

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 17 October 1956		2. LOCATION Tehchapi, California		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 17/1029Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION twenty two minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE Westerly & descending	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One red egg-shaped object, size of dime at arm's length. Object was initially sighted directly overhead at 1000 feet altitude. Object was moving to the West and ascending and descending(out of sight). Object was viewed visually for 22 minutes.				11. COMMENTS Object viewed oberhead and moving west too fast for astro body. Bobbing motion, slow descent, variable winds, and duration indicate that sighting was probably caused by a balloon.	

1 Witness

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FM COMDR 27TH AIR DIV DEF NORTON AFB CALIF

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RJEPHQ/DIR OF INTELLIGENCE HQS USAF WASHINGTON 25 DC

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1. A. EGG B. DIME C. RED D. ONE E. N/A F. NONE G. NONE H. NINE I. NONE
2. A. NOTHING IN PARTICULAR, JUST SCANNING AREA AND SAW THE OBJECT.
B. DIRECTLY OVER THE OBSERVER.
C. 3 MILES WEST OF OBSERVER'S POST.
D. DESCENDING AND ASCENDING 1000 FT LEVEL.
E. SLOW DESCENT.
F. 22 MINUTES.
3. 3. A. GROUND VISUAL. B. N/A. C. N/A. C. N/A.
4. A. 1029Z 17 OCT 56. B. NIGHT.

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5. BF2708 119 DEGREES 33 MINUTES WEST 35 DEGREES 8 MINUTES NORTH

6. [REDACTED] TEHACHAPI, CALIF. PRISONER NO. [REDACTED]

RELIABILITY- UNKNOWN.

7. A. VERY CLEAR, BRIGHT MOON. B. CALM, 6000 FT-VARIABLE, 10000 FT
LIGHT VARIABLE, 16000 FT-320 DEGREES, 15 KNOTS. 20000 FT-310 DEGREE,
25 KNOTS 30000 FT-310 DEGREES, 35 KNOTS, 50000 FT-290 DEGREES, 45
KNOTS, 80000 FT-270 DEGREES, 50 KNOTS. C. CLEAR SKY. D. UNLIMITED,
15 MILES PLUS. E. NONE F. NONE.

8. NONE

9. NONE

10. NONE

11. 2D LT THOMAS A. EICHSTADT, P-59 CONTROLLER AND 1ST LT CHARLES
R. HOSKINS, INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, HQ 27TH AIR DIV DEF POSSIBLE FLARE
OR CAR LIGHTS.

12. NONE

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