

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 16 December 1956	2. LOCATION Biloxi, Mississippi		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 16/1630Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 to 5 seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS two	9. COURSE Rising S to N	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Two objects round, size of half dollar, color cream to white. Objects side by side, appeared as a fuzzy ball. WX balloons and numerous a/c in area. Sound of jet. Indistinct in shape, very bright.		11. COMMENTS Preparing officer comment that WX balloon was released at 1500 hrs and very easily could be in area of sighting. Description is similar to cluster balloon; however, duration of 3-5 secs tends to conflict with this analysis. Description of motion is in accord w/balloon analysis. Case listed as possible balloon.	

Witness

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18153Z

FM COMDR KRESLER AFB MISS
TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC JMT AFB COLO
RJESKE/COMDR 35TH ADIV DEF DOBBINS AFB GA
RJEDWP/COMDR ATIC WPAFB OIC
RJEPHQ/DIR OF INTEL HQ USAF WASHDC
RJEDDK/COMDR ATC SCOTT AFB ILL
ZEL/COMDR TAF GULFPORT MISS

BT

UNCLASSIFIED FROM OB 7261.

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT. IN COMPLIANCE WITH AIR FORCE REGULATION
2-2, THE FOLLOWING DATA CONCERNING UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
SIGHTING IS SUBMITTED.

- A. A. ROUND
- B. HALF DOLLAR
- C. CREAM TO WHITE
- D. TWO

134E4 21
34x2a
(signature)

1956 DEC 18
ACTION: INFOR. INFO.
12:11

E. SIDE BY SIDE

F. FUZZY BALL

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. NONE

H. NONE

I. INDISTINCT IN ACTUAL SHAPE AND VERY BRIGHT

2 A. SOUND OF A JET IN-FLIGHT

B. ELEVATION A 45 DEGREES; AZIMUTH - 180 DEGREES

C. SAME AS 2B ABOVE

D. SOUTH TO NORTH ON COLLISION COURSE WITH A JET AIRCRAFT HEADING EAST. AS IT APPROACHED THE JET IT PARALLELED ITS COURSE MOMENTARILY, DISAPPEARED FOR A SECOND AND THEN ROSE RAPIDLY WHERE IT JOINED A SECOND SIMILAR OBJECT WHICH APPEARED SUDDENLY. BOTH OBJECTS CONTINUED TO RISE UNTIL THEY FADED FROM SIGHT. OBSERVER STATED THE JET AIRCRAFT APPEARED TO ROLL SLIGHTLY AS THE OBJECT NEARED THE AIRCRAFT; THE AIRCRAFT THEN STRAIGHTENED AND CONTINUED EASTERLY COURSE.

E. FADED

F. THREE TO FIVE SECONDS

3. A. GROUND-VISUAL

D. NONE

C. NOT APPLICABLE

4. A. 10 1630Z

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AGE THREE PAGES 22

B. DAY

5. 31 DEGREES 40 MINUTES NORTH, 89 DEGREES 10 MINUTES WEST

6. A. CIVILIAN. MISTER [REDACTED] 15 YEARS, [REDACTED],
BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI. STUDENT, NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL.

B. NOT APPLICABLE

7. A. CLEAR

B. SURFACE - 315 DEGREES - 5 KNOTS

6,000 FEET - 210 DEGREES - 12 KNOTS

10,000 FEET - 250 DEGREES - 15 KNOTS

16,000 FEET - 250 DEGREES - 21 KNOTS

20,000 FEET - 250 DEGREES - 40 KNOTS

50,000 FEET - 230 DEGREES - 75 KNOTS

80,000 FEET - 210 DEGREES - 12 KNOTS

C. CLEAR

D. 7 MILES

E. NONE

F. NONE

G. NONE

H. NONE

10. AN AIR NATIONAL GUARD T-33 AIRCRAFT ENROUTE TO KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE CHANGED ITS FLIGHT PLAN TO GULFPORT CIVIL AIRPORT AT 16 1630Z AND LANDED AT 16 1720Z. NUMEROUS JET AND CONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT WERE IN THE AREA DUE TO AIR NATIONAL GUARD OPERATIONS AT THE GULFPORT FIELD.

11. UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT INVESTIGATOR, WING OPERATIONS. THE PILOT OF THE T-33 THAT LANDED AT GULFPORT AT 16 1720Z WAS QUERIED BY FLIGHT SERVICE AND HE REPORTED NO UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS OR INCIDENTS. THE NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA WEATHER BUREAU RELEASED A WEATHER BALLOON (CREAM COLORED) AT 16 1500Z WHICH COULD EASILY HAVE BEEN IN THE AREA OF THE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTING AT THE TIME OF SIGHTING. IF A JET MADE A PASS AT THE WEATHER BALLOON THE SPEED OF THE JET IN RELATION TO THE BALLOON, THE ANGLE OF OBSERVATION

ND
LIGHT REFLECTIONS FROM THE BALLOON COULD EXPLAIN THE SIGHTING.

12. NONE

BT
18/1535Z DEC RJESKS

