

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 3 December 1957		2. LOCATION Tampa, Florida		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ 0410215Z		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 45 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE wavering	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Egg shaped object, two white lights, flashing green light to rear. Light pink. 250 ft long, 100 ft wide. Heard motors shutting on and off. Made tight circle and hovered. Passed over horizon with wavering flight path.				11. COMMENTS Description has characteristics of a/c. Sound of motors could have come from some other source.	

Multi

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4/02/52

ATC

3 Dec

6 DEC 57 14 59

13454
34x22
MB

Poss balloon

DEC 6 12:14

SQE128 YDA091 VYC135 VDD044KBA026

PP RJEDDN RJEDSQ RJEPHQ RJEPNB

DE RJESKB 2D

P 061400Z

FM COMDR 660TH ACWRON MACDILL AFB FLA

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC

RJESKB/COMDR 35TH ADIV

RJEDSQ/COMDR AIR TECH INT CNTR

RJEPHQ/DIR OF INT HQ USAF

INFO RJEPNB/COMDR EADF

BT

/UNCLASSIFIED/OPS 0678 PD UFOB PD ATTN: EADF CIO PD

1. A. EGG SHAPED TWO WHITE LIGHTS FLASH GREEN LIGHT TO REARB. 250 FEET LONG 100 FEET WIDEC. LIGHT PINK

D. ONE

E. NOT APPLICABLE

F. NONE

G. NONE

H. HEARD MOTORS SHUTTING ON AND OFF

I. NONE

*Obviously influenced by all
reports and publicity given
to Lovelland Texas case.**Observers probably
heard a motor in this
neighborhood.*

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2. NORTHEAST

A. NOISE

B. 20 DEGREES N.E.

C. 40 DEGREES N.E.

D. TIGHT CIRCLE AND HOVERED PD WAVERING FLIGHT PATH PD

E. PASSED OVER HORIZON

F. 45 SECONDS

3. NONE

B. NONE

C. NOT APPLICABLE

4. 2115 EST 3 DEC 57

A. 4 DEC 57 0215Z

B. NIGHT

5. 27 DEGREES 50 MON NORTH 82 DEGREES 30 MIN WEST

6. TAMPA FLA STUDENT

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B. NONE

7. A. CLOUDY

B. SURFACE CALM 5A SSW 200/20 10A SW 230/20 16A WSW 250/20

W 20A W 260/25 30A W 270/60 50A W 270/60

1 2 3
Items 2B, 2C and 2E are inconsistent!
Ballon
characteristics

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C. 7000 SCATTERED

D. 12 MILES

E. 8/10

F. NONE

8. NONE

9. NONE

10. SEVERAL AIRCRAFT IN TAMPA AREA AT THE TIME

11. DUTY DIRECTOR PD JET AIRCRAFT FROM MACDILL AFB FLA

12. NONE

BT

06/1500Z DEC RJESKB

1. The observers were obviously influenced by the publicity given to reports since Levelland, Texas sighting.

2. Observers give inconsistent info; however, the flight path characteristics are of a balloon.

POSS balloon

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3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 6:00 PM GMT 04/2300 Dusk		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☒ Other <u>Hoax</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE straight up then NE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object doughnut shaped, propeller in center of plexiglass dome on top with three men sitting in it. one behind the other. Object 40 feet in diameter, aluminum color. Object had jet engine mounted on each side. Object hovered 75 to 100 feet then rose sharply and disappeared.				11. COMMENTS 1. Either helicopter observed under bad sighting conditions or 2. actually flared flare for city .	

Witness

4/23002
6 DEC 57 15 18

37
17 4E4
3-4XZC
HED

SQH037M SQE144 VYA098KBA041

PP RJEDSQ

ZDK

KBA024

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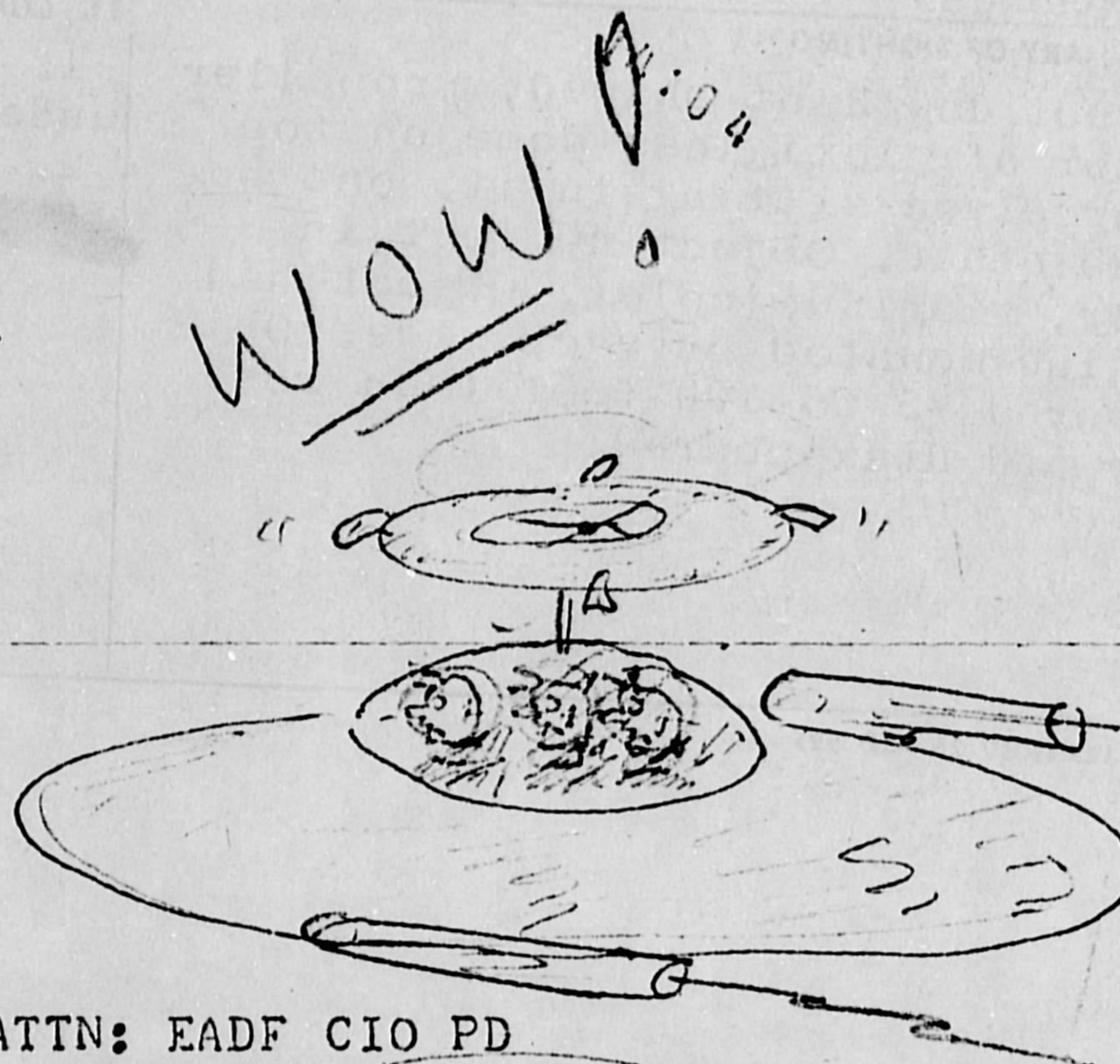
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//UNCLASSIFIED//OPS 0677 PD UFOB PD ATTN: EADF CIO PD

1. A. DOUGHNUT SHAPED PROPELLER IN CENTER PLEXIGLAS DOME ON
TOP WITH THREE MEN SITTING IN IT CMM ONE BEHIND THE OTHER
- B. FORTY FEET IN DIAMETER
- C. ALUMINUM COLOR
- D. ONE
- D. NOT APPLICABLE
- F. LOOKED LIKE AIRCRAFT FUSELAGE MOUNTED ON FLATTENED
DOUGHNUT PD HAD PROPELLER MOUNTED IN CENTER OF DOUGHNUT
WHICH PROVIDED LIFT PD HAD ONE JET ENGINE MOUNTED ON



04/2300Z DECEMBER 57

B. DUSK

5. CLEAR

B. SURFACE N.W. 12 KNOTS CMM 5000-290 AT 12 CMM 10,000-290 AT
35 CMM 15,000-270 AT 40 CMM 20,000-270 AT 70 CMM 30,000-
260 AT 90 AND 50,000-260 AT 90

C. CLEAR

D. 15 PLUS

E. SCATTERED CLOUDS ABOVE 25,000 FEET

F. NONE

8. NONE

9. NONE

10. SEVERAL AIRCRAFT IN TAMPA BAY AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING PD NO
HELICOPTERS PD *Prone wing before.*

11. SENIOR DIRECTOR'S PD MR. [REDACTED] APPEARS TO BE [REDACTED] BLE PD
HAVE TAPE RECORDING OF THE INTERVIEW WHICH WILL BEAR THIS OUT PD
I BELIEVE OBJECT IS A FIGMENT OF HIS IMAGINATION PD

12. SKETCH OF OBJECT BY MR. [REDACTED] ON FILE PD

BT

06/1451Z DEC RJESKB

*Items enclosed
in red ink
to be released, official,
public, a press,*

*1. Echoes helicopter, observed
under bad sighting conditions, or
2. actually [REDACTED] (will check
tape and official report)*

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EACH SIDE OF FUSELAGE WHICH PROVIDED THRUST PD FUSELAGE
HAD A PLEXIGLASS CANOPY AND THREE MEN WERE SEEN INSIDE PD
MEN APPEARED TO BE NORMAL AND WERE WEARING CLEAR PLASTIC
HELMETS PD NO MARKINGS ON OBJECT PD

G. GMOKE COMING FROM TWO ENGINES CMM ONE ON EACH SIDE PD

H. SIMILAR TO JET BUT NOT THE SAME PD

I. NONE

2. HOVERED ABOUT TEN SECONDS AT SEVENTY FIVE TO ONE HUNDRED FEET
THEN ROSE SHARPLY AND DISAPPEARED TO NORTHEAST PD

A. DOWNDRAFT ON TREES

B. SEVENTY FIVE TO ONE HUNDRED FEET HIGH

C. FORTY FIVE DEGREES N.E.

D. HOVERED ABOUT TEN SECONDS AT SEVENTY FIVE TO ONE HUNDRED
FEET THEN ROSE SHARPLY AND DISAPPEARED TO NORTHEAST

E9 FADED FROM VIEW CLIMBING

F. TEN SECONDS

3. GROUND VISUAL

B. NONE

C9 NOT APPLICABLE

4. APPROXIMATELY 1800 EST

*WOW (AGAIN) disappeared straight
up in 10 seconds!*

at 6:00 P.M.

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