

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 28 July 1957		2. LOCATION Las Cruces, New Mexico		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 29/0500Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 or 6 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE East-Southeast	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One round white object. Object moved on a straight flight path moving east-southeast. Object was seen visually for five to six minutes.				11. COMMENTS Unreliable source, see hoax case, 13 July 1957.	

14 July + 28 July 1957

19 February 1958

RE: Deming-Columbus-Las Cruces UFO Case
?14 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 ACWRON 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.

Norman P. Barth
SGT. NORMAN P. BARTH
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1006th AISS

Also should point out that the investigative officer of 685th ACWRON covered the area of the original "Volcano" sighting on foot and discovered nothing but rabbit tracks.



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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
ENT AIR FORCE BASE, COLORADO

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21 AUG 1957

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SUBJECT: Air Intelligence Information Report

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff/Intelligence
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D.C.

1. In accordance with paragraph 7a(2)(a), AFR 200-2, 12 August 1954, the attached AF Form 112 (Air Intelligence Information Report) from the 685th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron is forwarded for your information and necessary action.

2. This command contacted the 685th ACW Squadron before the receipt of this report concerning a "diary" of UFOB sightings that the SOURCE, Mrs. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~, had sent to this command. The 685th ACW Squadron revealed that the SOURCE was, in their opinion, completely unreliable. Since only one of her sightings (reference TMX 685th ACWHDN 488) has been substantiated by other sources, this command concurs in the reliability estimate.

3. For the reason stated above, no further action is contemplated by this command.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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FROM (Agency)

635th ACWRON
Las Cruces AF Sta., New Mexico

REPORT NO.

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UFOB Report

1. SEP 18 1957
The following report is submitted in accordance with paragraph 2, Air Force Regulation 200-2, 12 August 1954.

a. Reporting Format:

(1) Description:

- (a) Shape: Ball or round.
- (b) Size: Slightly larger than the lights on the KOBE radio tower.
- (c) Color: White light.
- (d) Number: One (1).
- (e) Formation: None.
- (f) Features or details: Light seemed to have no glare.
- (g) Tail, trail or exhaust: None.
- (h) Sound: None.
- (i) Other Features: Light seemed to dim as object rose and flew away.

(2) Description of Course:

- (a) What first attracted attention: Had noticed a similar light in the same location at the same time of night three weeks previously.
- (b) Angle of elevation and azimuth when first sighted: Object was 200 feet lower than observer and approximately 330 degrees at five miles.
- (c) Angle and elevation when object disappeared: Very high and about 070 degrees at four miles.
- (d) Flight path and maneuvers: Straight line, moving east-southeast.
- (e) Manner of disappearance: Observer's view was blocked by a grove of trees.
- (f) Length of time in sight: five (5) or six (6) minutes.

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0855h LC Las Cruces, N.M., New Mexico				
SUBJECT: [REDACTED]				
(1) Manner of observation:				
(a) Ground visual				
(b) Optical aid: high power binoculars.				
(c) N/A				
(2) Time and Date: 2200 MSL, 23 July 1957				
Night conditions: Clear, moonlight night.				
(3) Location of observer: Riding in a car, descending from mesa approximately five miles west of the object. EIPC 1523.				
(4) Identity of observer:				
Mrs. [REDACTED]				
Age: 37				
[REDACTED], Las Cruces, New Mexico				
Housewife				
(5) Weather and winds-aloft conditions at time of sighting:				
(a) Observer's account of weather conditions:				
Clear.				
(b) Weather report from El Paso, Texas Weather Bureau: Surface wind, calm; winds-aloft, not available for this area.				
(c) Clear				
(d) Unlimited				
(e) Clear				
(f) Occasional lightning				
(6) None.				
(7) N/A				
(8) None				

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UFOB Report

(11) Duty Director: 2/Lt. Thomas C. O'Brien

"In the early part of the evening, the observer had visited a home where some men were using a telescope to watch the stars. Subject stated she could not focus the telescope, but was watching the sky with her binoculars. She saw a strange, inverted-cup type flying object with a row of lights about its bottom edge through her glasses. The astronomer told her it was a helicopter, but she wouldn't accept this. A little later in the evening, while she and Mr. Richardson were alone in the car, she noticed some strange lights on the horizon north of town and watched those for some time. It was following these two incidents that she saw the ball of light."

"Four years ago the observer found some strange marks on the desert similar to the path that would be made by a round bottomed object. She reported that these tracks have never been explained. On 14 July 1957 the observer reported a previous sighting to the 685th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron. The investigating officer went to the desert location with her, where she had reported seeing the lights. During this trip an airplane flew over, but the observer refused to accept the explanation that this was a regular airplane. This investigating officer also noticed a paper backed, science fiction novel, intitled "Going Into Space" lying on the observer's couch during the interview."

Thomas C. O'Brien
THOMAS C. O'BRIEN
2nd Lt., USAF
Duty Director

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