

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 27 Feb 59		2. LOCATION 29 Mi W of Oceanside. Calif.		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☒ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 27/1845Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE Stationary	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Heart-shaped, white-buff obj, size of dime. First seen on radar, then visually. Obj estimated to be over 60,000 Feet altitude.				11. COMMENTS Obj at such high alt without apparent forward speed was undoubtedly a weather balloon.	

Hq 3d Marine Acft Wg AIRFMFPAC, 27 Feb 59, Subject: Report of
Unidentified Flying Object

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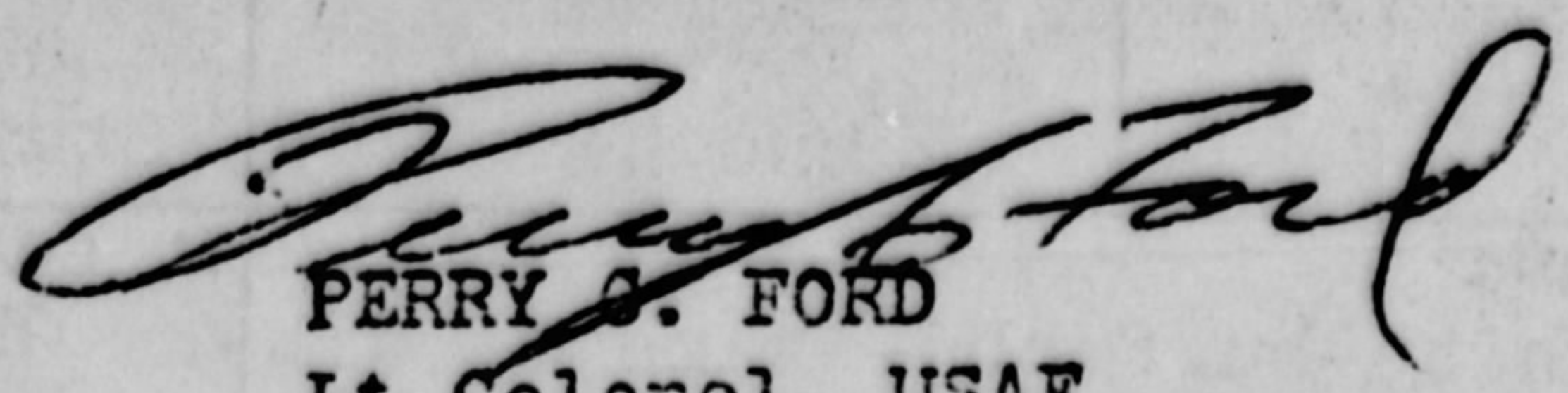
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Headquarters Fifteenth Air Force, March Air Force Base, California

TO: Commander, ATIC, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

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HEADQUARTERS
3D MARINE AIRCRAFT WING, AIRFMFPAC
MCAS, EL TORO (SANTA ANA), CALIF

20:MFW:paj
27 February 1959

From: Commanding General
To: Commanding General, March Air Force Base, Riverside, California
Subj: Unidentified Flying Object, report of
Ref: (a) CinCPacFlt Inst. 3820.3 of 12Jun56
Encl: (1) Unidentified Flying Object Report

1. In accordance with reference (a), enclosure (1) is herewith submitted.


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By direction

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Unidentified Flying Object Report

1. This report covers the sighting of one (1) unidentified flying object at 1045, 27 February 1959, over the point NG 1070, AMS 1:500,000, San Diego Sheet, by two (2) naval aviators. Both pilots, members of VMF(AW) 513, MAG-15, were flying F4D aircraft. At time of sighting no other air traffic was in the immediate area.
2. Captain Tom D'ANDREA, 0629081/7302 USMCR.
 - a. Pilot experience: 12 years; 2200 flight hours; 260 flight hours in F4D aircraft.
 - b. Initial sighting of object by radar while on course of 090 at 36,000 feet, speed 250 knots. Object bearing was twelve (12) miles distant, 15° starboard, high. Pilot executed a climbing turn to starboard. At 43,000 feet the radar broke lock.
 - c. At 43,000 feet, the object was sighted visually. It appeared to be a heart-shaped form resembling an F4D without a nose cone. It was at an estimated altitude in excess of 60,000 feet. Color of object was white-buff. It left no trail nor exhaust features.
 - d. Pilot executed a climbing turn to port, coming onto course 200 at 45,000 feet when radar broke lock.
 - e. Pilot executed a 360 keeping object in sight visually. Object appeared to remain in same relative position without any forward speed, with the point of "heart-shape" turning in the same direction of flight as the F4D. Altitude of object estimated in excess of 75,000 feet.
 - f. Size of object was that of a dime held at arms length.
 - g. Contact was broken after second pilot had object in sight.
 - h. Total time of observation was approximately ten (10) minutes.
3. Captain Henry L. SCHWELL Jr., 060707/7331/6602 USMC.
 - a. Pilot experience: 7 years; 1300 flight hours.
 - b. Initial sighting of object was visual while flying at 39,000 feet, speed 250 knots, course 100°.
 - c. Upon turning to course 180°, sun obscured the object.
 - d. Captain D'ANDREA first sighted the object and radioed the information of its location.
 - e. Object resembled a pure delta-wing, without any protrusions, white in color, at an altitude in excess of 60,000 feet.

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f. Object made no turns nor perceptable changes in altitude. It hung in the air. It left no trail nor exhaust features.

g. Size of object was that of a quarter held at arms length.

h. Total time of observation was approximately five (5) minutes.

4. Pilots' report of weather conditions at time of observation were: ceiling and visibility -- unlimited; no cloud cover; no thunderstorms.

5. Report from Los Angeles and San Diego Weather Stations taken at 1000, 27 February, 1959, were:

<u>Altitudes</u>	<u>Los Angeles</u>		<u>San Diego</u>	
Surface	Calm		360	5K
6,000	040	5K	340	8K
10,000	360	10K	300	4K
16,000	330	15K	330	11K
20,000	330	17K	350	10K
30,000	340	22K	360	8K
50,000	250	34K	280	38K
60,000	280	15K	280	17K
75,000	080	21K		Not available

Ceiling and visibility - unlimited; no cloud cover; no thunderstorms.

6. Preliminary analysis by preparing officer (Ass't C/S, G-2):

a. Object being at such high altitude without apparent forward speed undoubtedly was a weather balloon.