

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 1 May 60		2. LOCATION Glendale, Arizona		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 01/2020Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE NE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round, white object, size of a quarter. Object traveled on a straight course at a very high speed fading from sight. Object was noticed when it crossed the path of a "dust devil." Strong inversion existing in area.				11. COMMENTS This is a one witness sighting; as such is categorized as insufficient data. The possibility of a mirage is evident from the report.	

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4510TH COMBAT CREW TRAINING WING (TAC FTR)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
LUKE AIR FORCE BASE
ARIZONA



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SUBJECT: UFO Report

9 MAY 1960

TO: Air Technical Intelligence Center (ATIC)
Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

In compliance with AFR 200-2, dated 14 September 1959, the following report is submitted:

a. Description of the Object:

- (1) Round
- (2) Quarter
- (3) White
- (4) One (1)
- (5) N/A
- (6) None
- (7) None
- (8) None
- (9) None

b. Description of Course of Object:

(1) Observer states that he was standing in his back yard watching a very strong "Dust Devil" (whirl wind), which had accumulated a lot of paper and was tossing it around in the air. After watching the "Dust Devil" for a period of approximately one (1) minute he observed a round white object crossing the path of the "Dust Devil". At first he thought it to be some object picked up by the wind. However, when the object continued to travel on a straight course at a very high rate of speed, he was sure it was something else.

- (2) Approximately 45° above the horizon (See attached sketch).
- (3) Approximately 30° above the horizon (See Attached sketch).
- (4) Object traveled in a straight path.
- (5) Object faded from sight in a north easterly direction.
- (6) No more than 15 seconds.

c. Manner of Observation:

- (1) Ground - visual
- (2) No optical aids used (observer wears glasses).
- (3) N/A

d. Time and Date of Sighting:

- (1) 012020Z May 60
- (2) Day

e. Location of Observer:

$33^{\circ} 30' N / 112^{\circ} W$, Glendale, Arizona

Located approximately 6 miles N/W from the center of Phoenix, Arizona.

f. Identifying Information on Observer:

[REDACTED], Age 38, [REDACTED], Glendale, Arizona, [REDACTED], Reliability cannot be judged.

g. Weather and Winds - Aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sighting:

- (1) Visibility very good, cloudless, bright
- (2) Weather in the Phoenix Area, furnished by Det 30, 25th Weather Squadron (MATS), Luke AFB, Arizona, is between 1957Z and 2056Z, 1 May 60.

- (a) Surface Winds, West N/W at 6 knots
 - (b) 6,000 ft 040° at 5 knots
 - (c) 10,000 ft. 020° at 5 knots
 - (d) 16,000 ft. 330° at 10 knots
 - (e) 20,000 ft. 320° at 15 knots
 - (f) 30,000 ft. 270° at 55 knots
 - (g) 50,000 ft. 260° at 55 knots
 - (h) 60,000 ft. 270° at 20 knots
- (3) No ceiling
- (4) 45 miles
- (5) Clear at Time of Observation. High scattered cumulus appeared over the Phoenix Area at 012257Z, from N/E through east.
- (6) No thunderstorm activity reported in the area.
- (7) Temperature Gradient between 01195Z and 012056Z:
- (a) 1957Z Surface 84° F, Dew Point 45°, 2056Z, 85° F, Dew Point 35°.
 - (b) 6,000 ft - 11.5° C
 - (c) 10,000 ft - plus 1° C
 - (d) 16,000 ft - 10° C
 - (e) 20,000 ft - 20° C
 - (f) 30,000 ft - 45° C
 - (g) 50,000 ft - 60° C
 - (h) 53,000 ft - 61° C

Even though the investigator did not ask, [REDACTED] wanted an entry made in the report that "He was not making a statement that he had seen a UFO, but something which he could not explain and whatever it might have been, it wasn't an object picked up by the "Dust Devil".

[REDACTED] answered all questions as though he had spent some time thinking of all the important details concerning the sighting and even though the investigator purposefully tried to coach him into answering some of the questions in a manner which would conflict with previous questions, he would not fall for the bait. At one stage [REDACTED] tried to coach the investigator into asking some additional questions.

On the basis of the interview the reliability of [REDACTED] report of the sighting is rated F-3.

(3) Preliminary Analysis:

[REDACTED] probably saw a white piece of paper which had been picked up and was being tossed about by the wind.

The inversion over the Phoenix Area at the time of observation could have caused reflections or the bending of light rays which would cause the white object picked up by the wind to react in many way, when observed by the human eye.

1. No physical evidence

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Director of Administration

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Sketch of Flight Path

h. Yuma, Arizona soundings between 011200Z and 012400Z revealed a strong inversion between 11,000 and 15,000 feet. Luke AFB, weather estimates this inversion occurred at the approximate time of Mr [REDACTED] sighting. A check of Radar Stations in the Phoenix area revealed no unusual sightings at the time observation was made in Glendale.

i. No interception or identification action taken.

j. (1) Sky Harbor Airport, located approximately 10 miles S/E of the observation point, launch small (30 Gram) balloons at 0500Z, 1100Z and 2300Z daily. Sky Harbor Airport states the balloon launched at 011100Z, drifted North from the launching site.

(2) Yuma and Tuscon, Arizona launch large balloons at 1200Z and 2400Z daily. Unable to check flight paths of these balloons for 1 May.

k. (1) 4510th Combat Crew Training Wing (Tac Ftr) - Operations - Intelligence Specialist.

(2) Comments:

[REDACTED] was interviewed at his home at 030130Z by the preparing individual.

During the interview the impression gained was that [REDACTED] was a man of more than average intelligence, who cooperated fully in answering all questions put to him by the investigator.

He also stated that he was hesitant in reporting his observation to the military, having been in the Army during World War II and thought perhaps the military would make a joke of his report.

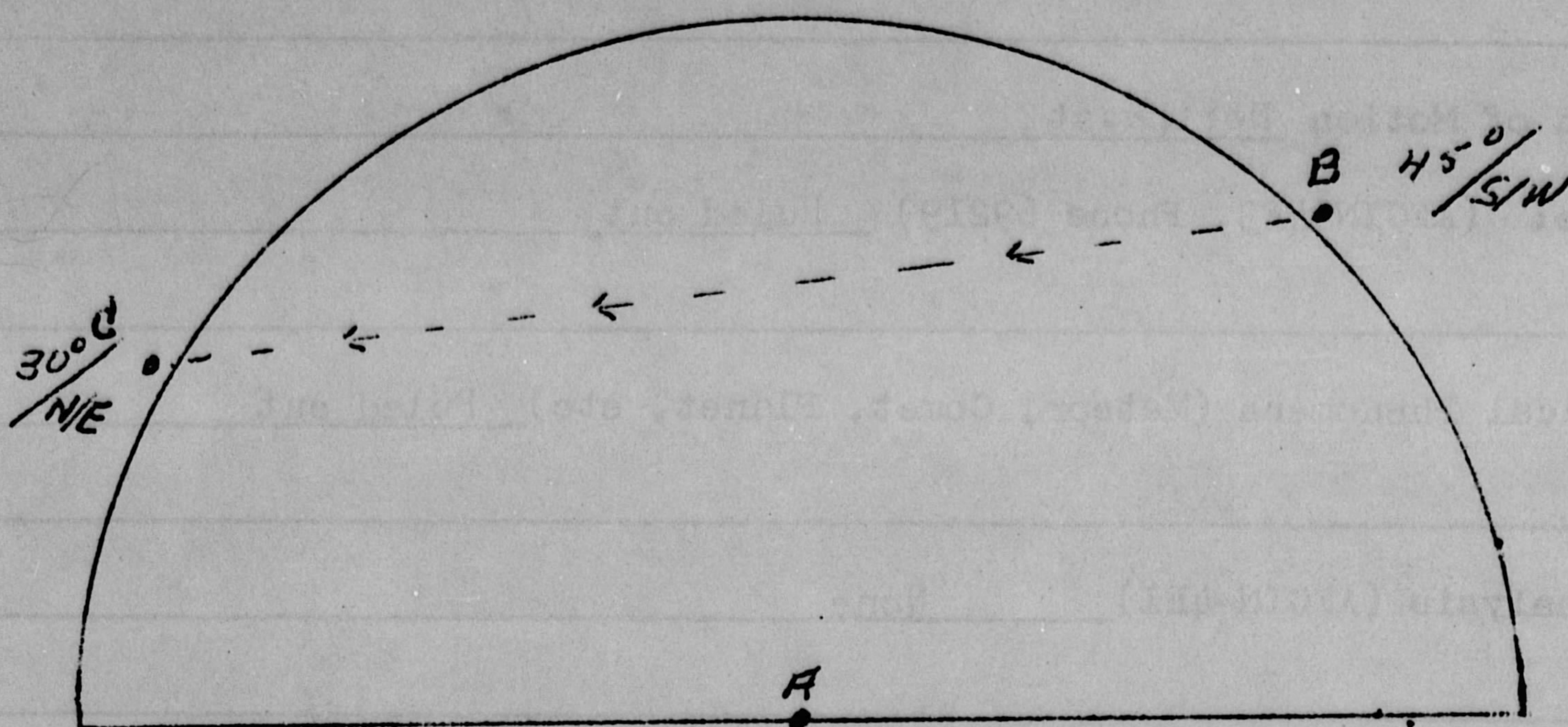
[REDACTED] seems to know more than the average person about the UFO Program and when asked as to whether or not he had ever observed any strange or unusual objects before, he answered in the negative.

[REDACTED] then stated that only recently he had watched an Army or Air Force film on television which showed photographs of UFO's taken by a U.S. Navy Lieutenant in a desert somewhere in the United States along with other photographs and stories of other sightings made by reliable persons, over a period of years. He further stated that the narrator emphasized, that any persons observing any strange object were to report them to the nearest military authority, no matter how foolish the story might sound.

A. Position of observer.

B. Position of object when first sighted.

C. Position of object when last seen.



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UFO ANALYSIS SHEET

Location Glendale, Arizona

Date 1 May 1960

Hour (Z) 2020Z

WX Clear, vis 45 mi, winds var at 5 to 55 knots, strong inv 11k & 15k feet

Description Round, size of a quarter, white, was watching dust devil, first seen approx 45 deg SW, last seen about 30 deg elev NE, moved in straight path, faded in NE direction, in sight no more than 15 seconds

Direction of Motion Northeast

Satellite: (AFCIN-4F3, Phone 69219) Ruled out

Astronomical Phenomena (Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc) Ruled out

Radar Analysis (AFCIN-4E1) None

Natural Phenomena (Ball Lightning, etc) None

Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc.

Other PROBABLY SOME OBJECT PICKED UP BY THE WIND. (INVESTIGATORS OPINION).

Evaluation of Source Reliability UNKNOWN

Analysis and Conclusions: THIS IS A "ONE WITNESS" SIGHTING AND AS SUCH IS CATEGORIZED AS "INSUFFICIENT EVIDENCE". THE WIND IN THE AREA, DISCOUNTING THE "DUST DEVIL" - WAS GENERALLY TOWARD THE SOUTH, OPPOSITE FROM THE MOTION OF THE OBJECT... THE POSSIBILITY THAT THIS WAS SOME TYPE MIRAGE IS FAIRLY GREAT - HOWEVER, IN THE ABSENCE OF SUFFICIENT EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT THIS CLAIM NO CONCLUSION IS OFFERED.
Final.