PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
16 July 1956

2. LOCATION
Long Beach, California

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local
GMT 17/0740Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☒ Ground-Visual
☐ Ground-Radar
☐ Air-Visual
☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
Civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
26 minutes & still in sight at rpt

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
one

9. COURSE
moving in circle then stationary

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
One round object, the size of a pea held at arms length, white w/red flashes no wings or tail observed. Seen at an angle of elevation of 45 dgrs and azimuth of 90 dgrs.

11. COMMENTS
Concur with the opinion of the reporting officer that this sighting was astronomical in nature. In all probability the object sighted was the planet Mars.

12. CONCLUSIONS
- ☐ Was Balloon
- ☐ Probably Balloon
- ☐ Possibly Balloon
- ☐ Was Aircraft
- ☐ Probably Aircraft
- ☐ Possibly Aircraft
- ☒ Was Astronomical Mars
- ☐ Probably Astronomical
- ☐ Possibly Astronomical
- ☐ Other
- ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
- ☐ Unknown

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IN ACTION

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UNCLAS 669OPS Ø67-Y PD UFOB.1. A. ROUND. B.PEA T ARMS LEGNTH. C. WHITE WITH RED FLASHES. D. ONE. E. ,N/A. F. NO WING OR TAIL. G. NONE. H. NONE. I. NONE. 2.A. NOT REPORTED. B. FORTY FIVE DEGREES, ZERO NINE ZERO. C. NOT REPORTED. D. MOVING IN CIRCLE. E. NOT REPORTED. F. TWENTY SIX MINUTES DURING REPORTING PERIOD AND STILL IN SIGHT AT LAST REPORT. 3. A. GROUNG VISUAL. B. NONE. C. N/A 4. A. 17/Ø74Ø JULY 56. B. NIGHT. 5. BD5145. 6. MRS. [redacted], [redacted], LONG BEACH, CALIF D. N/A. &. A. CLEAR. B. CALM. :CALM. D. SEVEN MILES. E. NONE. F. NONE 8. THIS WAS THE CLEAREST NIGHT SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA HAS HAD ALL THIS YEAR, GIVING EXCEPTIONAL VISIBILITY POSSIBLE CONFUSED THE OBSERVER. AFTER DISCUSSION WITH DIVISION CONTROLLER, I AM TAKING NO ACTION. AT Ø8ØØZ THE OBSERVER REPORTED OBJECT NO LONGER MOVING. I THINK IT IS A PLANET. 12. NONE

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