

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 10 April 1957		2. LOCATION El Centro, California		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☒ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1313 PST GMT 10/2113Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 11 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE straight up	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object, round, size of pinhead, color silver, white object appeared to be rising and rose out of sight radar searching negative. Many a/c in area.				11. COMMENTS Preparing officer believes object to be a balloon.	

TO: JMWPC/COMDR 27TH AD (DEF) NORTON AFB CALIF

FROM: JMWPC/COMDR AIR TECHNICAL INTEL CENTER WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO

SUBJECT: DIRECTOR INTELLIGENCE, HQD USAF WASH 25, D. C.

T

UNCLAS 751ST OPS 474-D PD

1. (A) ROUND (B) PIN (C) SILVER WHITE (D) ONE (E) N/A (F) ROUND
(G) NEG (H) NEG (I) N/A PD

2. (A) LOOKING FOR AIRCRAFT (B) STRAIGHT UP, HIGH (C) STRAIGHT UP
(D) APPEARED TO BE RISING (E) ROSE OUT OF SIGHT (F) ELEVEN MINUTES PD

3. (A) GROUND VISUAL (B) NONE (C) N/A PD

4. (A) 10 APRIL 57/ 1315 QZQE PST (B) DAY PD

5. 11 DEG PD 47 MIN PD NORTH LATITUDE CMA 115 DEG PD

6. 11 DEG PD W PD LONGITUDE EL CENTRO COC POST PD

7. (A) MRS A [REDACTED] CMA CIVILIAN ON DUTY AT EL CENTRO COC POST PD

8. (A) 10 PERCENT VISIBILITY NO CLOUDS (B) 305 DEG PD 10 KNOTS CMA

PAGE TWO RJWPCB 46

9. 325 DEG PD 15 KNOTS CMA 315 DEG PD 20 KNOTS CMA 285 DEG PD 20

10. KNOTS CMA 285 DEG PD KNOTS CMA 265 DEG PD 20 KNOTS CMA 265 DEG PD

11. KNOTS PD (C) NONE (D) 15 PLUS MILES (E) CLEAR (F) NONE PD

12. NONE

13. P-73 ATTEMPTED RADAR CONTACT ON SEARCH AND H PD R PD I PD

14. PD RESULTS PD

15. MANY LOCAL A/C FROM EL CENTRO CMA YUMA CMA ETC PD

16. PROBABLY A TALLON CMA BUT EL CENTRO NAAS REPORTS NEG PD

17. HELICOPTERS FROM EL CENTRO PD

12. 0/7.

PT

11/2145Z APR RJWPJB

10/2113Z

Witness

10045-7-02

ATTC

9

2 APR 57

01 29z

12 APR 57 10 50

atc

07:49

1 } 4E4
2 }

34x2a

(M)

11/2145Z APR RJWPJB YDD046 YYC 81 XYC109 YDA109JTA4109JG 4

11/2145Z APR RJWPJB YDD046 YYC 81 XYC109 YDA109JTA4109JG 4

11/2145Z APR RJWPJB YDD046 YYC 81 XYC109 YDA109JTA4109JG 4

11/2145Z

11/2145Z APR RJWPJB YDD046 YYC 81 XYC109 YDA109JTA4109JG 4

11/2145Z APR RJWPJB YDD046 YYC 81 XYC109 YDA109JTA4109JG 4

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 24 April 1957	2. LOCATION El Centro, California		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Flares</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 25/0245Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian (GOC)		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION fifteen minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE N to NW to W	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One round orange object the size of a dime at arm's length. Object moved from the South to the Northwest. Then to the West, repeating the movement three times in fifteen minutes. Object disappeared each time in the West.		11. COMMENTS An ATIC form 164 revealed the information included under ten not already given in the original TWX. Discussion w/COMDR NAVAL CONAD revealed that the El Centro Range (Navy) has ASW type aircraft that have illumination lights that answer the description of the sighting.	

16/11/57

26 APR 57 07 41

26 APR 57 08 43z

25
1)
2) 4E4
3)
4-4XZa
RLO

RAG39

WPG338 YDD336 XYB224 XDC331JBA336JBG334

PP RJEDEN RJEDWP RJEPHQ

DE RJWPJB 4G

P 252115Z

FM COMDR 751ST ACWRON MT LAGUNA AFS CALIF

TO RJEDEN/COMDR AIR DEFENSE COMMAND ENT AFB COLO

RJWPJB/COMDR 27TH ADIV NORTON AFB CALIF

RJEDWP /COMDR AIR TECH INTELLIGENCE CEN WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HEDUSAF WASH 25 DC

BT

UNCLAS 751ST 502-D PD

- | | | |
|----------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. A. ROUND PD | E. NONE PD | 1. NONE PD |
| B. DIME PD | F. NONE PD | 2. A. THIS WOMANS SON WAS OUTSIDE |
| C. ORANGE PD | G. NONE PD | AND HE CALLED HER WHEN HE SAW |
| D. ONE PD | H. NONE PD | THE OBJECT PD |

(We have hundreds of reports with some this exact description - when a balloon is observed when the sun is low on the horizon, round, and always orange.)

PAGE TWO 4G RJWPJB

B. 45 DEGREES NORTH PD

C. 45 DEGREES NORTH PD

D. SEEMS TO BE GOING IN A CIRCLE PD

A. N/A

F. STILL IN SIGHT AT TIME OF CALL FROM PEACHTREE PD

APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTES PD

3. A. NEG ASSISTANCE VISUAL PD

B. NONE PD

C. NEG PD

4. 1845PST 24 APRIL 1957 PD

A. 245Z 25 APRIL 1957 PD

0245-8- 0645 PM

2. SEEMS TO BE GOING IN A CIRCLE PD

A. N/A

F. STILL IN SIGHT AT TIME OF CALL FROM PEACHTREE PD.

APPROXIMATELY TEN MINUTES PD

3. A. NEG ASSISTANCE VISUAL PD

B. NONE PD

C. NEG PD

4. 1845PST 24 APRIL 1957 PD

A. 245Z 25 APRIL 1957 PD

B. NIGHT PD

5. 32 DEG 47 MIN NORTH : 115 DEG 32 MIN WEST PD

S. A. CIVILLIAN CMA [REDACTED] CMA HOUSEWIFE AGE 33

[REDACTED] SANDLEWOOD EL CENTRO PD PHONE EL 22621 PD

0245 - 8 = 0645 PM

she [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
at what location?

Correlate with
wind dir./vel.

PAGE THREE 4G RJWPJB

7. A. CLEAR PD

B. N/A

C. NONE PD

D. 20 MILES PD

E. NONE PD

F. NONE PD

8. NONE PD

9. NONE PD

10. NONE PD

11. FLARE IN THE EL CENTRO BOMBING RANGE (NAVY) PD

12. NONE PD

BT

26/221Z APR RJWPJB

name given

(may account for
[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED])

Patent type

cup (all)

soft [REDACTED]

El Centro

Los Angeles

San Diego

San Jose

San Francisco

San Antonio

Check if balloon
site near here and
at what elevation?

Correlate with
wind direc./velocity

PAGE THREE 4G RJWPJB

1. A. CLEAR PD

B. N/A

C. NONE PD

D. 2 MILES PD

E. NONE PD

F. NONE PD

G. NONE PD

H. NONE PD

I. NONE PD

11. FLARE IN THE EL CENTRO BOMBING RANGE (NAVY) PD

12. NONE PD

BT

26/0221Z APR RJWPJB

UPG

None given

(any more info)

Ballon info
L-10 (S-10)
S-10 - 1000
El Centro
Los WV Ballon
Site. Scheduled
Dropping time
1800-1830
hours

(S-10)