

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 26 August 1956		2. LOCATION Hyattsville, Maryland		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical <i>Mars</i> ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 27/0300Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION two hours		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE south rising /in orbit	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object, with appearance of a "conical shredded parachute." Object had reddish to whitish glow. Object noticed by observer because it seemed to be an unusually bright star. Obj sighted in the SE at an elevation of about 15 dgr. Obj was rising slowly & moving south. Object was seen visually & through binoculars for two hours & was still in sight at time of rpt.				11. COMMENTS Sighting was undoubtedly caused by Planet Mars. Evaluated as astronomical.	

UNCLASS FROM HQ USAF AFOIN 46340 UFOB.

1. (A) CONICAL SHREDDED PARACHUTE, (B) ONE TWENTIETH DIAMETER OF FIELD BINOCULARS (DETAILS OF BINOCULARS UNKNOWN), (C) REDDISH TO WHITISH GLOW (D) ONE (E) N/A (F) APPEARANCE OF QUOTE SHREDDED PARACHUTE UNQUOTE, (G) N/A, (H) NONE REPORTED (I) NONE REPORTED. (2) (A) OBSERVER WAS ATTRACTED BY WHAT SEEMED TO BE UNUSUALLY BRIGHT STAR. (B) OBSERVER SAYS SOUTH EAST AND ABOUT 15 DEGREE ABOVE HORIZON BUT HAD DIFFICULTY IN MAKING UP HER MIND. (C) STILL VISIBLE AT 270300Z (D) RAISING SLOWLY AND MOVING IN

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SOUTHERLY DIRECTION. (E) SEE2C ABOVE, (F) FROM 270100Z. (3) (A) GROUND VISUAL, (B) BINOCULARS (C) N/A. (4) (A) 270100Z (B) NIGHT (5) [REDACTED], MD ABOUT ONE MILE EAST OF HYATTSVILLE, MD. (6) (A) MRS. [REDACTED] AT ABOVE ADDRESS (7) (A) NOT GIVEN. (B) CALM AT SURFACE NO OTHER WIND DATA AVAILABLE AT TIME OF DISPATCH THIS MESSAGE. (C) CLEAR, (D) SEVEN MILES, (E) NONE, (F) NOEN (8) NONE KNOWN AT TIME THIS MESSAGE (NOTE: ALL DATA IN ITEMS 7 AND 8 ARE FROM A.W.S. AT BOLLING AFB) (9) UNKNOWN (10) UNKNOWN (11) AFOIN DUTY OFFICER. NO COMMENTS (12) NONE.

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