

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>3 January 58</u>		2. LOCATION <u>W of Marietta, Ga.</u>		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 _____ GMT <u>03/1740Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE <u>Military</u>			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>90 secs</u>		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>one</u>		9. COURSE <u>stationary</u>	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Very thin obj in horizontal plane, slightly thickened in center. Appeared silvery white in reflection of sun like a mirror. Reflection of sun was bright at one end while remainder of obj appeared as thin beam of light. Reflection disappeared. Obj then appeared as a thin brown line shortly before fading from sight.				11. COMMENTS Could have been non-persistent contrail fm A/C in turn. Contrail patterns as times appear very unusual even to experienced observers.	

MOVEMENT. E. REFLECTION DISAPPEARED. OBJECT THEN APPEARED AS A THIN
BROWN LINE SHORTLY BEFORE FADING FROM SIGHT. F. APPROXIMATELY 50

SECONDS. 3. A. GROUND-VISUAL. FIRST SIGHTED FROM AUTOMOBILE, THEN FROM
OUTSIDE AUTOMOBILE. B. NONE. C. N/A. 4. A. ¹⁷⁴⁰⁻⁵⁵⁼¹⁷⁴⁰ 031740Z JAN 58. B. DAY.

5. GJFD2158. 6. A. N/A. B. CAPT. [REDACTED] HQ 35TH AIR DIVISION

(DEF), DOBBINS AFB, GA., CHIEF CONTROLLER, COMPLETELY RELIABLE. 7. /

CLEAR, VISIBILITY UNLIMITED. B. SFC-^{NNW}340/8: 6000-^N10/25: 10000-^{WNW}290/35:

^{WNW}20000-290/40: ^{WSW}30000-250/70: ^{WSW}50000-230/85: 80000-290/6. C. NONE.

D. UNLIMITED. E. NONE. F. NONE. 8. NONE. 9. NO UNUSUAL TRACKS

OBSERVED BY SURROUNDING ~~AW~~ ^{1.2 No USA note} UNITS. 508TH ACWRON HAD NUMEROUS AIR-

CRAFT TRACKS IN VICINITY OF SIGHTING. BALLOON LAUNCH SCHEDULE FROM

VERNALIS, CALIF, COVERS PERIOD 2 THROUGH 13 JAN 58. 11. COMMENTS OF

DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE: OBJECT MAY POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN RESEARCH

BALLOON LAUNCHED FROM VERNALIS, CALIF. HOWEVER, SHORT DURATION OF

SIGHTING UNDER EXCELLENT WEATHER CONDITIONS WOULD PRACTICALLY RULE

OUT BALLOON. COULD HAVE BEEN NON-PERSISTENT CONTRAIL FROM AIR-

CRAFT IN TURN. OBSERVER HIGHLY EXPERIENCED PILOT AND CONTROLLER

AND THEREFORE FAMILIAR WITH APPEARANCE OF CONTRAILS. HOWEVER, CONTRAIL

PATTERNS AT TIMES APPEAR VERY UNUSUAL EVEN TO EXPERIENCED OBSERVERS.

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03/2228Z JAN RJESKB

*Ind. a/c -
good report
by controller*

*True!
Made a
matter of note
to the U.S. public
in Dept. of Defense
release 5 Mar 1959*

EK

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1 Witness

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MM RJEDDN RJEDSQ RJEPHQ RJEPNB

DE RJESKB 125

M 032220Z

FM COMDR 35CADD

TO RJEDDN/COMDR ADC

RJEDSQ/COMDR ATIC

RJEPHQ/ ACS INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF

INFO RJEPNB/COMDR EADF

BT

/UNCLASSIFIED/ INT 56. UFOB. ATTN: EADF CIC. 1. A. VERY

THIN IN HORIZONTAL PLANE, SLIGHTLY THICKENED IN CENTER. B.

PENCIL ERASER. BELIEVE AIRCRAFT WOULD NOT HAVE APPEARED AS LARGE

AT THE RANGE OF OBJECT. C. (APPEARED SILVERY WHITE IN REFLECTION

OF SUN, LIKE A MIRROR. ACTUAL COLOR NOT OBSERVABLE. D. ONE. E.

N/A. F. NONE. G. NONE. H. NONE. I. (REFLECTION OF SUN WAS BRIGHT

AT ONE END WHILE REMAINDER OF OBJECT APPEARED AS THIN BEAM OF LIGHT.

AS OBJECT CHANGED ASPECT, SUN REFLECTION TRAVELED FROM ONE END TO

OTHER. 2. A. REFLECTION. B. (15) DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON AT (210) AZIMUTH.

C. (15) DEGREES ELEVATION AT (210-215) DEGREES AZIMUTH. D. MAINLY STAT-

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IONARY EXCEPT FOR CHANGE IN ASPECT, POSSIBLY SLIGHT WESTERLY