

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 27 Feb 61	2. LOCATION San Bernardino, California		12. CONCLUSIONS ☒ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1130 GMT 271930Z	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 Civilian		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE	☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round, White objt, size of pinhead. Appeared and disappeared at 60° angle above northern horizon. Movements of small magnitude in essentially one position.		11. COMMENTS Both observer and reporting officer state they believe objt was a meteorological balloon. There were at least 3 balloons launched during morning hours prior to sighting. One of these balloons was possibly in position reported for objt.	

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

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0958
ATC

CZOSQD147ZCQYD050

RR RJEDSQ

DE RJWZNF 9D

ZNR

R 072200Z

FM SBAMA NORTON AFB CALIF

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJWZJB/LAADS NORTON AFB CALIF

RJEDSQ/AIR TECH INTELLIGENCE CTR WPAFB

RJEZHQ/HQ USAF WASHDC

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UNCLAS/SBBFT-3-5-E UFO. FOR HQ USAF AFCIN FOR SEC OF THE AF SAFIS.

(1) ROUND

(2) PINHEAD HELD AT ARM LENGTH

(3) WHITE

(4) ONE

(5) THRU (9) NONE

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(1) NOTED WHILE WATCHING COMMERCIAL 707 BOEING

(2) SIXTY DEGREE ANGLE ABOVE NORTHERN HORIZON

(3) SIXTY DEGREE ANGLE ABOVE NORTHERN HORIZON

1961 MAR 8 00 51

194E2 (UFO)
234X2A
1961 MAR 8 12 46
ADJUTANT GENERAL
WPAFB

JOINT MESSAGEFORM				SECURITY CLASSIFICATION											
				UNCLASSIFIED											
SPACE BELOW RESERVED FOR COMMUNICATION CENTER															
10 MAR 61 19 54z 10/21/44Z 8T															
PRECEDENCE		TYPE MSG (Check)		ACCOUNTING SYMBOL	ORIG. OR REFERS TO	CLASSIFICATION OF REFERENCE									
ACTION	ROUTINE	BOOK	MULTI					SINGLE							
INFO				AF	SBBFT-3-5-U	UNCLAS									
FROM:					SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS										
ATC W-PAFB															
TO:															
NORTON AFB CALIF					RJWZNF										
UNCLAS/AFCIN-4E2x 3-1195															
SBAMA, YOUR MSG SBBFT-3-5-U, DTD 7 MAR 61, REQ THE WEATHER DATA, REF PAR 15g, AFR 200-2, DTD 14 SEP 59 FOR THE TIME OF SIGHTING BE FWD TO ATIC. IN ADDITION, REQ A CHECK BE MADE TO DETERMINE IF A BALLOON WAS LAUNCHED JUST PRIOR TO THE TIME OF SIGHTING. IF SO, INCLUDE ALL PERTINENT DATA REGARDING THE LAUNCHING.															
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	Maj Robert J Friend			PHILIP G. EVANS Colonel, USAF Deputy for Science and Components											
RELEASER	PHONE 69216		PAGE NR. 1	NR. OF PAGES 1											
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- (4) MOVEMENTS OF SMALL MAGNITUDE IN ESSENTIALLY ONE POSITION
- (5) OBSERVERS STOPPED WATCHING OBJECT
- (6) APPROXIMATELY TWENTY MINUTES

- (1) GROUND VISUAL
- (2) NONE
- (3) NOT APPLICABLE

27 Feb

(1) ~~27 MARCH~~ 1961 1930 TO 1950Z

(2) DAY CLEAR

E ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AVE SAN BERNARDINO, CALIF

(1) CIVILIAN ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ SAN BERNARDINO CALIF

(2) CIVILIAN ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ SAN BERNARDINO CALIF

(1) CLEAR AND VISIBILITY GOOD

H COMMA I COMMA J NONE

K JOHN R FINN MAJOR USAF PD OBJECT BELIEVED TO BE COMMON METRO BALLOON
BY OBSERVERS AND INVESTIGATING OFFICER.

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07/2247Z MAR RJWZNF

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AF IN : 55936 (23 Mar 61) K/hph

ACTION: CIN-14

INFO : OOP-CP-1, OOP-2, SAFS-3 (21)

SMB C 050

ZCZCHQB370ZCQJB170

PP RJEZHQ

ZNR ZDK

NFB182

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UNCLAS/SBBFT-3-10-E UFO FOR SAFIS. REF TWX SBBFT-3-5-E AND

MSG AFCIN-4E2X 3-1195. TO MSG SBBFT-3-5-E ADD FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH G/1/

/A/ NORTON AFB. NO WEATHER BALLOONS LAUNCHED DURING PERIOD APPLICABLE

TO SIGHTING. WINDS ALOFT 5000 340/15 8000 330/20 10000 330/20 14000

330/30 18000 320/30 25000 330/40 30000 330/45 35000 330/50 40000

320/60 50000 290/40 60000 290/20.

/B/ GEORGE AFB. PIBAL RELEASED FROM CUDDYBACK GUNNERY RANGE 27 FEB

1530Z. WINDS 15441 40702 0504 60104 3604 83604 3106 03112 23221 43222

63226 8330 03327 23527. RUN TERMINATED AT 22000 MSL /MAX ALTITUDE

REQUIRED/.

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/C/ EDWARDS AFB CALIF. RAWINSONDE BALLONS RELEASED AT 1305Z AND
2145Z 27 FEB 61. WINDS FROM 2145Z RELEASE 5000 264/08 10000 320/31
15000 310/35 20000 310/36 25000 306/45 30000 322/44 35000 334/62
40000 327/60 45000 300/44 50000 290/37 60000 296/18 70000 310/09
80000 276/08. BALLONS RAISE AT APPROXIMATELY 1000 FPM.

/D/! OXNARD AFB CALIF. NEGATIVE RELEASES FROM OXNARD AFB SAN
NICOLAS ISLAND AND POINT MUGU NAS. POINT ARGUELLO RELEASED RAWINSONDE
27 FEB 1800Z WHICH REACHED 32000 METERS REPEAT METERS. WINDS ALOFT
FROM THIS RELEASE 17930 0408 23608 3512 43612 3616 63621 3422 83323
3323 03326 23330 43235 63131 83236 03233 33227 53243 03340 53453 03360
43038 53047 02937 42930 03014 03110 53306 01506.

/E/ PALMDALE USWB QUERIED ON RELEASE. NO REPLY. ALSO INFORMED
SANDBERG RELEASED PIBAL BUT NO INFO OBTAINABLE. REFERENCE
PARA K BASIC MSG: OBJECT STILL BELIEVED TO BE BALLOON. SUGGEST CASE
BE CONSIDERED CLOSED.

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22/2030Z MAR RJWZNF