

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 7 Feb 52	2. LOCATION Jackson, Tenn.		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 08/0405Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No Physical Specimen Civilian	6. SOURCE		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not given	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE SW to NE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 35 ft long object, tail seemed to catch fire as object fell. Obj struck ground and started small fire. See: Specimen 7-3745-434 (OBJECT IN SPECIMEN FILE)		11. COMMENTS Material was received at ATIC and is typical balloon material. Public reports from the area indicate this was the work of a prankster who inflated the balloon with explosive gas and attached a fuse to it.	

ATIC FORM 320 (REV 26 SEP 52)

ATIC

9 FEB 59 00 50 FEB 8 06 37 '59

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TELEPHONED
TO ATIC
NO. 71222
TIME 0640Z
Date 8 FEB 59
By: KE

RE009

CZCSQF266ZCVYA633

PP RJEDSQ

DE ROESBJ 67C

P 080530Z

FM CMDR 2047TH AACSRON MAXWELL AFB

TO RJWFAL/CMDR AIR DEFENSE COMMAND ENT AFB

RJESKE/CMDR 32 SAGE DOBBINS AFB

RJEDSQ/CMDR AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB

RJEZHQ/ASST CHIEF OF STAFF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF

RJEZHQ/OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES HQ USAF

RJWFAL/CMDR 1006TH AAIS ENT AFB

RJEDNB/CMDR EASTERN AIR DEFENSE COMMAND STEWART AFB

BT

UFO

A.

1. UNK

2. ABOUT 35FT LONG

3. UNK

4. ONE

5. NEG

6. UNKN

7. TAIL SEEMED TO CATCH FIRE AND BURN AS OBJECT FELL

8. UNKN

9. UNKN

B.

1. UNKN

2. 500 FT

3. STRUCK GROUND

4. TRAVELED FROM SW TO NE AT A SLOW SPEED

5. UNKN

6. UNKN

C. M

1. GROUND

2. NONE

3. NEG

D.

1. APPROX 08/0405Z

2. NIGHT

E.

1. IN RAILROAD YARD AT JACKSON TENN

F.

1. ~~REDACTED~~ OLD MEDINA RD JACKSON TENN ~~REDACTED~~

2. NONE

G.

1. 08/0400Z M 90 BROKEN 160 BROKEN 12 SW 10
2. 6000 FTMSL 240/30, 10000 FTMSL 250/45, 16000 FT MSL 270/50,
20000 FTMSL 270/50, 30000 FTMSL 260/70, 50000 FTMSL 260/80
80000 FTMSL UNK
3. M90 BROKEN 160 BROKEN
4. 12
5. 6-9/10 THR
6. NO
7. SEVERAL METEORS REPORTED THIS EVEIING
8. NONE
9. UNKN
K. FLIGHT SERVICE OPNS OFFICER NO COMMENT
L. MR WILSON PICKED UP A PIECE OF BLUE AND YELLOW PLASTIC AT THE
POINT WHERE THE OBJECT FELL. STATED THAT A SMALL FIRE HAD STARTED
AT IMPACT POINT ALL INFO RELAYED THRU MEM ARTC
BT
08/0540Z FEB ROESBJ

FOR: AFCIN - 4E4

ATTACHED IS A PIECE OF THE MATERIAL FOUND WHERE SOME OBJECT BURNED AND/OR EXPLODED AND FELL TO THE GROUND ABOUT 2130C FEB. 7, 1959 ABOUT 1 MILE SOUTH OF JACKSON, TENN. YOU REQUESTED THROUGH MEMPHIS AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL, THAT THIS BE FORWARDED TO YOU.

PUBLIC REPORTS TODAY, INDICATE THAT IT WAS THE WORK OF A PRANKSTER WHO INFLATED A BALLOON WITH SOME EXPLOSIVE GAS AND ATTACHED A FUSE. THE BURNING FUSE PROBABLY APPEARED TO BE A MOVING LIGHT, AND WHEN THE FIRE REACHED THE BALLOON — IT EXPLODED WITH A FLASH.

FEDERAL AVIATION AGENCY
ATCS R#2
MCKELLAR AIRPORT
JACKSON, TENNESSEE

ALIC

10 FEB 23 10 1959

RECEIVED

JACKSON, TENN

7 Feb 59

CASE CONTAINS PHYSICAL

SPECIMEN IN separate

FOLDER

ARTIFACT # 341-10-474
Located in ARTIFACT ROOM