

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 5 Mar 58		2. LOCATION Holloman AFB, N.M.		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 06/0500Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar Binoculars ☐ Air-Intercept Radar ☐ Air-Visual			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 35 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE North	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Spherical, brilliant white obj, size of baseball at arms length. Had slow climb & descent, apparently moving downwind. Disappeared behind clouds.				11. COMMENTS All the characteristics of a balloon forced near the ground surface due to rain.	

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UNCLAS FROM 1900-1-6-C10 UFOB(1) DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT. A. SPHERICAL

B. BASEBALL HELD IN HAND AT ARMS LENGTH. C. BRILLIANT WHITE.

D. ONE 3. N/A F. NONE. G. NONE. H. NONE 8. NONE. W. DESCRIPTION

OF COURSE OF OBJECT. A. AIRDROME OFFICER CALLED TOWER OPERATOR'S

ATTENTION TO OBJECT. ?. TWO DEGREES DUE NORTH. C. THIRTY DEGREES

SOUTH SOUTH EAST. D. SLOW CLIMB AND DESCENT, APPARENTLY MOVING

DOWNWIND. E. DISAPPEARED BEHIND CLOUDS. F. 35 MINUTES. 3. MANNER OF

OBSERVATION. A. GROUND VISUAL. B. BINOCULARS. C. N/A 4. TIME AND DATE

OF SITING. A. 0500Z 6 MARCH 1958. B. NIGHT 5. LOCATION OF OBSERVER.

HOLLOMAN CONTROL TOWER (109 DEGREES 6 MINUTES WEST, 32 DEGREES 50

MINUTES NORTH. 6. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBSERVERS.

5 March 1958
at 10:00 PM

These are all characteristic of
a balloon

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A. NONE B. W. [REDACTED], CAPTAIN, ARDC, CHIEF OF PROPELLANTS,

BRANCH AIRDROME OFFICER FOR 6 MARCH 1958 THOMAS R BUTLER AND LT

VERY RELIABLE. 7. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT. A. OVERCAST, LIGHT DRIZZLE. B. (1) SURFACE WINDS, CALM, (2200 MST) (2) 6,000 FT 360 DEGREES, (9) KNOTS. (3) 10,000 FT, 150 DEGREES, (20) KNOTS, (4) 16,000 FEET. 200 DEGREES, (19) KNOTS. (5) 20,000 FT, 200 DEGREES, (29) KNOTS (6) 30,000 FT 230 DEGREEEN (42) KNTS. AL

WINDS ALOFT WERE OBTAINED

FROM EL PASO, TEXAS. OBSERVATION 0001 ZEBRA, 6 MARCH 1958 1200 SCATTERED, MEASURED 1800 OVERCAST. D. 15 MILES, LIGHT RAIN. E. (2/10TH AT 1200 FEET, 10/10THS AT 1800 FEET. F. NONE. 8. NONE 9. NONE. 10. NONE 11. POSITION TITLE. FLIGHT FACILITIES OFFICER. OBJECT HAND SIMILIAR CHARACTERISTICS OF WEATHER FLARE BALLON, HOWEVER INFORMATION FROM LOCAL WEATHER STATION, INDICATES THAT NO FLARE BALLON WAS WALOFT AT THE TIME OF THE SITING. 12. NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE AVAILABLE.

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all of the above is characteristic of a balloon. However, the local weather station indicates there was no balloon in area at the time, this is the only thing it could be, and would have had to be launched in the local area to have been seen below the low overcast, IF the same weather prevailed at Holloman, as at El Paso, Texas.

*Notes check
Ecliptic at 308° no
Venus - 293° no
Mars - 209° no
Jupiter - 261° no
Saturn - 242° no
Mercury - 242° no*

Not Astro

LHA 2200 + hrs = 137°

*Note: Solid cloud cover above 1800 feet - if there was observed for 35 minutes
1. Apparently moved inland
2. Must have been below 1800 ft (as 10/10 cloud cover above 2000)
3. Moved slowly
4. Round, white
5. Light colored - possibly balloon - all the way down to surface - the balloon faced near ground due to wind*