

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 1 August 1958		2. LOCATION Tacoma, Washington		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 01/1050Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☒ Other Conflicting Data ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military & Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 45 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE N to S W to E	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING White obj, shape of ice-cream cone on underside, very bright. Conflicting statements as to direction.				11. COMMENTS Although obj has characteristics of balloon, cannot conclude with inconsistent data given.	

Multi

01/1050Z to 01/1125Z rkgj

1-7454
3-5
3-4X2a
MCM

ZCZCSQP021T SQF476 YDC115YCZCQYB231ZCSXB129

OO RJEDDN RJEDSQ

ZFD RJWZSX

ZCZCQYX664ZCDMA209

OO RJEDDN RJEDSQ

DE RJWZDM 101A

0 011430Z

1 Aug 50

FM COMDR 25TH AIR DIV

atic
phoned
50187

TO RJEDDN/COMDR AIR DEFENSE COMMAND

RJEDSQ/COMDR AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER

RJEZHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE, HEADQUARTERS USAF

RJEZHQ/ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, INTELLIGENCE HEADQUARTERS USAF

RJEZHQ/OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES, HEADQUARTERS USAF

ZEN/COMDR 25CADD

BT

/UNCLAS/25TH CADD TAC H 4PD. ATTN D/1 SUBJECT:

1. UFOB.

1. GRAPEFRUIT LIKE

2. NEGATIVE

3. WHITE

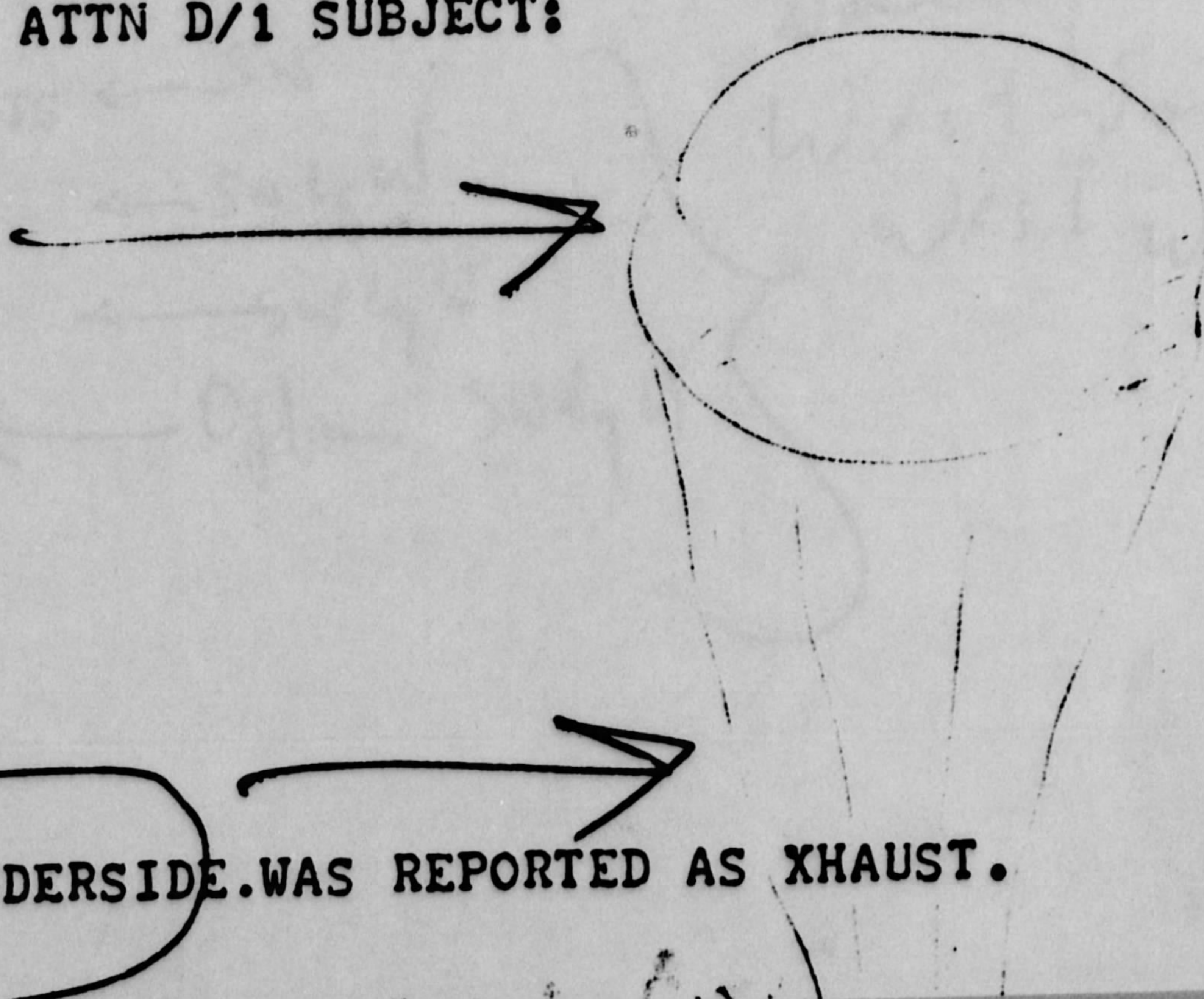
4. ONE

5. N/A

6. NEGATIVE

7. ICE CREAM CONE-LIKE ON UNDERSIDE. WAS REPORTED AS XHAUST.

8. NEG



9.--

11

1. BRIGHTNESS

2. NEGATIVE

3. NEGATIVE

4. (1) NORTH TO SOUTH (2) WEST TO EAST

5. SLOW FADE

6. A. 45 MINUTES B. 40 MINUTES C. 25 SECONDS

III

1. VISUAL-GROUND RADAR

2. N/A

3. N/A

IV

1. 01/1050Z TO 01/1125Z

2. NIGHT

V

1. A. TACOMA WASHINGTON B. TACOMA WASHINGTON C. BROWNS POINT, WASHINGTON

VI

1. CIVILIANS A. (1) (2) [REDACTED], TACOMA WN

B. [REDACTED] ADDRESS UNK. RELIABILITY UNK

2. MILITARY C. BOATSWAIN (9) 1/C NELMS, OIC BROWNS PT. LIGHT HOUSE

US COAST GUARD WASH.

VII

1.--

2. 6,000 210 DEGREES

10,000 250 " 23 "

16,000 250 "

20,000 250 "

30,000 240 "

40,000 240 "

50,000 240 "

3. NONE

4. 15 PLUS

14 KNOTS

35 "

33 "

56 "

60 "

3 "

SW

SW by W

SW by W

Optimum SW by W

Generally
West-South
West winds

This is typical
under-inflated
aerodynamic hood
from 12
hundreds of
photos in file

This is an extremely long sighting
duration for an object to
be seen - yet receive only
this meager data.

1050 Z - 8 = 0250
= 2:50 AM (Morning)

1125 Z - 8 = 0325

no. see
below

4
observers

6. NONE

VIII N/A

IX N/A

X NONE IN AREA

XI SENIOR CONTROLLER 25TH ADCC MCCHORD BASE OPS. REPORTD CALLS FROM PARTIES A.&B WHO REPORTED OBJECT TRAVELLING NORTH TO SOUTH. CHF BOS'N NELMS REPORTD OBJ. TRAVELLING WEST TO EAST. MR. [REDACTED] HAD A CALL FROM UNIDENTIFIED MAN WHO REPORTED SAME OBJECT TRAVELLING NE-NN. [REDACTED] REPORTED A STRANGE "AIR FORCE CONTRAPTION" HOVERING AT 50FT. OVER HIS CORN FIELD-A3/C [REDACTED] REPORTED OBJECT ON HR1 AT 54,000 FT. AND 52,000 IN THE SAME TIME PERIOD. HE LOCATED OBJECT AT 47 DEGREES 22'N 122DEGREES 58'W. (759TH ACWRON NASSELLE OREGON) 635TH ACWRON MCCHORD AFB, WN REPORTED A POSSIBLE RETURN. BUT NOT UNTIL AFTER IT WAS CALLED TO THEIR ATTN. ← (1.0. possible "suggestion" factor.)

VII NONE

BT

01/1458Z AUG RJWZDM

although the object has all the characteristics of a balloon, cannot conclude, with the inconsistent data given.

Other

(INCONSISTENT DATA)

N

JOINT MESSAGEFORM				SECURITY CLASSIFICATION	
				UNCLASSIFIED	
SPACE BELOW RESERVED FOR COMMUNICATION CENTER					
TOT 124906Z 12 AUG 58 10 26Z R4E					
PRECEDENCE		TYPE MSG (Check)		ACCOUNTING SYMBOL	ORIG. OR REFERS TO
ACTION ROUTINE		BOOK MULTI SINGLE		AF	MSG 0 011430 Z
INFO ROUTINE		X			UNCL.
FROM: COMDR, ATIC					SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
TO: COMDR, 1110TH BALLOON ACTIVITIES GROUP HEADQUARTERS COMMAND, USAF, LOWRY AFB, COLORADO					
CONCURRENT INFO: COMMANDER, 1006TH AISS ENT AFB, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO					
INFO: COMMANDER, DETACHMENT 5, 1006TH AISS, GEIGER FLD, WASH.					
/UNCLASSIFIED/FROM: AFCIN-4E4					
IN ACCORDANCE WITH PAR 6, AFR 200-2, 5 FEB 1958, SUBJ: "INTELLIGENCE RPTS-UFO", REQUEST ANY TRACK-PLOT INFO OF ANY UPPER-ATMOSPHERE BALLOON OR RELATED ACTIVITIES IN VICINITY TACOMA, WASH, 1015 Z to 1125 Z (2:50 to 3:25 A.M., LOCAL), 1 AUG 58. PURPOSE OF THIS REQUEST IS TO ASSIST IN RESOLVING SIGHTING REPORTED A NUMBER OF WITNESSES, IN- CLUDING MILITARY AND OTHERS CONSIDERED OF GOOD RELIABILITY. REF TT MSG 25 CADD TAX-H-4PD, DTD 1 AUG 58, COPY TO COMDR, AIR DEFENSE COMMAND. OBJ DESCRIBED AS ROUND, APPARENTLY LARGE IN SIZE AND UNDERSIDE DESCRIBED AS HAVING CONFIGURATION OF ICE-CREAM CONE. THIS LENDS CREDENCE TO LARGE UPPER-ATMOSPHERE BALLOON, SUCH AS MAY BE RELEASED FR IWAKUNI STATION, JAPAN, OR VERNALLIS NAS. YOUR DETAILED BALLOON TRACK PLOTS AND CHARTS FOUND TO BE EXTREMELY VALUABLE TO					
SYMBOL AFCIN-4E4				SIGNATURE 	
TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature, if required) CAPTAIN GEORGE T. GREGORY				TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE WALLACE W. ELWOOD Captain, USAF Assistant Administrative Officer	
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JOINT MESSAGEFORM - CONTINUATION SHEET

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FROM:

COMDR, ATIC

AIR FORCE INTELLIGENCE IN INVESTIGATIVE AND ANALYSIS PHASES OF UFO PROJECTS. HOWEVER, THIS REQUEST PROMPTED BY FACT DATA GENERALLY NOT RECEIVED UNTIL TWO WEEKS AFTER OCCURENCE OF INCIDENTS, AND IS DESIRED PREPARATORY TO POSSIBLE REQUEST FOR FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION BY AISS.

COORDINATION:

AFCIN-4E4 H. H. Miley Date 6 Aug 58
DR MILEYAFCIN-4E H. K. Gilbert Date 5 Aug
Col GilbertAFCIN-4X1 Mr. Arcier Date 18 Aug
Mr. Arcier

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RR RJEDSQ ✓

DE RJWFAM 1

R 142330Z ✓

FM COMDR 1110TH BLN ACTYGRU

TO RJEDSQ/COMDR ATTC WPAFB ✓

INFO RJEPBL/COMDR HEDCOM USAF BOLLING

BT

UNCLAS FROM BAGOC-8-520. FOR AFCIN. THIS MSG IN TWO PARTS: PART I.

REF YOUR MSG OF 6 AUG 50. THE 1110TH BLNACTYGRU CONTROL CENTER HAS NO RECORD OF ANY BALLOON OR RELATED ACTIVITIES IN THE TACOMA, WASHINGTON AREA ON OR ABOUT 1 AUG 58. PART II. IN THE FUTURE ALL TRACKS FOR BALLOONS MONITORED BY THIS GROUP WPLL BE FORWARDED ON COMPLETION OF EACH FLIGHT.

BT

14/2353Z AUG RJWFAM

NNNN

1-7
2-5 4/E4

3-4X2

21/2/51

Pr

50 AUG 15

ATTC

14:22