50000 FT 250 DEG 06 KT

80000 FT 260 DEG 15 KT

C. SAME AS 7 A ABOVE

DBM 15 MILSE

E. 2/1

F. N/A

8. NONE

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9. AD TYPE A/C BUT OUT OF RANGE 35-40000 FT

10 NONE

11. OPERATIPN OFFICER FLT SVC CEN OLMSTED AFB PA

POSSIBLY WEA BATTOON SINCE WINDS ARE NEGL1903

?12 NONE

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# UFOB INDEX CARD

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| 5. PHOTOS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                 |  | 6. SOURCE<br><b>Military (USN)</b>                                                                                                                                                                    |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br><b>One hour and fifty-six Min.</b>                                                                                                                                      |  | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br><b>One (1)</b>                                                                                                                                                                |  | 9. COURSE<br><b>Semi-Stationary</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING<br><br><b>One (1) object, round, white, sharpley defined edges, estimated at 38,000 feet, to be approx 30 feet in diameter. Theodolite eyepiece used by observer.</b> |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | 11. COMMENTS<br><br><b>Observer commented that the object looked like a balloon. Investigation by Flight 3, H disclosed that this object was/a Rasonda balloon released by the Norfolk Naval Base.</b><br><br><i>Jupiter(?)</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |



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FIGURE 34: AGON LINE

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## PART FOUR: Comments on the 1990s

EN - SUMMARY: An investigation of the Office was conducted at Washington, D.C. on 1/18/57. The results of the investigation are summarized in the attached report. The results of the investigation are summarized in the attached report. The results of the investigation are summarized in the attached report.

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CHANDLER E. HANSON  
Capt. USAF  
Retired - 4th October

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## Part One

## SOURCES

Address: [REDACTED] Naval Post Office, [REDACTED]  
Dan Air-Gen, Virginia

426-32

Occasionally Peter Orfinger 1st Class USN

## Recreation High school graduate

## Conditions of Sale

REF ID: A66493      UNITED STATES SOURCE FOR COVER PHOTO BY PHOTODISC

111. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: SOURCE has released the weather balloon from the station at operations, Naval Training Ground, Dahlgren, Virginia (CAND 5324) and was tracking it by use of a theodolite when at 28/3/2004 AM, SOURCE observed an object in the sky in the general direction of the weather balloon. SOURCE discontinued further observation of the weather balloon and trained the theodolite, estimated 20% on the object.

The object as seen through the eyepiece of the theodolite was the size of the head of a pin. It could not be seen with the naked eye.

The object was round, white in color, and had sharply defined edges. It appeared that it had assumed an elongated shape at times and wavered.

SOURCE, not being AG 1, [REDACTED] of the sighting (refer to Part Two, this report). He then continued tracking the object, recording elevations and bearings.

In the course of observing the object, SOURCE was informed that the local, alerted radar station had received returns from the object by use of Air Surveillance Radar. From his own records and those available from the radar station SOURCE estimated that the object was at an altitude of 38 000 feet and was 20 to 30 feet in diameter.

SOURCE believed that the object may have been a balloon of the sky-hook type, but since he had no experience with large balloons he did not want to commit himself.

The information contained in the following paragraphs of the 1. TL message from Commander, 26th AD, dated 28/26/67, was furnished by SOURCE: 1 Description, A, B, D & E. 2 Description of Course, A, B, C, D, E & F. 3 Weather and Wind-stuff conditions, A, B, C, D, E & F.

SOURCE observed the object for a period of one hour and 50 minutes.

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RE: IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF AIR OBSERVERS

A. N/A

B. AGT NAVAL PROVING GRD DALLAM VA NEA OBSERVER

AGT SAME ORGAN AND SAME DUTY

RELIABILITY UNKNOWN

C. WEATHER AND WINDS ABOVE CONDITION AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING

A. 250 SCATTERED CLOUDS 20000 SCATTERED CLOUDS 15 MILES WINDS SSW 25 KTS

B. 5000 FT 3010 DEC 24 IN

10000 FT 020 DEC 17 IN

16000 FT 040 DEC 11 IN

20000 FT 080 DEC 01 IN

30000 FT 10 DEC 15 IN

50000 FT 250 DEC 06 IN

80000 FT 250 DEC 15 IN

C. SAME AS ABOVE

DBM 15 MILES

E. 2/1

F. N/A

G. NONE

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9. AD TYPE A/C BUT OUT OF RANGE 35-40000 FT

10. NONE

11. OBSERVATION OFFICER FLD SVC GEN OBSERVED AIRC IN

POSSIBLY NEA BETWEEN SINGLE WINDS ARE NEGOTIATED

112. NONE

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# AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

**Flight - 46026 A188**

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Address: [REDACTED] US Naval Proving Ground  
 Dahlgren, Virginia

APR 27

Occupation: Police Officer - Los Angeles, CA

Education: High school graduate

**Specific Questions Addressed**

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THE SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SHOOTING: SOURCE WAS WORKING INSIDE THE OPERATIONS BUILDING, LEVEL MOVING GROUND, DELIGHTON, VIRGINIA (G3V 5820) WHEN AT 25/1520Z APRIL HE WAS CALLED OUTSIDE BY AG1 WILLIAM A. CARLSON (KNOWN TO PART ONE, THIS REPORT). THE INFO SPOTTED AN OBJECT THROUGH THE EYEPiece OF THE THEODOLITE HE WAS THEN USING IN TRACKING A WEATHER BALLOON WHICH HAD JUST BEEN RELEASED AT THIS STATION.

SOURCE went outside to have a look at the object which could not be seen with the naked eye. He stated that the object as observed through the theodolite was the size of the head of a pin.

The color of the object appeared to be a metallic silver and the edges were sharply defined.

It moved at a relatively slow speed and did not change its course. SOURCE believed that it moved South-West to West from his point of observation.

The object was round, but it seemed to take on an elongated shape at times, and also waver.

SOURCE had no explanation for the object and returned inside the Operations Building to notify his superiors and remained at the telephone, handling all phone traffic in reference to the object. He left for brief persons to have another look.

From 28/1820Z to 28/1940Z SOURCE observed the object intermittently for an estimated total period of five minutes.

SEYMOUR stated that the object might have been a balloon of a type unknown to him because his experience was limited to the regular type weather balloon which bursts upon reaching certain altitudes.

SUMNER has never observed anything like this object before.



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## SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATION REPORTS:

1. A check with Andrews AFB (GJFC 0818) Operations and Weather was made for balloon releases at the time of the sighting. Negative results.
2. Operations and Weather of the Marine Air Station at Quantico (GJFC 4230) was checked with for balloon releases at the time of sighting. Negative results.
3. The US Weather Service, Washington, D.C. (GJFC 5856) was contacted for information of balloon releases in the Chesapeake Area at the time of sighting. Negative results.
4. Operations and Weather of Langley AFB (GJFC 1010) were contacted for information of balloon releases. Negative results.
5. Fleet Weather Central, Norfolk Naval Base, Norfolk, Virginia (GJFC 4356) was contacted and furnished the following information by phone and T message:

Fleet Weather Central released a Rasende balloon at 28/1406Z April which was 82 inches long, discoid and white. An AN/MT-4A Rasende was attached.

The balloon was lost at 29/1436Z. Last azimuth obtained 277 degrees. Last elevation angle 60.5 degrees. Location at termination approximately 5 miles west of Norfolk Naval Station. Altitude at termination 45,774 feet.

## Weather data during observed flight of balloon:

| Altitude | Degrees | Knots |
|----------|---------|-------|
| 5 000    | 008     | 24    |
| 10 000   | 053     | 15    |
| 15 000   | 062     | 08    |
| 20 000   | 146     | 12    |
| 25 000   | 142     | 08    |
| 30 000   | 153     | 14    |
| 35 000   | 182     | 06    |
| 40 000   | 132     | 15    |
| 45 000   | 190     | 08    |

Information received by phone conversation with the Fleet Weather Central revealed that there was a good possibility that the object sighted at the Naval Proving Ground, Dahlgren, Virginia was the Rasende balloon released at Norfolk Naval Base.

6. For weather data at the Naval Proving Ground, Dahlgren, Virginia at the time of sighting refer to paragraph 7 A, B, C, D, E, of Inclosure 1, Part One, this report.

## 1 Inclosure:

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# NAVY GRAD

**Full**

PASS TO 016 FUEL SR 4609 AIR INTELLIGENCE SERVING SQUADRON X COMBAT  
OF 2 NAV ENGINEERS X 1000 NORMA REINFORCED 1500 GM RASONEE BATTALION 281406Z  
APRIL X STEEL 12 IN-ENGINEER PLACED X 3000S WHITE X 4000 AMT 4X RASONEE  
ATM CHSD X LAST AFTERNOON OBSERVER 277 DEC X JASH DETENTION ANGLE 60.8  
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KTR 30000 FT BRN CHDS VIS 8 MI X ALT OF BATTALION AT INFORMATION  
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## COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. In the opinion of the Preparing Officer, this sighting was probably caused by the Resonde balloon releases by Fleet Weather Central, Norfolk Naval Base, Norfolk, Virginia for the following reasons:

a. The object's general behavior and appearance was that of a balloon and the color of the object as described by SOURCES A31 [REDACTED] coincided with the color of the Resonde balloon.

b. Both SOURCES agreed that the object could have been a balloon but were not sure because of inexperience with large type balloons, size of object, altitude of object, radar returns from object and direction of course.

(1) The size of the object as given by SOURCES [REDACTED] (20 to 30 feet in diameter) was computed from two estimates, altitude 38 000 feet and image size in eyepiece of theodolite (head of a pin). SOURCES stated that this may be inaccurate.

(2) An AN/ALT 4A Resonde was attached to the balloon and according to information furnished by Fleet Weather Central, this equipment would give a radar return.

(3) One of the main factors causing SOURCES to doubt that the object was a balloon was its course. However, Fleet Weather Central at Norfolk estimated that the course of the balloon would be approximately in a northwest direction.

*Chester E. Hanson*  
CHESTER E. HANSON  
Captain, USAF  
Officer-in-Charge

## COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Concur in the opinion of the Preparing Officer that sighting was caused by the designated Resonde balloon released at Norfolk Naval Base.

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