

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 27 March 1957		2. LOCATION Roswell, New Mexico 105dgr 35'W and 32dgr 15' N		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 2035 MST GMT 28/0335Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5-10 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS three		9. COURSE 160 dgr	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Three objects, about the size of landing lights, circular shaped, color brilliant white. Objs flying a tight formation. Objects were on a collision course to a C45 a/c at same alt heading towards him. The objs split their form, one disappeared directly overhead while the other two disappeared to the 1:30 position, 2 miles away. Pilot of C45 flashed his taxi lights and the objs immediately backed themselves out.				11. COMMENTS Current Aero charts show pilot was in middle of air traffic airway (Red 71) into Roswell. Also he was next to a restricted area at the time of sighting. This range is believed now being used for night bombing practice.	

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FM COMDR 686TH ACWRON WALKER AFB NMEX
TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJWFDN/COMDR 34TH ADD WRIGHTLAND AFB NMEX

RJEDWE/COMDR AIR TECH INTEL CEN WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

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UNCLAS ACW-86-205. THE FOLLOWING IS AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

REPORT RECEIVED BY LT SONTHEIMER FROM A BASE FLIGHT PILOT.

(1) DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT(S)

(A) 3 VERY BRILLIANT WHITE LIGHTS CIRCULAR IN SHAPE

(B) ABOUT THE SIZE OF 3 LANDING LIGHTS

(C) BRILLIANT WHITE

(D) 3

(E) FLYING A TIGHT FORMATION

(F) NONE

(G) NOTHING NOTICEABLE

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(H) NONE

(I) NONE

(2) DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT(S)

(A) WHILE LOOKING OUT THE LEFT WINDOW ON A C-45 THE PILOT NOTICED
3 BRIGHT LIGHTS ON A COLLISION COURSE PERPENDICULAR TO HIS LINE OF
FLIGHT HEADING TOWARDS HIM.

(B) OBJECTS WERE OBSERVED AT THE SAME ALTITUDE AS THE C-45 ABOUT

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90 DEGREE FROM HIS LINE OF FLIGHT HEADING TOWARDS HIM. THE C-45 WAS HEADING 027 DEGREE AND THE OBJECTS WERE ON A COURSE OF APPROXIMATELY 100 DEGREE AT ABOUT 10 MILES OUT.

(C) THE OBJECTS SPLIT THEIR FORMATION. ONE DISAPPEARED DIRECTLY ABOVE THE PILOT (APPROX 5000) WHILE THE OTHER TWO DISAPPEARED TO THE 1:30 POSITION FROM AIRCRAFT AT 2 MILES.

(D) THE PILOT OF THE C-45 CLAIMS THAT WHEN HE REALIZED THE OBJECTS WERE ON A COLLISION COURSE WITH HIM HE IMMEDIATELY FLASHED HIS TAXI LIGHTS ON. ONE OF THE OBJECTS SHOT STRAIGHT UP IN THE AIR ABOVE HIM THE OTHER TWO CONTINUED ON PAST IN FRONT OF THE AIRCRAFT.

(E) WHEN THE PILOT FLASHED HIS TAXI LIGHTS THE OBJECTS IMMEDIATELY BLACKED THEMSELVES OUT THEREBY DISAPPEARING FROM SIGHT.

(F) ABOUT 5-10 SECONDS

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(3) MANNER OF OBSERVATION

(A) AIR VISUAL

(B) NONE

(C) C-45-H AF10635 9000 FEET 027 DEGREE 150 TAS WAFB

(4) TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

(A) 27 MARCH 1957 AT 2235 MST

(B) NIGHT

(5) 105 DEGREE 35 MIN W 32 DEGREE 15 MIN N

(6) IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBSERVER(S)

(A) N/A

(B) 1ST LT JIMMY L CORNWELL A03025501 6TH DOW (SPECIAL WEAPONS) WAFB. SPECIAL WEAPONS INSTRUCTOR. RELIABILITY UNKNOWN.

(7) WEATHER AND WINDS-ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTINGS
(A) WEATHER WAS CLEAR WITH 60 MILES PLUS VISIBILITY WINDS WERE FROM
350 DEGREE AT 20 KNOTS.

(B) SURFACE - SE7 20,000 - 35/34

6,000 - 30/15 30,000 - 35/50

10,000 - 32/10 50,000 - 31/55

16,000 - 33/25 80,000 - 24/15

(C) NONE

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(D) 35

(E) CLEAR

(F) NONE

(G) NONE

(9) NEGATIVE TAC ACTION

(10) NONE

(11) CAPT WILLIAM M BOWEN NO ANALYSIS

(12) NONE

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Ev. Card Comment:

Current area charts
show pilot was in middle
of Air Traffic Corridor (Red 71)
into Russell. Also, he
was next to a restricted
area at the time of sighting. This
area is believed to be in the
middle of the area.

None Taken?
Taken and no a/c
found in area?

Possibly a/c,
(although, if single object, evidence
may have been given balloon
as the wind and the
direction of object almost
opposite).

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