

UFOB INDEX CARD AISS-UFOB-229-55

1. DATE 21 July 1955		2. LOCATION Richland, Washington		12. CONCLUSIONS ☒ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 21/1337Z to 1420Z Jul 55		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military and Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Forty-three (43) Minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One		9. COURSE Drifting Slowly	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One (1), tear-drop shaped object, silver in color, and having the appearance of a large balloon, and also having the appearance of a plastic bottom. Intercept action was taken but the object was above the 45,000 foot altitude reached by the pilots. One pilot stated the object was a balloon.				11. COMMENTS The description of the object has the characteristics of a balloon. One pilot stated the object was a balloon. A check by this headquarters with COC Weather at ADC was positive. A balloon was over the area of sighting at the time of the sighting at an altitude of 80,000 feet. Resolved as: WAS BALLOON	

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 21 Jul 55		2. LOCATION Rochland, Washington		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 21/1337Z to 1420Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE military and civiliant			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 43 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE Drifting Slowly	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One tear-drop shaped obj, silver in color, appearance of large balloon also appearance of plastic bottom. Intercept action was taken but obj was above 45,000 ft alt reached by pilots. One pilot stated obj was balloon.				11. COMMENTS Description of obj has characteristics of balloon. Check with COC Weather at ADC was positive. Balloon was over area of sighting at time of sighting at an alt of 80,000 feet. Balloon.	

Multi IN

ACTION

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hr

after

file

12 ATIA
2. ATIG
3. R-file
H R-file
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WPB101 YDD111 XYA179 XMA065 XXB039GRA015

RR RJEDEN RJEDWP RJEPHQ RJWPKL RJWPDM

DE RJWPGR 32A

R 211800Z

FM CO NINEAIRDII GEIGER FLD SPKANE AN

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLO

RJEDWP/COMDR WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJWPHQ/DOI HQ USAF WASHINGTON 25 DC

RJWPKL/COMWADF HAMILTON AFB HAMILTON CALIF

RJWPDM/COMDR FLT 1-A 4502ND AISSRON MCCHORD AFB TACOMA AN

BT

/UNCLASSIFIED/90DI 5232 PD UFOB PD 1 CLN A CMA TEAR DROI PD B CNA
VERY LARGE BALLOON TYPE OBJECT PD C SILVER PD D CMA ONE ID E CMA N/A
PD F CMA SILVER WHITE WITH PLASTIC BOTTOM PD G CMA NONE PD H CMA NONE
PD 1 CMA ALTITUDE OF 65,000 FT OR MORE PD 2 CLN A OBSERVED FROM GROUND
BY GOC PD B CMA 25 TO 30 DEG ELEVATION CMA 180 DEG FROM RICHLAND
WASHINGTON AIRPORT PD C CMA NW/1A PD D CMA SLOW MOVING TO SOUTH PD E CMA
UNK PD F CMA UNK PD 3 CLN A CMA GROUND-VISUAL AND AIR VISUAL PD B CMA
20 POWER TELESCOPE PD C CMA OVERTONE 10 AND 13 CMA 30,000 TO 45,000 FT
QCMA 168 DEG CMA 350 KTS CMA LARSON AFZ WN PD 4 CLN A CMA 21/1337Z TO
APPROX 21/1420Z PD B CMA DAY PD 5 CLN AB 4418 PD 6 CLN A CMA G. A.1

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UBIE CMA [REDACTED] DRIVE CM [REDACTED] WN CHA AEC SECURITY PATROL
CLN [REDACTED] CMA [REDACTED] CMA RICHLAND WN CMA G. E. PATROL
PD B CMA 1/LT R. T. CAMERON CMA OVERTONE 13 323RD FIS LARSON AFB ALERT
PILOT PD CLN CAPT RAVENSBURG CMA OVERTONE 10 323RD FIS CMA LARSON AFB
CMA PILOT BOTH VERY RELIABLE PD 7 CLN A CMA CLEAR PD B CMA SURFACE CALUM
CMA 6000 FT 210 AT 7 KTS CMA 10000 FT 220 AT 10 KTS CMA 16000 FT 210 AT
20 KTS CMA 20000 FT 210 AT 25 KTS CMA 30000 FT 220 AT 35 KTS CMA 50000
FT 220 AT 20 KTS CMA 80000 FT 180 AT 10 KTS PD C CMA NONE PD D CMA
UNLIMITED PD E CMA NONE PD F CMA NONE PD 8 CLN NONE PD 9 CLN TWO ACFT
FROM 323RD FIS LARSON AFB WERE SCRA ELED FOR INTERCEPTION PD ACFT CLIMBED
TO 45000 FT WITH OBJECT STILL FAR ABOVE THEM PD 10 CLN NONE PD 11 CLN
ORVILLE E BIXEL MAJ USAF D/I 9TH AIR DIV PD ONE PILOT OF INTCP ACFT
STATED HE AAS SURE OBJECT WAS LARGE BALLOON PD SHAPE CMA COLOR CMA SIZE
AND SPEED OF OBJECT SUGGESTS IT WAS A BALLOON PD 12 CMA NONE PD END

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