

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 15 April 1957		2. LOCATION Eglin AFB, Florida		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 15/1800Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian (Tech Rpts)			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION fifteen seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE SE to E	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One dull drab aluminum colored obj with little reflectivity. Obj moved rather erratically, moving at one time, "at least Mach 2 or 3." Obj was seen visually for fifteen seconds.				11. COMMENTS Cause of this report attributed to optical phenomena associated with the turbulence following B-47. Sighting at noon. Obj definitely following or associated with the a/c.	
12. Other <u>Mirage</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown					

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(1) Description of the object: (a) An elliptical egg shape (b) Object at first appeared size of a drag parachute from a B-47 when viewed at a distance of one half a mile. When the B-47 and object separated, its size was unable to be estimated as it was then realized that the object was at a great distance from the B-47. (c) Dull drab aluminum color with little reflectivity. (d) One. (e) N/A (f) Negative. (g) None. (h) None. (i) There were not any markings or straight plane surfaces. The observers would have thought the object to be a weather balloon if it had not subsequently moved. (2) (a) The observers were returning to Eglin Air Force Base during the lunch hour and noticed a B-47 coming in for a landing on the downwind leg. They then noticed an object at the same azimuth and elevation as the B-47 and their first reaction was that it was a drag parachute. Then the aircraft continued its approach and the observers realized that the object was at a much greater distance than the B-47 (which was about one half a mile from the observers). They stopped their car out of curiosity and then believed the object to be a weather balloon as it was stationary. The object next began to accelerate, at first rather slowly, and then with a greatly increased rate. When the object moved out of the viewers sight, it appeared to be going at least Mach 2 or 3. (b) 45 degree elevation, 120 degree azimuth. (c) 80 degree elevation, about 90 degree azimuth. (d) When the object accelerated, it resembled a pull up of a supersonic aircraft from level flight. The maneuver was similar to an arc of a circle and the object appeared to reach a speed of over Mach 2 or 3. An analogous description of the flight maneuver would be the path of an arc of a sweeping searchlight. (e) The object moved out of sight of the observers. (f) 15 seconds of which the object's maneuver lasted about three seconds. (3) (a) Ground-visual (b) N/A (c) N/A (4) (a) 1800Z 15 April 1957. (b) Day. (5) Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. (6) (a) Civilian - [REDACTED], Age: 31 Address - [REDACTED], Fort Walton Beach, Florida Occupation - Philco Technical Representative, 3201st Communications Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida Civilian - [REDACTED], Age: 29 Address - [REDACTED], Fort Walton Beach, Florida Occupation - Philco Technical Representative, 3201st Communications Squadron, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida		

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(7) (a) Clear sky and unlimited visibility.
 (b) The following weather report was obtained from Detachment #10, 4th Weather Group, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida. The readings were taken at 1500Z April 1957:
 Surface - wind from 030 degrees at 5 knots
 6,000 feet - 330 degrees at 13 knots
 10,000 feet - 310 degrees at 28 knots
 16,000 feet - 310 degrees at 36 knots
 20,000 feet - 290 degrees at 34 knots
 30,000 feet - 290 degrees at 47 knots
 50,000 feet - 290 degrees at 56 knots
 80,000 feet - 260 degrees at 13 knots
 (c) Ceiling - unlimited
 (d) Visibility - 10 miles plus
 (e) None
 (f) None

(8) None.

(9) None.

(10) There were numerous aircraft in the air at the time of the sighting. However, in the line of sight from the observers to the object, the B-47 was the only aircraft present and it subsequently landed.

(11) The two observers appeared to be mature, sincere and reliable individuals. They have spent many years in the vicinity of Air Force bases and are accustomed to the various activities of the Air Proving Ground Command. The preparing officer, however, can not offer any explanation for the sighting and, since the time involved (15 seconds) was quite brief, it is believed that this unidentified flying object is not of any particular significance.

As with any crowded air space - objects in line-of-sight can give some odd illusions.

Probably object further away. Speed indicates probably a/c

Hundreds of people within a 100 mile area - yet no report from AT, G-2, enclaves, radar stations, etc - regarding this incident.

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