

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 6 November 1957		2. LOCATION Cannon AFB, New Mexico		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 07/0315Z		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 Military		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION approx 9 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 17	9. COURSE South	☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Radar sighting of object approx size of a/c 17 sighted. Slow moving. Targets seemed to fade out at 15-20 NM East of station.			11. COMMENTS Possibly a/c.		

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1. The speed of the targets (60-70 mph), the way in which they faded out at 15-20 N.M., and the inference in par. 11 that migratory ducks have been observed on the radar before, tend to indicate that this is a possible explanation in this case.

2. With reference to the IFF sighting, WADC IFF project engineers who were contacted consider it highly improbable that the return (which was tracked) could be other than from an aircraft having a transponder installed. The fact that this particular target had a speed of about 200 mph seems to bear out this supposition. IFF equipment is now carried in small Army craft, as well as Civil Air Patrol planes having speeds compatible to the speed observed.

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ACTIVITY SUBMITTING REPORT 312th Fighter-Bomber Wing Cannon AFB, New Mexico		DATE OF COLLECTION 8 Nov 1957	SRI STATUS (If applicable)
PREPARING INDIVIDUAL Grover C Walker, Captain, USAF Intelligence Officer		DATE OF REPORT 8 Nov 1957	SRI NO. CANCELED/COMPLETE
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE Maj. Maher, 1st Lt. Carey, S3gt. Boatman, A2C Atwood and A2C Tucker, 2040th AACS, 429FBS, 8832ABG		EVALUATION B-2	SRI NO. CANCELED/INCOMPLETE
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SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies)

1.
 - (a) Unknown
 - (b) Size of trgt on radar was approx the same return size given by an aircraft - Example: T-33
 - (c) Unknown
 - (d) 17 sighted
 - (e) N/A
 - (f) N/A
 - (g) N/A
 - (h) N/A
2.
 - (a) observed slow moving trgt 12 miles bearing 270° from field and tracked same north of station 4 miles bearing 030° then to 14 miles east bearing 090°.
 - (b) search scope was tilted 3°.
 - (c) search scope was tilted 3°.
 - (d) following is a list of sightings mileage and bearing from field and sulu time of first sightings: speed is approx 60-70 mph.

(1) 12 NM 270° 070315Z	(7) 11 NM 060° 070512Z
(2) 12 NM 285° 070325Z	(8) 9 NM 360° 070514Z
(3) 10 NM 050° 070500Z	(9) 14 NM 010° 070514Z
(4) 10 NM 060° 070505Z	(10) 12 NM 340° 070515Z
(5) 7 NM 065° 070510Z	(11) 9 NM 030° 070525Z
(6) 11 NM 060° 070510Z	(12) 15 NM 350° 070531Z

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(13) 19 NM 0200 070540Z
 (14) 8 NM 0400 070547Z
 (15) 12 NM 0300 070550Z
 (16) 8 NM 2530 070559Z
 (17) 13 NM 2530 070600Z

All targets flew approx 0550 - 0700 across the scope and only two trgt's crossed the station closer than three miles.

- (e) Targets seemed to fade out all together at 15-20 NM East of Station
 (f) approx nine minutes of observing

3. GCA AN/MPN-11B

(a) at approx 070510Z one trgt was observed on IFF equip. moving southbound 1800 from Cannon and observed until 60 NM south. Speed approx 200 mph.

(b) None

(c) N/A

4.

(a) 070315Z thru 070600Z

(b) Night

5.

340 23' N
 1030 19' W

6.

(a) Negative

(b) Boatman, William E	SSgt	2040AACS	CAFB	Good
Tucker, Richard D	A2C	2040AACS	CAFB	Good
Carey, Charles W	1stLt	429FBS	CAFB	Unknown
Maher, John L	Maj	832ABGRU	CAFB	Good
Atwood, Rodney H	A2C	2040AACS	CAFB	Unknown

7.

(a) Weather was low overcast, good visibility, light wind

(b) 0315Z E 10 @ 10 Wing light from SE

0555Z 10 @ 15

0600Z 1 @ 15

8. At 0615Z the sky cleared and two falling meteors were seen moving south.

9. None

10. at 0615Z jet aircraft at 20,000' was sighted southbound visually.

Altitude was reported by control tower.

11. Grover C. Walker, Capt, USAF, 312FBW, Intelligence Officer. Possibility of these GCA trackings being migratory birds (ducks) not discounted, however, this would not explain the IFF sighting.

12. None