

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 1 December 1957		2. LOCATION Montebello, California		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☒ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 3:00 PM GMT 01/2300Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not given		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 2-4		9. COURSE East	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Source's children called his attention to six "UFO's" moving slowly westward. Took motion pictures of the objects. Although he claimed six objects in the sky; strip of film only shows 2 paired objects moving back and forth slowly, in unison. In his report, Source launches a bitter tirade against the Air Force re its approach to UFO's.				11. COMMENTS Case was handled badly. Public Relations Office (OIS) of Hollywood decided to conduct interrogations instead of qualified AF intelligence personnel being brought in. Since the man is apparently seeking publicity and his antagonistic attitude toward the AF, the alleged statement by the Chief of the USAE L.A. Office of Info Sags that: "...the films were the best UFO's ever seen..." (!) compounded the problem. Study & analysis indicate that paired obj's were a balloon test rig of some design used for variable & wind tests.	

4 February 1953

REPORT OF INTERVIEW WITH MR. [REDACTED]

On 31 January 1953 Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] called at my home to pick up the 8mm film which they had loaned this office. We had finished duplication of the film at a local color film lab and the original 8mm film was returned to Mr. [REDACTED].

I examined his camera, an 8mm Keystone Capri K23 1 1/2" F3.6 telephoto lens Tiffen Photar 35 series 21.5mm.

The film used was Kodachrome Indoor Type A shot outdoors with a type-A filter. The distance setting was on infinity and shot at 16 frames per second.

I asked Mr. [REDACTED] the following questions:

Q. What is your estimate of the altitude of the objects which you photographed?

A. About the same height as the light airplanes ⁵⁰⁰ which I frequently fly over the house, between 3000 and 4000 feet.

Q. Were they at any time as high as jet aircraft which make vapor trails?

A. No, definitely not.

Q. Did you see any smoke trail or any kind of trail from the objects?

A. No there was no visible trail of any sort.

This case contains 1 roll of
film and 1 8"x10" photo.

Q. What was the direction of flight?

A. The first pass sighted by the children came from the West and went in an easterly direction.

Q. Were they in any sort of formation?

A. Yes, a very close or tight formation in a $3/4$ circular formation.

Q. At what speed, compared to a light plane passing over?

A. About the same speed, maybe a little slower.

Q. What direction was the second pass?

A. They came from the East heading West in an enlarged formation, split into pairs, with the point of the V formation to the right side of the formation.

Q. What was the speed of this pass?

A. About the same as the first pass, slightly slower than a light airplane.

Q. What about the third pass?

A. This pass was not photographed, but the boy said they went over in a straight-line formation, opposite the viewers position at a very fast speed, at about the same altitude.

Q. What were the size of the objects?

A. That's hard to say.

Q. Would you say they were as big in circumference as a circle including the wing tips and tail to nose section of a light airplane?

A. Yes, about that size.

Q. Were they all the same size?

A. Yes.

Q. What shape?

A. They were circular, and relatively flat.

Q. What color?

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Q. What do you think they were?

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(This concluded the main portion of the interview. Mr. [REDACTED] is in the process of moving to a new business in northern California. Any future contact can be addressed to him at [REDACTED], Redding, California.)

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