

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 22 May 1956		2. LOCATION Amarillo, 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 23/0035Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Identified by: ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian & Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION one & one half hour		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE stationary	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One round object, the size of a pea held at arm's length, a bright golden color, appeared in the NW at an angle of elevation of 45 dgr & faded fm sight in approx the same location.				11. COMMENTS Received by letter, a copy of which is attached for your information. Concur with the opinion of the reporting officer that this sighting was definitely caused by a balloon with a bright light attached.	

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23/0035Z

688TH ACAN SQUADRON (ADC)
Amarillo Air Force Base, Texas

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24 May 1956

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Report

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

1. In accordance with paragraphs 905 and 906, chapter IX, of COMAD Manual 55-1, the following report of sighting of an unidentified flying object is heretby submitted:

a. Description of object.

- (1) Round.
- (2) Fea.
- (3) Bright golden.
- (4) One (1).
- (5) N/A.
- (6) Round.
- (7) N/A.
- (8) N/A.
- (9) N/A.

b. Description of course of object.

- (1) Observer was watering lawn, when he saw a B-47 overhead and followed aircraft, and as aircraft made a perfectly round turn the object was sighted.
- (2) 45° angle at 300° to 345° azimuth.
- (3) Same as b(2).
- (4) Object moved about 1/2 to 1 foot from visual sight, then was stationary 20 minutes.

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(5) Just faded.

(6) One hour, 30 minutes.

c. Manner of observation.

(1) Ground visual.

(2) N/A.

(3) E/A.

d. Time and date of sighting.

(1) 23/0035Z May 1956.

(2) Dusk.

e. Location of observer. Exact latitude and longitude of observer.

(1) 101° - 45 minutes W, 34° - 15 minutes N, Amarillo, Texas.

f. Identifying information of observer.

(1) Mr. [REDACTED] age 35, address, [REDACTED], Amarillo, Texas, occupation, refrigerator maintenance man.
Mrs. [REDACTED], age 37, address, [REDACTED], Amarillo, Texas, housewife.

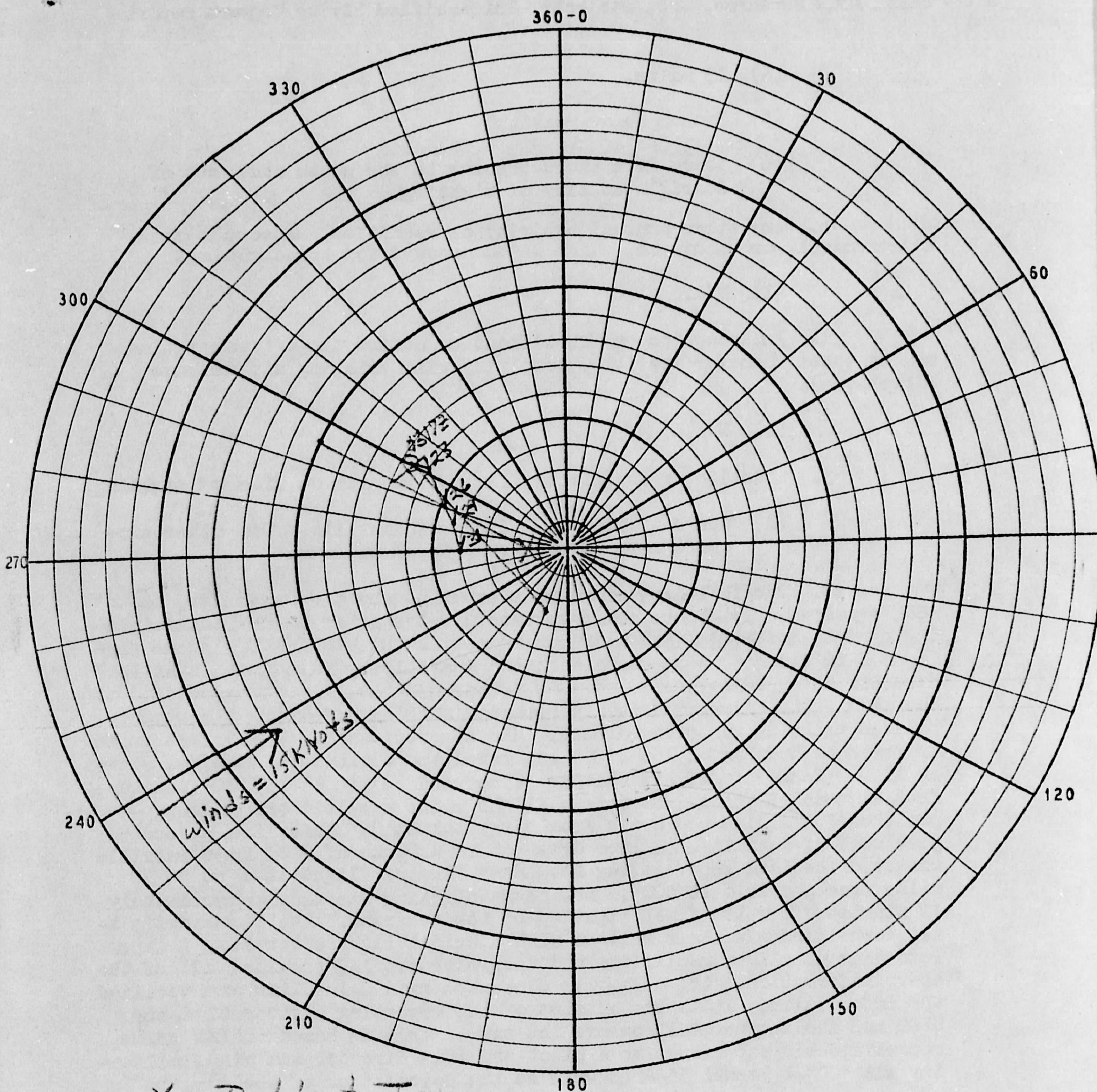
(2) H/Sgt. [REDACTED], Amarillo, Texas, military address [REDACTED] Squadron, first sergeant, reliable sincere individual (CO's estimate).

g. Weather and winds-aloft conditions at time and place of sightings.

(1) Broken clouds.

(2) Surface - 180° - 23 knots.
6,000' - 210° - 10 knots.
10,000' - 210° - 10 knots.
16,000' - 240° - 15 knots.
20,000' - 280° - 25 knots.
30,000' - 240° - 25 knots.
50,000' - 250° - 30 knots.
80,000' - Negative.

(3) Estimated 25,000' overcast.



X = Doherty, Tex.

X = Amarillo, Tex.

———— = Pilot's line of sighting, which occurred at 0322Z

———— = Sergeant's line of sighting which occurred between 0335Z to 0345Z.

@TTT = Radar tracking of pilot's aircraft

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(4) 15 miles.

(5) Broken to overcast.

(6) There were thunderstorms to the south and west of Amarillo at time of sighting.

h. Any other unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting.

(1) N/A.

i. Interception or identification action taken (such action may be taken whenever feasible, complying with existing air defense directives).

(1) N/A.

j. Location of any air traffic in the area at time of sighting.

(1) One B-47 and one B-25 NW of Amarillo. Ten other aircraft were in the area, types unknown.

k. The following comment is submitted by the Commander, 688th AC&W squadron. Two hours and seventeen minutes after the initial sighting by Sgt. [REDACTED] was in contact with Lt. Billy Adams flying a B-25 aircraft between Dalhart and Amarillo. (Lt. Adams is an AC&W director assigned to the 703rd AC&W squadron). Lt. Adams was advised of the UFOB. Lt. Adams immediately reported that he had sighted a weather balloon while he was over Dalhart. His aircraft was at 9,500 feet on an approximate heading of 156°. He estimated the altitude of the balloon at 15,000 feet 30° off his heading. The winds aloft at 15,000 feet were from 240° at 15 knots. Lt. Adams flight route was laid out on a pre-plot board. A line was drawn from his track at 30° this line passed just west of Amarillo. A line drawn at an azimuth of 300° from Amarillo bisected the line representing Lt. Adams line of flight at a point 30 miles from Amarillo at 300°. Lt. Adams sighting was made approximately 12 minutes after the final sighting by the sergeant. Lt. Adams definitely identified a weather balloon with a bright light attached. A tape recording of all transmissions and the recorder's log provided all of the above information. Lt. Adams was contacted by ADC landline and verified the information. It is the opinion of the reporting officer that the UFOB and the weather balloon are the same. This is based on Lt. Adams report and his experience as a pilot and AC&W director and his familiarity with CONAD Manual 55-1 as well as the correlation of the tracks.

1. Tape recorder and recorder's logs.

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1 cy sighting layout

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