PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	12. CONCLUSIONS
17 September 1957	St. Louis, Missouri	☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local_____ GMT 17/1700Z	**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** / **9. COURSE**		☐ Other_____ ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10 seconds / one / Circle		

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Disc-shaped object, metallic gray, estimated to be 100 yards in diameter, Object was seen traveling nearly parallel to the horizon then made a circle and a slight angle toward the south and disappeared.

11. COMMENTS

From the description of the object, sound & maneuvers, the el/object was possibly a jet a/c taking off from Lambert Field. However, total duration was 7 seconds, Insufficient data for evluation.

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1 Witness

[redacted] RPW

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Prob A/C

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SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
St. Louis, Missouri, 17 September 1957

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

1. At 1410 hours, Special Agent CHARLES F. CRUTCHFIELD, St. Louis Detachment OSI(IG), received a telephone call from a [redacted] reporting that he sighted an unidentified flying object at approximately 1100 hours, Central Standard Time.

2. In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 7, AFR 200-2, the following report is submitted:

(1) Description of the object:

(a) Disc-shaped
(b) Estimated 100 yards in diameter
(c) Color was a metallic gray
(d) One
(e) Not applicable
(f) Negative except that object did not have the design of any conventional aircraft
(g) No vapor trail or exhaust visable
(h) Observer estimated sound to be that of a 100-cylinder diesel engine at a great distance
(i) Not applicable

(B) ATIC Comment from the description of the object — sound and maneuvers, the object was prob. a jet A/C taking off from Lambert field.

SOUND OF A JET ACFT.

(2) Description of the course of object:

(a) Sound first called observer's attention to object
(b) Ten (10) degrees from the zenith and about seventy (70) degrees from the horizon.
(c) Twenty (20) degrees from the horizon
(d) Object travelled nearly parallel to the horizon for about seven (7) seconds. Object made a circle and a slight angle toward the south and disappeared.

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(4) ATIC Comment:
a wind plot made (see case file) indicates that with winds given, balloon could not drift over St. Louis.

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(e) Disappeared in the distance
(f) Approximately ten (10) seconds

(3) Manner of observation:

(a) Ground-visual
(b) No field glasses or other optical aid. Observer claimed 20-20 vision and was wearing polaroid-type sun glasses
(c) Not applicable

(4) Time and date of sighting:

(a) 171700 Z 1700 − 6 = 1100
(b) Day

(5) Location of observer: Standing on a ladder at west end of house approximately 20 feet from the ground and looking toward the northwest. Where is House located?

(6) Identifying information of observer:

(a) Civilian [redacted] 23 years; residing at [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri. Graduate student in Chemistry at Northwestern University.

(7) Weather and winds-aloft:

(a) Clear
(b) Wind - southeast at 8 knots. Wind velocity at 80 degrees at 6,000 feet was 15 knots, 90 degrees at 10,000 feet was 20 knots, 220 degrees at 16,000 feet was 12 knots
(c) Ceiling - unlimited
(d) Visability - 10 miles
(e) No clouds
(f) Negative

(8) No other unusual activity or conditions, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise.

(9) Observer claimed he saw no other air traffic prior to or after sighting object.

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(10) Negative

(11) No physical evidence such as materials and photographs.

3. In addition to weather conditions sighted in the preceding paragraphs, Mr. [redacted]Y, Observer-Briefer Meteorologist, St. Louis Weather Bureau stated a weather balloon was released from the Lambert Field Weather Station at 1100 hours Central Standard time and that with the prevailing wind conditions, it would have drifted eastward toward the city of St. Louis, and that there was a possibility that this was the object the observer had seen.

cc: Dir OSI
Comdr, 3310th TTW,
Scott AFB, Ill.

ROY A. LANGE
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District Commander

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