

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 4 November 1956		2. LOCATION Point Arena, 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 05/0422Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☒ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION a. ninety-nine minutes b. sixty one minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS two		9. COURSE southerly	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Two objects slightly larger than DC-7 aircraft. Objects were located (a) 178 dgr, 175 miles at 21,000 feet and (b) 183 dgr, 185 miles at 21,000 feet. Objects moved at approximately 6 to 10 knots in an erratic course fading out at a position (a) 180 dgr, 200 miles at 25,000 feet and (b) 184 dgr, 188 miles at 21,000 feet. Objs were observed through ground electronic radar for (a) 99 minutes and (b) 61 minutes.				11. COMMENTS Winds and duration indicate that these sightings were caused by balloons.	

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Witness

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UPH111WPC 58 YDD 56 YD 718BA995LCA 36

MM RJEDEN RJEDWP

DE RJNPOE 77A

M 5518152

FM COMAIRDIVDEF 28 HAMILTON AFB CALIF

TO RJEDEN/CONDR AIR DEF COM INT AFB CLO SPRGS COLO

RJEDWP/CONDR AIR TECHNICAL INTEL CEN WRIGHT PATTEN AFB OHIO

ZEN/CONDR 4602 AISS HAMILTON AFB CALIF

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(UNCLASSIFIED) WICID 07633. UFOD PE (1) (A) RADAR RETURN P

SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN AIR CRAFT (DC-7) PD (1) (C) N/A PD (1) (D) TWO
 PD (1) (E) TRAIL 12 TO 15 MILES SEPARATION PD (1) (F) NONE PD (1) (G)
 NONE PD (1) (H) NONE PD (1) (I) NONE PD (2) (A) SURVEILLANCE PD (2) (B)
 178-175 MILES 21, FEET (IF 2 59) PD 183-185 MILES 21, FEET
 (IF 1545) PD (2) (C) RIPAPPP MILES, 25,2 FEET PD 184-188 MILES 21,
 FEET PD (2) (D) TRACK APPROXIMATELY 105 AT 8-10 KNOTS, SLIGHTLY
 erratic PD (2) (E) SLOWLY DIMINISHING IN RETURN TO POINT OF FADE PD
 (2) (F) ONE HOUR 39 MINUTES PD ONE HOUR 41 MINUTES PD (3) (A)
 GROUND ELECTRONIC PD (3) (B) NONE PD (3) (C) N/A PD (4) (A) 42 22
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NOV 56 PDT CHA 150422 NOV 56 ZULU PD (4)(E) NIGHT PD (5) HJ 2943 PD

(6)(A) A/A PD (6)(E) ~~CHIA A/3C~~ PT ARENA

AIR FORCE STATION PT ARENA CALIF PD RADAR OPERATOR RELIABLE PD (7)

(A) A/C IN AREA REPORTED SCATTERED CLOUDS BELOW

HIM (4,500 FEET) CLEAR ABOVE PD (7)(E) 15,000-020/23: WPHPPPAEYVPHUP

25,000-350/22 PD (7)(C) NONE PD (7)(D) UNLIMITED AT ALTITUDE PD

(7)(E) SCATTERED AT APPROXIMATELY 2,000 FEET PD (7)(F) NONE PD (8)

OAKLAND WEATHER BALLOON MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR ONE TARGET PD EXACT LOCATION

OF BALLOON NOT KNOWN PD VARYING ALTITUDE (RISING) HEAVILY DISCOUNTS /

THIS POSSIBILITY PD (9) NON PT

(10) ONE RC-121 LOOKED OVER THE AREA FROM 4,500 FEET WITH NEGATIVE R

RESULTS PD (11) (11) DIRECTOR AF INTELLIGENCE, WITH AIR DIV (DEF),

POSSIBLE BALLOON PD (12) NONE PD P-37 PICKED UP OUTBOUND TRACK AT

22,000 FEET, YAMP KNOTS, TRACKING AGAINST THE WIND PD THEY TRACKED

THIS OBJECT FOR INDICATED TIME AND AT 1554Z PICKED UP ANOTHER SIMILAR

TARGET APPROXIMATELY TEN MILES BEHIND THE ORIGINAL PD WEATHER AND NAVY

ORGANIZATIONS CHECKED FOR POSSIBILITIES WITHOUT RESULTS, EXCEPT AS

NOTED PD

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