

MULTIPLE SIGHTING

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 30 Sep & 28-31 Oct 60	2. LOCATION 13 NM SSE of Melrose, New Mexico Cannon AFB		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical (Star or Planet) ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1800-1852 GMT _____	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20-22 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE descending	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round, bright light, becoming more orange and less luminous as it descends, about the size of an automobile headlight. Object disappeared below the horizon.			11. COMMENTS Object was possibly planet Mercury which was just above the western horizon; however, the direction of the object which was observed was not given, precluding a valid conclusion, as to the exact object. There is sufficient information to indicate that the object was an astronomical body and the case is carried as such.

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COUNTRY OR AREA REPORT CONCERNS U.S. - New Mexico		DATE OF INFORMATION 1-31 Oct Incl.		
ACTIVITY SUBMITTING REPORT 832AD/DOI		DATE OF COLLECTION 31 Oct 60		SRI STATUS (If applicable) SRI NO. CANCELED/COMPLETE
PREPARING INDIVIDUAL Capt. Clay C. Stephenson		DATE OF REPORT 1 Nov 60		SRI NO. CANCELED/INCOMPLETE
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE [REDACTED] T/Sgt		EVALUATION		SRI NO. ACTIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON (Date)
REFERENCES (BAIR Subject, previous reports, etc., as applicable) AFR 200-2				
SUBJECT (Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects) UFO Sighting				
SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies) From all the information available it would seem the sighting is a balloon or some object with a highly reflective surface. Its appearance at approximately the same time in all of the observations supports the thesis that it is some device used by an organization or base in the area. Further, since there have been no sightings after dark, a source of light is necessary for observation. This, plus its slow rate of descent lends support to the contention that the object is a balloon or a similiar object.				
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Altitude in Feet

	30,000	50,000	80,000
24 Oct 60	240/40	250/40	300/15
25 Oct 60	290/25	280/40	330/15
26 Oct 60	250/35	170/25	260/10
27 Oct 60	300/50	280/40	290/25
28 Oct 60	250/60	250/60	260/10

- (3) Unlimited
- (4) Unlimited (atleast 40 Miles).
- (5) None
- (6) None
- (7) Sixty/sixty-five Degrees F. for most of the observations.

h. None

i. None

j. No known air traffic or balloon releases that could account for sighting.

k. Air Targets Officer: See Summary.

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1. This report follows the format outlined in AFR 200-2, para. 15.

a. Description of the Object:

- (1) Spherical
- (2) About the size of an automobile headlight.
- (3) At first sighting the object is about the color of a bright light, becoming more orange and less luminous as it descends.

- (4) One
- (5) N/A
- (6) None except as noted above
- (7) None
- (8) None
- (9) None

b. Description of Course of Object:

(1) Observer thought at first that object was a large star, but on closer examination of the object appeared to be a headlight about a mile away. Observer was on duty at the Melrose Gunnery Range and thought that someone was at the gate of the range. Investigation revealed no one was at the gate.

- (2) About 15° above horizon.
- (3) Disappeared below horizon.
- (4) Descending from 15° above horizon at about .8 of a degree per minute until object disappeared below horizon.
- (5) Slowly in a vertical descent.
- (6) Twenty to twenty-two minutes.

c. Manner of Observation:

- (1) Ground - Visual
- (2) Observer made use of a theodolite, approximately 20 power.
- (3) N/A

d. Time and Date of Sighting:

(1) First observations were in time period 0130Z to 0150-0152Z around 1st of October. Observations the past few days (28 to 31 October) have begun at approximately 0100Z.

(2) Dusk.

e. Location of Observer: 34° 17' 15" N, 103° 48' 30" W. Thirteen nautical miles South-Southeast of the town of Melrose, New Mexico.

f. Identifying Information on Observer:

(1) [REDACTED], T/Sgt, 832d Operations Squadron, Cannon AFB, New Mexico, NCOIC Melrose Gunnery Range. Very Reliable.

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(Note: There are at least twelve other observers of this object, all Military and on duty at this base.)

g. Weather and Winds:

- (1) In most cases fair and clear.
- (2) Report of Det 22, 25th Weather Squadron.

(a) Surface Winds (0100Z)

24 Oct 60	S (1700)	6 Kts.
25 Oct 60	NE (0400)	5 Kts.
26 Oct 60	SSW (1900)	6 Kts.
27 Oct 60	Calm	
28 Oct 60	Calm	

(b) Upper Winds (0000Z) - Altitude in Feet.

	6,000	10,000	16,000	20,000
24 Oct 60	210/25	260/15	250/20	220/25
25 Oct 60	020/20	020/10	330/10	340/15
26 Oct 60	240/15	270/20	250/15	260/25
27 Oct 60	300/10	320/15	300/25	290/30
28 Oct 60	220/10	270/20	250/25	240/35

No Case (Information Only)

25 September 1960
Las Cruces, New Mexico
and Texas, New Mexico area

1960

A wave of sightings in New Mexico and near El Paso, Texas, caused headlines in many newspapers late last September. The most widely publicized

of the sightings occurred on September 25th and concerned a green light seen at Las Cruces N. M. and elsewhere. A spokesman for the Federal Aviation Agency stated that their instruments indicated the UFO was 37 miles above the earth. The object appeared to hover for about thirty minutes and then moved off toward the southwest. According to the F.A.A., the UFO was spherical, and had a square object within it. They said that flashing lights of various colors appeared to emanate from the square object within the sphere. Two unidentified pilots - one of them flying a military jet - reportedly spotted the UFO, as did many people on the ground, including police.

No Case (Information Only)

26 September 1960
Woodlands, Invercargill, New Zealand
Gumana, Venezuela and
Seattle, Washington

On September 26 a large saucer-shaped object was reported circling near Woodlands, Invercargill, New Zealand; a luminous oval-shaped machine was sighted at Gumana, Venezuela, and four dark rotating objects were seen with a telescope as they moved across the face of the Moon by observers at Seattle, Washington.

1 - 15 OCTOBER 1960 SIGHTINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
Oct	Northern Ohio	[REDACTED] (PHOTO)	Other (LIGHT)
Oct	Paterson, New Jersey	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
2,3,4,5	Paulding, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Astro (JUPITER)
3	Wheaton, Maryland	[REDACTED]	Astro (FOMALHAUT)
4	Denver, Colorado	[REDACTED]	Balloon
5	Clear Lake, Maine	[REDACTED]	Other (SHOTGUN BLAST)
5	Marion, Indiana	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
5	Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
5	Mount Kisko, New York	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
5	Point Lookout, Long Island, New York	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
5-12	Boulder, Colorado	[REDACTED]	Astro (VENUS)
6	Thule AB, Greenland	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
6	500 Mi W California	Military Air	Astro (METEOR)
7	250 Mi W San Francisco	Military Air	Astro (METEOR)
8	Westford, Massachusetts	[REDACTED]	Other (UNRELIABLE RPT)
8	Denver, Colorado	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
9	DeBerry, Texas	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
9	Kerrville, Texas	Multi	Astro (METEOR)
10	Tonawanda, New York	[REDACTED]	1. Astro (METEOR) 2. Aircraft
10	Kenton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
11	Misawa, Japan	Military Air	Astro (METEOR)
11	Organ Pass, New Mexico	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
12	Egypt	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
12	Sweetwater, South Carolina	[REDACTED]	1. Astro (METEOR) 2. D/O Roll on Marble
12	Boston Harbor, Massachusetts	PHYSICAL SPECIMEN (2)	Insufficient Data
13	Saskatoon, Canada	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
14	Abilene, Texas	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
14	Petropavlovsk, USSR	[REDACTED]	Satellite
15	Worland, Wyoming	[REDACTED]	Aircraft

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
4	Cussy, Launceton, Australia	Newsclipping	
10	Tasmania	Newsclipping	
14	Anaheim, California	Newsclipping	

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