

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 13 November 1958		2. LOCATION Troy Peak & Tonopah Airport/Nevada		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 13/1629Z (1st)		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☒ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 sightings in 1 day 1629Z--1st		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS		9. COURSE ENE Stationary	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Four different sightings on radar in a day. All in same area at same alt. Fairly stationary. 2" temperature inversion at 60,000. WX balloon observed visually. Winds fm West.				11. COMMENTS Could be weather balloons because of flight characteristics as if drifting in winds aloft.	

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UNCLAS 865 OPS TAC K-18: IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2, DATED
5 FEB 58. THE FOLLOWING UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT (UFO) IS SUBMITTED.

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: (1) UNK (2) UNK (3) UNK (4)
FOUR APPEARED AT DIFFERENT TIMES THROUGHOUT THE DAY; ALL WERE
IN THE SAME AREA AND AT THE SAME ALTITUDE. (5) N/A (6) UNK
(7) UNK (8) UNK (9) UNK B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:
(0) RECEIVED OVERLAP TELL FROM SM-164 (2) ANGLE OF ELEVATION
FORTY DEGREES, TWO SEVEN NINE DEGREES AZIMUTH, RANGE WAS APPROX.
TWO SIXSMILES. (3) ANGLE OF ELEVATION FORTY DEGREES,
AZIMUTH APPROX. TWO SEVEN NINE DEGREES, RANGE APPROX. THE SAME.

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(4) FAIRLY STATIONARY, MOVING QUITE SLOWLY (APPARENTLY DRIFTING)
EAST NORTHEAST. (5) UNK (6) OFF AND ON FOR EIGHT HOURS

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION: (1) GROUND-ELECTRONIC (FPS-20), (MPS-7
AND MPS-14). (2) NONE (3) N/A D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(1) 13 NOV 1958, 1629 SULA (FIRST CONTACT) (2) DAYLIGHT

EM LOCATION OF OBSERVERS: SM-164 (EJCJ 5504) AND SM-163

(EJEG 2719). F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBSERVERS:

(1) NONE (2) [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

G. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT: (1) CLEAR AND CALM

(2) SURFACE: NONE AVAILABLE, 6,000: 285 DEGREES 5 KNOTS, 10,000: 295
DEGREES 15 KNOTS, 16000: 295 DEGREES 15 KNOTS, 20,000': 285 DEGREES
25 KNOTS, 30,000': 295 DEGREES 35 KNOTS, 50,000': 275 DEGREES 30 KNOTS,
80,00': 270 DEGREES 15 KNOTS. (3) CLOUDS CLEAR. KRL THIRTY MILES.

(5) SCATTERED (6) NONE H. ANY OTHER UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OR CONDITION:
TWO DEGREES TEMPERATURE INVERSION AT 60,000'. I. N/A J. N/A K.

POSITION, TITLE AND COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER: I BELIEVE
THESE COULD BE WEATHER BALLOONS BECAUSE OF THEIR FLIGHT CHARACTERISTICS
NAMELY, THAT THESE OBJECTS TRAVELED AS IF DRIFTING IN THE WINDS ALOFT.
EXISTENCE OF PHYSICAL EVIDENCE: A WEATHER BALLOON PASSED OVER
OUR SITE AT UNKNOWN ALTITUDE.

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INFO : OOP, SAFIS

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