

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 18 April 1957		2. LOCATION Albuquerque, New Mexico		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 18/1450Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE CIV			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 6 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE North	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object. Circular - size of pea, color silver bright. Edges sharply outlined. Object climbed at high speed to the South at 45 dgr angle dove downward then moved North at a 5 dgr angle to horizon.				11. COMMENTS Of preparing officer are that a balloon was released by WX bureau at 1430Z & would be in the vicinity of the sighting at time indicated.	

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FM COMDR AFSWC KIRTLAND AFB NMEX

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INFO RJWFDN/COMDR 34TH AIR DIV DEFENSE KIRTLAND AFB NMEX

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UNCLAS FROM SWN 4-3-E. THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED AS REQUIRED BY AFR 230-2, PARAGRAPH 7D:

1. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

- A. CIRCULAR
- B. PEA
- C. SILVER BRIGHT
- D. ONE
- E. N/A
- F. N/A
- G. N/A

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H. N/A

1. EDGES SHARPLY OUTLINED

2. COURSE OF OBJECT:

A. WAS DRIVING CAR AND NOTICED OBJECT OVER MOUNTAINS IN FRONT OF HIM.

B. 15 DEGREES- OP DEGREES

C. 10 DEGREES- IP DEGREES

D. CLIMBED AT HIGH SPEED TO THE SOUTH AT 45 DEGREE ANGLE; DOVE
DOWNWARD AND THEN MOVED NORTH AT A 5 DEGREE ANGLE TO THE HORIZON.

E. PASSED OUT OF SIGHT BEHIND MOUNTAINS.

F. SIX MINUTES.

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

A. GROUND-VISUAL

B. EYE GLASSES

C. N/A

4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

18/1450
A. QIXQRTZ APR

B. DAY

5. SEVEN THOUSAND BLOCK CENTRAL AVENUE NE, ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

6. ~~REDACTED~~; ~~REDACTED~~, ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO;
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NEW MEXICO.

7. WEATHER AND WINDS-ALOFT:

A. CLEAR, DRY, CALM, WARM.

B. SURFACE CALM; YPPP MSL 180/10; QPPPP MSL 240/18; QYPPP
MSL 240/39; ²⁰⁰⁰⁰WPPPP MSL 230/47; ³⁰⁰⁰⁰EPPPP MSL 240/47; ⁵⁰⁰⁰⁰TPPPP MSL 240/31;
75000 MSL 220/9.

C. NONE

D. SIXTY MILES

E. LESS THAN 5/10. CIRRUS OVER 30000 FEET HIGH.

F. NONE

8. A BALLOON WAS RELEASED BY US WEATHER BUREAU 18/1430Z APR.

9. N/A

10. NEGATIVE

11. RICHARD CASANOVA, FIRST LIEUTENANT, USAF, ASSISTANT INFORMATION SERVICES OFFICER, HEADQUARTERS AFSWC. DUE TO TIME OF RELEASE OF THE WEATHER BALLOON, WIND DIRECTIONS AND STATEMENTS BY AWS PERSONNEL THAT THE BALLOON WOULD HAVE BEEN IN THE GENERAL VICINITY WHERE THE OBJECT WAS SIGHTED, IT IS FELT THAT THE BALLOON IS THE BEST EXPLANATION FOR THE SIGHTING.

12. N/A

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