

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 30 July 1957		2. LOCATION Santa Maria, Calif		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>mirage</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>31/0300 to 0320z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS		9. COURSE 1st North then South	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Six objects, round size of basketball, color red, flying in straight line. Objects described as 6 balls of fire. Faded in fog.				11. COMMENTS Objects were reported sighted near or in a fog bank, west of the observer. Sunset may possibly have caused an illusion of "red balls of fire" within the fog bank. Conditions conducive to mirage present.	

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/UNCLAS/6390PS 081-Y PD UFOB PD 1. A. ROUND. B. BASKETBALL. C. RED.
D. SIX. E. STRAIGHT LINE. F. NONE. G. NONE. H. NONE. I. DESCRIBED AS SIX
BALLS OF FIRE. 2. A. LOOKING FOR AIRCRAFT IN THE WEST. B. 45 DEGREE
ANGLE 27 DEGREE AZIMUTH FROM OBSERVER. C. 45 DEGREE ANGLE 27 DEGREE
AZIMUTH FROM OBSERVER. D. FIRST SIGHTED MOVING NORTH, THEN MOVED SOUTH
IN STRIGHT LINE. E. FADED IN FOG. F. 0300Z TO 0320Z 20 MINUTES.
3. A. GROUND VISUAL. B. STRICTLY EYE SIGHT, NO OPTICAL AIDS AVAILABLE.
C. GROUND SIGHTING. 4. A. 31 JULY 0300Z. B. DUSK. 5. 0E 3558 SANTA MARIA,
CALIFORNIA. 34 58 NORTH 121 25 WEST. 6. CIVILIAN ~~REDACTED~~,
AGE 52 ~~REDACTED~~. SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

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POST SUPERVISOR PHONE ~~REDACTED~~. 7. A. CLEAR WITH FOG TO WEST.

B. SURFACE NNW 12, 6,000 340/10, 10,000 200/10, 16,000 210/35,

20,000 200/35, 30,000 200/45, 50,000 210/45, 80,000 NONE. C. NONE.

D. 50 MILES. E. SCATTERED. F. NONE. 8. NONE. 9. NONE. 10. NONE CHECKED

WITH CAA. 11. ROBERT B. MINNAN 1ST LT DIRECTOR. COMMENT: OBJECTS

OBSERVER. SUNSET MAY POSSIBLY HAVE CAUSED AN ILLUSION OF
"RED BALLS OF FIRE" WITHIN THE FOG BANK. 12, NONE AVAILABLE.

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