

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 13 July 1957		2. LOCATION Area, Deming-Columbus, N.M.		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other Unreliable Source ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1:00 AM GMT 14/0600Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Newspaper rpter, theater owner			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 hours		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS indefinite nr.		9. COURSE random	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Sources, theater owner & newspaper man, alleged seeing objects rising from & hovering over a volcano, near Mexico border. Alleged objects in formations and making distinct turns. Claimed that all this was observed at night and at some great distance.				11. COMMENTS Investigations disclose that it was stormy that night, with scattered, broken clouds, making it difficult to believe all this seen at night & fm the distances given. Subsequent investigations disclosed Sources were obviously unreliable. Also See 28 JULY CASE LAS CUCUTAS N.M.	

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17 JUL 57 11 06

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FM RJEDEN RJEDWP RJEPHQ

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N 161930Z

FM COMDR 685TH ACWRON LAS CRUCES AFSTA N MEX

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RJEDWP/COMDR- AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON

AFB OHIO

RJEPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ WASHINGTON DC

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UNCLAS 488 ATTENTION: DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE SUBJECT: UFOB
REPORT

1. (A) ROUND ✓
- (B) HEAD OF PIN ✓
- (C) BLUE ✓
- (D) INFINITE NUMBER AT 10 MINUTE INTERVALS
- (E) FORMATION RANDOM MOTIONS WITH DISTINCT TURNS ←
- (F) NONE, EXCEPT A BLUE HAZE WHICH HUNG OVER THE CRATER WHERE OBJECTS WERE SIGHTED.
- (G) NONE VISIBLE



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(H) NO SOUND

(I) NONE

2. ^(A) GRV VISUAL CONTACT

~~7:37-7:55~~ MOVEMENT

(B) 8 DEGREES ANGLE ELEVATION 180 DEGREES ←

(C) SAME AS 2(B) ABOVE

(D) RANDOM MOTION IN A SLIGHTLY EASTWARD DIRECTION WITH DISTINCT TURNS OBSERVED AFTER LIGHTS ROSE FROM THE FLOOR OF THE CRATER OF AFTON.

Looking South

This implies that object was almost on horizon. Yet, how could she see light inside a crater??

APPARENTLY RISING FROM THE FLOOR OF THE CRATER AND REMAINING VISIBLE

FOR LESS THAN FIVE MINUTES.

3. (A) GROUND VISUAL

(B) BINOCULARS

(C) N/A

4. (A) 140600Z - 140800Z JULY 1957

2300 hrs to 0100 hrs (MST)

(B) NIGHT

I.E. 11:00 PM, 13 July 57 to 2:00 AM
14 July 1957

5. SIX TO EIGHT MILES NORTH OF CRATER OF AFTON, LOCATED BETWEEN
DEMING AND COLUMBUS, NEW MEXICO.

See Aero Chart No. 470

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6. (A) MRS. [REDACTED]

AGE: 37

[REDACTED]
LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO

OCCUPATION: THEATER OWNER

MR. [REDACTED]

AGE: UNK

[REDACTED]
OCCUPATION: NEWS PAPER MAN

Note. UTO movies
not given wide
circulation in theaters, also
always good for
a column or two in
press.

7. (A) STROMY WITH BROKEN CLOUDS

(B) WINDS ALOFT FROM EL PASO TEXAS AT TIME OF SIGHTING

5/28/5

6/28/5

10/25/10

20/010/10

30/080/10

50/100/15

(C) 8, 1200 FT.

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(D) 30 MILES

(E) BROKEN

(F) TOWERING CUMULUS IN DISTANCE NNW AND SSE OF COLUMBUS.

8. NONE

9. NONE

10. NONE

See reference to Blue
Haze, 1 F. above

Misinterpreted
as haze or
smoke at
11:00 PM at
night?

11. OFFICER OF THE DAY, PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS INDICATES THE POSSIBLE REACTIVATION OF THE VOLCANO LOCATED IN THE CRATER OF AFTON WITH THE OBJECT BEING PHOSPHORESCENCE GASES ESCAPING FROM THE FLOOR OF THE CRATER.

END

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15/2030 Z JUL RJWFDN

Inconsistent data: Observers north of volcano - state objects only 8" above volcano - presupposing some distance from crater (6-8 miles) - yet they state the "floor of the crater" seen from that distance. Only 10 miles from Mexican border. Columbus has 1 airstrip, Denning has 2.

Area chart
No. 470

NC Quadrant

1 AUG 57 21 42z

134E4
34X20
(CM)

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TO RJEDWP/COMDR ATIC WPAFB OHIO

INFO RJEPHQ/ACS I HEDUSAF WASHINGTON DC

BT

/UNCLAS/AISOC 045PD REFERENCE YOUR AFCIN-4E4-7-~~1098~~-E PD ATIC FORMS
164 WERE SENT TO OBSERVERS ON 29 JULY 57 PD RESULTS OF ANALYSIS WILL
BE FORWARDED YOUR CENTER PD DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS FOR INVESTIGATION
OF UFOBS BY THIS ORGANIZATION AND AIR DEFENSE COMMAND NO FURTHER
ACTION CONTEMPLATED PD END

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01/1712Z AUG RJEDEN

As of this date, check
discloses that interview questionnaires
sent to observers of this system, have
not been received. As 6 months have
gone by, it is assumed they have no
intention of replying.
Date: 1 JAN 58

124 July + 28 July 1957

19 February 1958

RE: Deming-Columbus-Las Cruces UFO Case
914 July 1957

Investigative efforts in subject case reveal that source, Collete Weiss, was not reliable. Following her receipt of investigative forms which my organization sent out, we received a diary of her UFO sightings covering a considerable period.

Telephone conversation with 685th ACWRCN at Las Cruces revealed the results of their investigation with the source. They stated that, in their opinion, there would be nothing gained by a full AISS investigation due to the obvious unreliability of the source.

The case is considered closed.

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