

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 22 July 1957		2. LOCATION Between Amarillo & El Paso, Texas		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT _____		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☒ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION - - -		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE - - -	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Airline pilot from Amarillo to El Paso, Texas dived his a/c abruptly to avoid lights of a UFO that suddenly appeared in his path. The story was made a matter of note by the press.				11. COMMENTS ATIC opinion was probably a/c off course. Confirmed by CAA. KC-97.	

OBJECT AIRPLANE

OFFICIAL

AMARILLO, TEX., JULY 23--(INS)--THE CAA WAS INVESTIGATING TODAY TWO SEPARATE INCIDENTS IN WHICH AIRLINE PILOTS WERE FORCED TO TAKE SUDDEN EVASIVE ACTION TO AVOID COLLISIONS WITH MYSTERIOUS FLYING OBJECTS OVER WEST TEXAS.

AN ELDERLY MASSACHUSETTS WOMAN AND A STEWARDESS SUFFERED MINOR INJURIES WHEN THE PILOT OF A TWA AIRLINER ENROUTE FROM CHICAGO TO TUCSON, ARIZ., NOSE-DIVED HIS PLANE 500 FEET TO AVERT A FLYING OBJECT YESTERDAY.

THE PILOT LANDED THE AIRCRAFT AT AMARILLO, TEX., FOR INSPECTION AND TREATMENT OF THE INJURED PERSONS.

MRS. [REDACTED], 68, OF NORTH ADAMS, MASS., WAS HOSPITALIZED IN AMARILLO, BUT THE STEWARDESS, DOROTHY REKOW, CONTINUED ON TO TUCSON WITH THE PLANE EARLY TODAY.

THE PILOT REPORTED THAT HE SIGHTED LIGHTS OF THE OBJECT AT 13,000 FEET AND THERE WAS NO TIME TO WARN THE 34 PASSENGERS BEFORE HE DIVED THE AIRLINER TO AVOID DISASTER.

IN ANOTHER INCIDENT LAST THURSDAY, SEVERAL PERSONS WERE INJURED WHEN A PILOT SUDDENLY SWERVED HIS AIRLINER TO AVERT WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS THE "GREEN LIGHTS" OF A FLYING OBJECT NEAR EL PASO, TEX.

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balloon with lights
or another a/c

2-Woman Plane Dips to Dodge 'Object' in Air

AMARILLO, Tex., July 23.

Two women were injured last night when a Trans World air liner dipped and dove in what its pilot said was an attempt to dodge an unidentified object.

Miss Mary Clark, 68, of North Adams, Mass., suffered head and back injuries. The hostess, Miss Dorothy Rekow, suffered a bruised hip and back injuries.

The pilot, identified as a Captain [REDACTED], said he dropped the four-engine craft about 500 feet when he spotted the glowing lights of the approaching object, fearing a collision course.

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AFCIN-4E4

Chairman
Civil Aeronautics Board
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Your attention is invited to a copy of a teletype press release regarding unidentified flying objects. It would be appreciated if a copy of the final report of the investigation in question can be made available to the Air Force.

It is further requested, that as a matter of proposed policy, that the results of any investigations initially involving aircraft and unidentified aerial objects be submitted to this Center. A typical example is the recent Pan American Airline incident over the Atlantic on the 9th of March of this year, concerning which the Air Force conducted an investigation and analysis.

Copies of CAA investigation reports would be a desired complement to existing Air Force files involving unidentified aerial phenomena, as well as to provide data for answering inquiries from the press and public regarding unusual aerial incidents. As a general rule, such inquiries are made to this Center, and reports of CAA findings on file with this organization would be to the mutual benefit of all concerned.

Sincerely,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
CIVIL AERONAUTICS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25

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Brig. Gen. Harold E. Watson, USAF
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

Dear General Watson:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter, reference number AFCIN-4E4, dated October 7, 1957, in which you requested copies of the Civil Aeronautics Administration final report of investigation of two incidents involving commercial airliners and the sighting of unidentified flying objects, which had been previously reported in local newspapers.

The first incident mentioned occurred on July 22, 1957, near Amarillo, Texas, and involved Trans World Airlines' Flight No. 21. Subsequent investigation proved that the unidentified object was another aircraft which was displaying the proper navigation lights. The true identity of this aircraft was never determined, however, it is assumed that it was a U. S. Air Force KC-97 aircraft which was known to be operating in the area at the time of the incident.

The second incident mentioned occurred on July 17, 1957, near El Paso, Texas, and involved American Airlines' Flight No. 655. Investigation of this incident definitely established the fact that the unidentified flying object was American Airlines' Flight No. 966, which had previously departed from El Paso, Texas, en route to Dallas, Texas.

Since both incidents, referred above, have been determined to involve other aircraft, it is assumed that the above information will suffice for your records.

In accordance with your request, we are establishing a procedure whereby your organization will be informed of the results of all Civil Aeronautics Administration investigations involving civilian aircraft and the sighting of unidentified aerial phenomena.

Sincerely yours,

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Original signed by
A. L. Coulter
Roy Keeley
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July 22--En route from Chicago to Tucson--TWA Airliner almost collides with UFO at 16,000ft. Altitude! It had lights, reported the Pilot..