

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 6 and 13 May 1956		2. LOCATION Waterville, Vermont Morrisville, Vermont		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☒ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 14/0058Z		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			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION over 2 hours		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 6 - 2 - 4		9. COURSE E TO W N - S	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Four objects shaped like a star, size of star. Color yellow - a light on ea object. No sound, no exhaust, object was traveling very fast and became very bright. Silver colored 4-6 ' diameter. Observed through 6power binoculars.				11. COMMENTS Balloon clusters associated with operation SKYHOOK.	

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1 DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT

A SHAPE LIKE STAR OR BRIGHT LIGHT

B SIZE LIKE STAR

C COLOR YELLOW

D NUMBER 4

E FORMATION DIFFER POS FROM POST IF MORE THAN 1 N.W. S. W. W. E.

F DETAILS A LIGHT ON EACH OBJECT

G TRAIL OR EXHAUST NONE

H SOUND NONE

I FEATURES NONE

2 DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

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MORRISVILLE, VERMONT, USA
FROM (Agency)
Flight 3-E, 4602d AISS
DATE OF REPORT
21 May 1956
DATE OF INFORMATION
6 and 13 May 1956
EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer)
JAMES E. RADFORD, Captain, USAF
SOURCE
[redacted] and others
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
TT Msg 764th AC&W Sq dtd 14 May 1956; Squadron Guide 200-2

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

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- PART TWO: Description of sighting by Mr. [redacted], Morrisville, Vermont
- PART THREE: Description of sighting by Mr. [redacted] Avenue, Morrisville, Vermont
- PART FOUR: Description of sighting by Mr. [redacted] t, Morrisville, Vermont
- PART FIVE: Supplementary Investigative Efforts
- PART SIX: Comments of Preparing Officer

II. SUMMARY: Two sightings of unidentified flying objects on 6 and 13 May 1956 at approximately 2000 hours EST at Morrisville, Vermont (GEOREF HJCQ 2434). The information contained in this report was obtained from the persons sighting the objects and from an investigation conducted to determine the cause of the sightings.

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Commander

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Part One

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I. SOURCE: Mr. [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Morrisville, Vermont

Age: 46

Occupation: Lathe Operator, Stowe-Barre, Stowe, Vermont

Education: 2 years High School

Qualification: GOC Observer

II. RELIABILITY: Mr. Wiltshire has no previous experience as a trained observer. He is middle aged and possesses average intelligence. He seemed sincere in presenting his information.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: Mr. [REDACTED] was on duty with the Morrisville GOC Post (GEOREF: HJCQ 2434) which is located in the town of Morrisville. Mr. Wiltshire's tour of duty was from 2000 to 2200 hrs EST on the 6th of May 56 and 13th of May 56 respectively. The objects were called to his attention by Mr. Fred Green, Manager of the Morrisville Foundry, who had been called by an unknown SOURCE in Waterville, Vermont (GEOREF HJCQ 1442). Mr. Wiltshire stated that he saw six (6) of the objects in the sighting of 6 May 56 but did not know their bearing from his location. Two (2) of the objects were directly overhead and appeared brighter than the other four (4) located approximately 35° above the horizon and 8° to the left of the other two (2) objects. The weather was clear with few scattered clouds, no winds, cool and dry. There was no moonlight and few stars. Two objects were approximately the size of a grapefruit, and the two (2) directly overhead were approximately the size of a dime. Objects were very faint and seemed to remain suspended. Objects were triangular shaped with a small tail suspended beneath. (See Incl 1). One object moved behind a cloud and re-appeared. All objects appeared solid and had distinct edges. The smaller objects appeared as a bright star, but retained a clear outline. Objects were in the same position when Mr. Wiltshire left his post at 2200 hours, EST, 6 May 1956.

Mr. Wiltshire's sighting on 13 May 56 was similar to the sighting of 6 May 56 with the exception that only four (4) objects were observed. Mr. Wiltshire was facing north at the time of the sighting and observed only one (1) object move. He did not remember the direction of flight. The moon was out on the evening of the 13 May 56. The objects were fanned out across the sky from east to west. Western most object was approximately 15° from north and about 20° above the horizon. Two objects were located close together at due north from Mr. Wiltshire's position. These objects were approximately 35° above the horizon. The eastern most object was moving very fast in an approximate easterly direction and when first observed was located about 15° east of north.

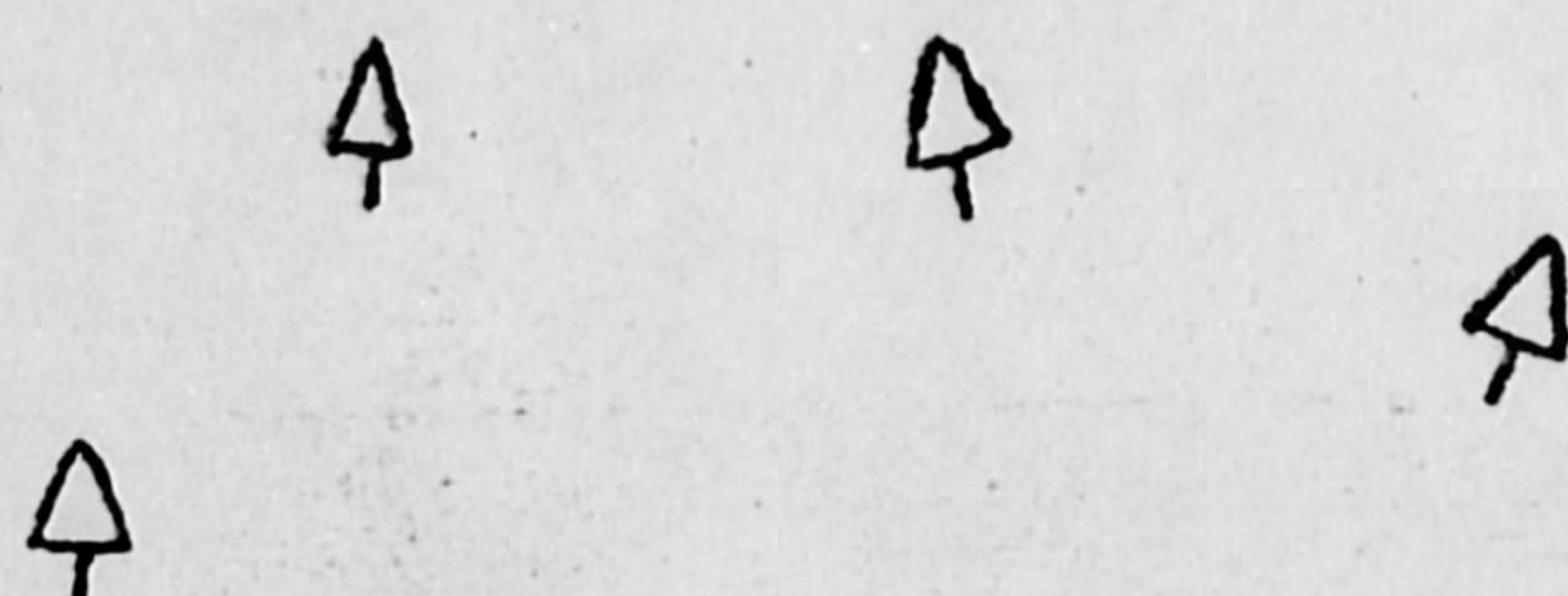
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1. SOURCE'S sketch of sightings

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Pt. A ☐ Direction Unknown		Pt. A ☐		

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Pt. A represents GOC Post at Morrisville, Vt. (HJCQ2434)

Inclosure 1 of Part One
SOURCE'S sketch of sightings on 6 May 56 and 13 May 56.

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- I. SOURCE: Mr. [REDACTED]
Address: Morrisville, Vermont
Age: 37
Occupation: Farmer
Education: Grade School, Electrical School
Qualification: COC Observer
- II. RELIABILITY: Mr. Standcliff is the COC Supervisor for the town of Morrisville and is well known and liked in the community.
- III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: Mr. Standcliff was notified of the sighting by Mr. Fred Green (same witness as in Part One) at approximately 2000 hours EST, 6 May 56. Mr. Standcliff immediately went to the COC Post in Morrisville (GEOREF HJCQ 2434). Mr. Standcliff observed only three objects. Objects were positioned from north to east, northernmost object positioned approximately 5° west of north, center object positioned approximately 10° east of north and the easternmost object approximately 90° east of north. All objects were approximately 70° to 75° above the horizon. Objects were in motion, northernmost object was moving from west to east; center object was moving from north to south and appeared to rise; the easternmost object was moving very slowly from east to west. Objects were observed through binoculars (6X) and were estimated as being approximately 4 feet in diameter. Objects appeared to be about as large as a basketball held at arms length. Objects had a box or gondola suspended beneath them. Objects were illuminated like an automobile headlight about a mile away. Objects appeared transparent and had the outline similar to a bright star. Objects made no sound or left no trails. Objects were observed for approximately 2 hours. One object remained in view after Mr. Standcliff returned to his home. SOURCE was unable to sketch objects which he observed.

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- I. SOURCE: Mr. Robert H. Whitmore
Address: Cherry Avenue, Morrisville, Vermont
Age: 36
Occupation: Manager, First National Store, Morrisville
Qualification: GOC Observer
- II. RELIABILITY: Undetermined, SOURCE appeared to be unconcerned about sighting.
- III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: Mr. Whitmore went on duty at the Morrisville GOC Post at 2200 hours EST, 13 May 1956 and was shown the object by Mr. Raymond Wiltshire. Mr. Whitmore observed only two objects for a period of approximately 1 hour. Mr. Whitmore stated the object at the end of the sighting appeared to burst and disappear from view. He stated the objects were clearly outlined against the sky and were approximately the size of bright stars. Mr. Whitmore stated the objects were west of his position at the time of sighting. He did not note their direction of flight or approximate altitude. SOURCE was both unwilling and unable to sketch objects which he observed.

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I. SOURCE: Mr. Fred Green

Address: Elmore Street, Morrisville, Vermont

Age: 38

Occupation: Manager, Morrisville Foundry

Qualifications: GOC Observer, AF Experience

II. RELIABILITY: Mr. Green served as a crew chief on fighter type acft during World War II and also saw service during the Korean campaign.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: Mr. Green received a telephone call at approximately 2000 hrs EST 6 May 1956 from an unidentified person in Waterville, Vermont (GEOREF: HJCQ 1442). Waterville is located approximately 320° NW and approximately 20 miles distant from Morrisville. Source informed Mr. Green of four objects sighted between Waterville and Morrisville. Mr. Green went to the GOC Post in Morrisville (HJCQ 2434) and observed the objects through 6X binoculars from that position. He stated that the objects appeared to be balloons and had a gondola suspended beneath them. Objects were noted to move in north-south direction. Altitude was not determined. Objects were silver colored as if made of aluminum or painted silver, with an estimated size of 4 to 6 feet. Mr. Green observed the objects for approximately two (2) hours. During the period of observation, the objects made no erratic movements. Mr. Green with Mr. Wiltshire reported the objects to the Albany Filter Center. SOURCE could not draw a sketch of the objects he sighted.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. A telephone call to the Burlington Airport control tower was made to determine if there were any aircraft in the area on the dates and times of sightings. Tower gave a negative report.
2. Phone call was made to the Burlington weather station. No balloons releases were made at the time of sightings or immediately prior to the time of sightings. Personnel at the station informed the investigator that the winds at altitude were from the NW on both dates, and it was possible for balloons to travel from the north central part of the states into the area.
3. A check was made with the 764th AC&W Squadron, St. Albans, Vermont. Intelligence personnel informed the investigator of several projects being conducted involving the use of balloons. Investigator was shown track logs made on the dates of the sightings, but no entries were made which would identify the objects sighted.

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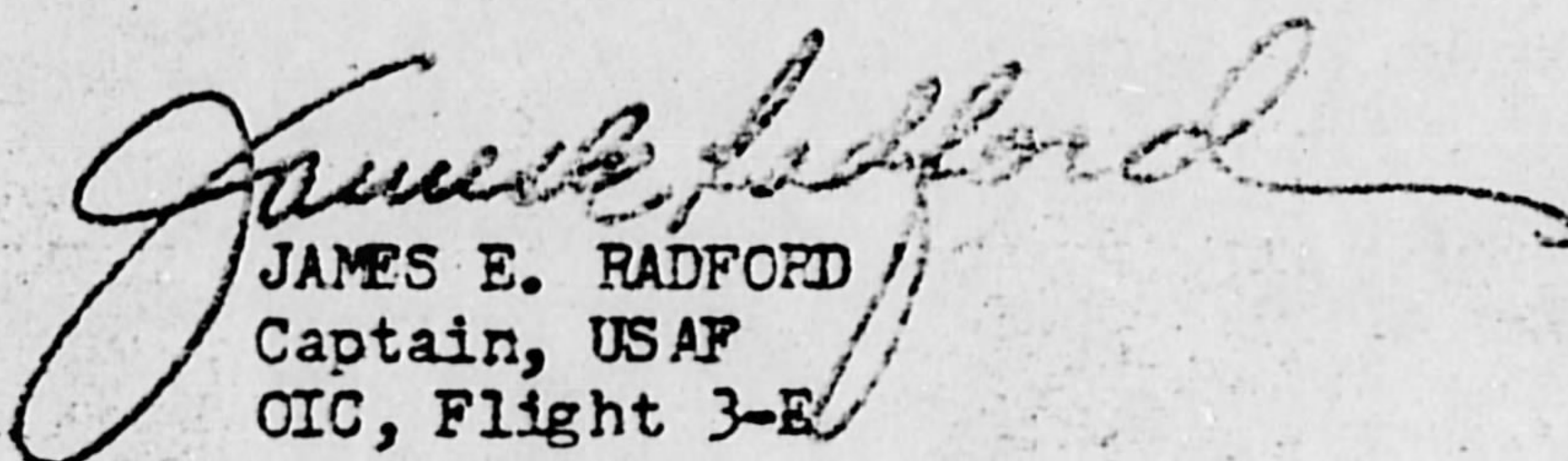
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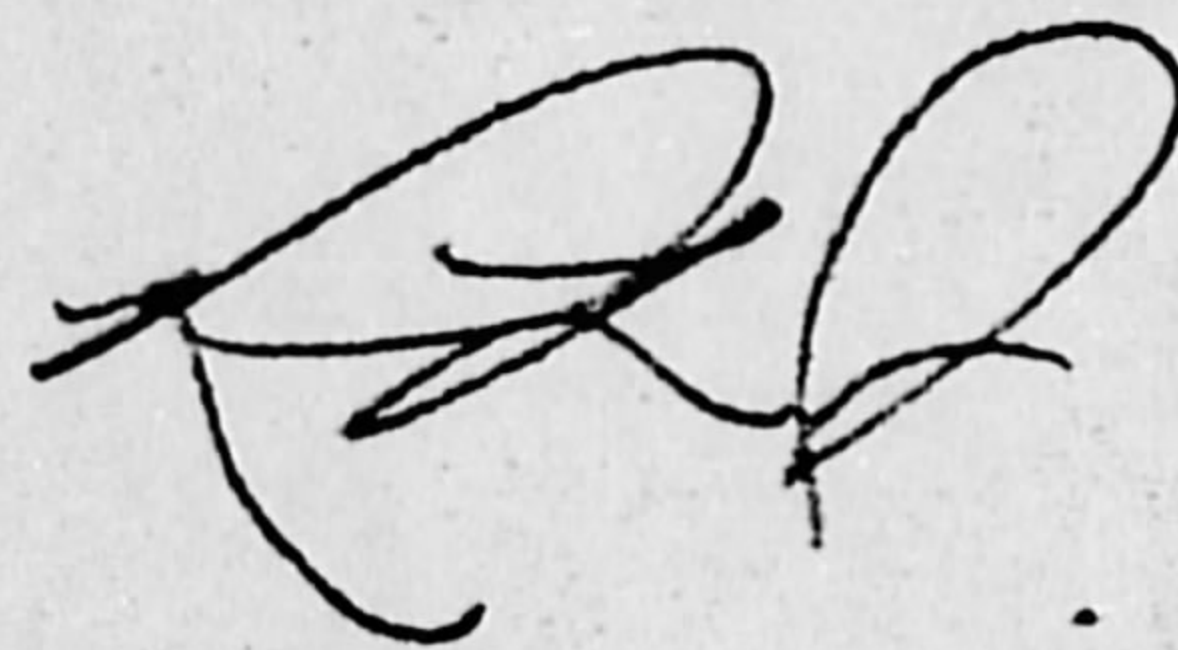
COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

1. It is the opinion of the Investigator, from facts obtained, that sightings were caused by a cluster of weather balloons, with telemetering instruments attached. These balloons could possibly be used in conjunction with OPERATION SKYHOOK, as the prevailing winds would cause them to be blown over the area where they were sighted. The weather station at Burlington, Vermont has seen similar sightings within the past eight (8) months and has determined them to be weather balloons.


JAMES E. RADFORD
Captain, USAF
OIC, Flight 3-E

COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

Concur with the opinion of the Preparing Officer that the sightings described in this report were caused by clusters of weather balloons. Telemetering instruments attached to the suspension train of each balloon could account for reports of "gondolas" beneath the objects.



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