

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 6 Feb 61	2. LOCATION 8 mi E of Indian Springs, 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 1340 GMT 062040Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 6 mi	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE NNW-ESE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Shiny, half-moon shaped object aprox 5' in diameter. Appeared at 47.8 elevation, 144.70 azimuth. Witness did not watch object disappear. Moved slowly.			11. COMMENTS At 20,000' winds were fm 340°; at 30,000' they were fm 320°. These winds were moving in direction objt was reported to be moving. Objt sighted about 15 min after witness launched a balloon, and at this time balloon launched would have been in position reported for objt. Although witness is supposed to be familiar with balloons, it is very possible that he mistook this balloon for reported UFO. There was a cloud cover of 6-8/10 which would have contributed to misidentification.

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TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJWZNF/27TH ADIV NORTON AFB CALIF

RJEDSQ/ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/COFS USAF WASH DC

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UNCL/01-02-0155ACTION ADC, 27ADIV, ATIC, COFS (AFCIN)

AND USAF (SAFIS) UFO. ALFA (1) HALF MOON (2) SAME SIZE AS

INFLATED 408 FOOT WX BALLON AT 20,000 FT (3) REAL SHINY,

SHADOWED ON BOTTOM (4) ONE (5) N/A (6) NONE (7) NONE

(8) NO (9) NONE BRAVO (1) OBSERVER WAS LUANCHING PIBAL

BALLON WHEN THIS OTHER OBJECT WAS OBSERVED (2) ELEVATION 47.8

AZIMUTH 144.70 (3) DID NOT WATCH IT DISAPPEAR (4) OBJECT WAS

MOVING SLOWLY NNW-ESE (5) DID NOT TRACT IT OUT OF SIGHT

AIRMAN WAS TAKING A PIBAL RUN. (6) 6 MINS. CHARLIE (1) GROUND

VISUAL (2) THEODOLITE (20 POWER) (3) N/A. DELTA (1) 062040Z FEB

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(2) DAY ECHO (1) 36 DEGREE 35'N 115 DEGREE 41'W (2) INDIAN SPRINGS
RANGE NBR 3 8MI EAST OF INDIAN SPRINGS FOXTROT (1) A/3C CURTIS D
TUCKER, DET 31, 25 WX SQ, NELLIS AFB, NEV. GOLF (1) CLEAR (2) 6000'
250 DEGREE/2KTS, 10,000' 290 DEGREE/19KTS, 16,000' 010 DEGREE
/12KTS, 20,000' 340 DEGREE/15KTS, 30,000' 320 DEGREE/8KTS, 50,000'
320 DEGREE/25KTS (3) 1,000' GROUND (4) 35MI (5) 6 TO 8 TENTHS
(6) NONE (7) SFC TEMP

50 DEGREE F. HOTEL (1) NO IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN. JULIETTE-
ANGLES PEAK CONTROLLER DENIED OBSERVING ANY RADAR TRACKS DURING
THE PERIOD OF ALLEGED SIGHTING. KILO MAJOR ANTHONY J BUSALACCHI,
42289A, WING INTELLIGENCE OFFICER. NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY REPORTED
FROM INDIAN SPRINGS TOWER OTHER THAN 4 AIRCRAFT BOMBING ON RANGE
NBR 1, LOCATED 8MI NE FROM POINT OF OBSERVATION BETWEEN THE HOURS
OF 2015 TO 2100Z FEB. NO UNUSUAL ACTIVITY REPORTED FROM NELLIS
TOWER. OBSERVER IS A WX FORECASTER WHO WORKS WITH BALLONS EVERY
DAY AND DUE TO HIS USE OF A 20 POWERED THEODOLITE THE POSSIBILITY
OF A WX BALLOON IS RULED OUT. LIMA. NONE

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JOINT MESSAGEFORM				SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED	
SPACE BELOW RESERVED FOR COMMUNICATION CENTER					
ZNR Tot. 10/20357 6T		10 FEB 61 19 56z			
PRECEDENCE		TYPE MSG (Check)		ACCOUNTING SYMBOL	ORIG. OR REFERS TO
ACTION ROUTINE		BOOK	MULTI	SINGLE	AF
INFO					01-02-0155
FROM:					CLASSIFICATION OF REFERENCE
ATTIC W-P AFB TO: NELLIS AFB, NEV RJWZNT UNCLAS/AFCIN-4E2x 2-915 4520TH CCRTRNGWG, YOUR MSG 01-02-0155, DTD 7 FEB 61. REQ VERIFICATION OF THE SIZE OF THE OBJ. WHAT WAS THE OBJECT'S ORIENTATION? WHAT WAS THE ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF THE OBJ WHEN IT WAS LAST OBSERVED? WAS THE OBJ SIGHTED PRIOR TO LAUNCH OF PIBAL, OR DURING THE PIBAL'S ASCENT? WERE THERE ANY OTHER WITNESSES TO THE SIGHTING? IF SO, REQ THEIR IMPRESSIONS BE FORWARDED ALONG WITH THE ABOVE INFORMATION					SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
					091430Z
DATE		TIME			
9		0930			
MONTH		YEAR			
FEB		1961			
SYMBOL		SIGNATURE			
AFCIN-4E2x TYPED NAME AND TITLE MAJOR ROBERT J. FRIEND PHONE 69216 SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED		Philip G. Evans TYPED (or Stamped) NAME AND TITLE PHILIP G. EVANS Colonel, USAF Deputy for Science and Components			

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UNCLAS OI-02 0301 AFCIN YOUR MSG AFCIN-4E2X 2-915.

ITEM ONE: SIZE OF OBJECT WAS THE SAME SIZE AS A 40 GRAM WEA
BALLOON QT 20,000 FT. IN CHECKING WITH THE 25TH WEA SQ HERE
AT NELLIS, A 40 GRAM BALLOON IS APPROXIMATELY 4 FT IN DIAMETER
AT SURFACE AND EXPANDS TO APPROXIMATELY 5FT IN DIAMETER AT
20,000 FT. ITEM TWO: AIRMAN WAS FACING TO THE NORTHWEST.
ITEM THREE: AZIMUTH 47.6 DEGREE ELEVATION 143.30 DEGREE.
ITEM FOUR: OBJECT
WAS SIGHTED 15 TO 15 MINUTES AFTER LAUNCHING OF PIBAL BALLOON.
853. 5: AIRMAN TUCKER CALLED A/2C STEPHAN R TANNER, AFSC
25251, DET 31, 25TH WEATHER SQ, NELLIS AFB WHO WAS ON PIBAL

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RUN WITH HIM TO VERIFY HIS FIGURES AT TIME OF OBSERVATION.

AIRMAN TANNER HAS NO ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON SIGHTING

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