

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 10 May 61	2. LOCATION Ft. Bliss, Texas		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical ALTAIR ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2200 GMT 110500Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 38 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE Varied	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Comet-like objt with trail pointing to SW. When in hover trail disappeared, became egg-in doughnut-shape. Size of head of a dime. Diameter appeared equal to length of B-52 fuselage. Overall size larger than a blimp. Color was golden in flight; khaki brown when in a hover. Trail appeared to be twice the size of objt. First appeared illuminated. Appeared and disappeared several times.			11. COMMENTS First magnitude star Altair was in direction indicated by witness for objt. Altair was just below horizon and was probably able to be seen only due to the inversion which was in area at time. It is possible that a/c in area contributed somewhat to sighting, but it is believed that star was real culprit. Consistency of times, directions and descriptions on subsequent nights substantiate this conclusion.

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ZNRA. 31 DEC 52 MIN NORTH, 135 DEG 30 MIN

R 201701Z WEST CORNER, 71 BLISS, TEXAS

FM 95HOMBWG BIGGS AFB TEX

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJWFKH/33 ADIV RICHARDS GEBUR AFB MO

RJEDSQ/ATIC WPAFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/HQ USAF WASH DC

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UNCLAS BDCO 9421. SUBJECT: REPORT OF UFO IAW AFR 200-2,

14 SEP 59. PART I. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT.

A. SHAPE. COMET LIKE OBJECT WITH TRAIL POINTING TO THE SOUTH-WEST. WHEN IN HOVER TRAIL DISAPPEARED, BECAME EGG-IN-DOUGHNUT SHAPE.

B. SIZE. HEAD OF A DIME AT ARM'S LENGTH. DIAMETER APPEARED EQUAL TO LENGTH OF B-52 FUSELAGE. OVERALL SIZE LARGER THAN A BLIMP.

C. COLOR. GOLDEN IN FLIGHT. KHAKI BROWN WHEN IN A HOVER.

D. NUMBER. ONE

E. FORMATION. NOT APPLICABLE.

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F. ADDITIONAL DETAILS. NONE

G. TRAIL APPEARED TO BE TWICE THE SIZE OF THE OBJECT. NO
TAIL OR EXHAUST VISIBLE.

H. SOUND. NONE DISCERNIBLE.

PART II. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT.

A. OBSERVER AND WIFE WERE OBSERVING POLARIS AND NEARBY
CONSTELLATIONS THROUGH TELESCOPE EVERY EVENING DURING WEEK OF
9 - 15 MAY 1961, EXCEPT 14 MAY 1961.

B. OBJECT FIRST APPEARED ILLUMINATED, MOVING ON A CONSTANT
MAG HEADING OF 030 DEGREES, AT AN INCLINATION OF 45 DEGREES AT
0500Z AND DESCENDING OUT OF SIGHT BEHIND THE SKYLINE AT 0502Z.
AT 0530Z OBJECT REAPPEARED ILLUMINATED IN THE SAME APPROXIMATE
LOCATION, BUT AT 15 DEGREES INCLINATION, COMMENCING A CLIMBING
360 DEGREE TURN TO THE LEFT. MAXIMUM OF 35 DEGREES INCLINATION REACHED
AFTER 180 DEGREES OF TURN. TURN CONTINUED AND DESCENT MADE TO AN
INCLINATION OF 05 DEGREES. ORIGINAL MAG HEADING OF 030 DEGREES
TAKEN UP AT 0533Z AND OBJECT THEN REMAINED IN A HOVER FOR FIVE
MINUTES OVER MAC GREGOR RANGE, NEW MEXICO. AT 0538Z VISUAL CON-
TACT WAS AGAIN LOST.

PART III. MANNER OF OBSERVATION.

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A. INITIAL SIGHTINGS MADE THROUGH A NEWLY PURCHASED 6X TELE-
SCOPE MOUNTING CODE (POLARIS) 0.5 INCH EQUATORIAL REFRACTOR

ADJUSTABLE TO 320X). RAPID MOVEMENT OF OBJECT AND IMMEDIATE SKYLINE MADE SCOPE FOLLOWING IMPOSSIBLE. FUTHER FOLLOWING BY EYE CONTACT ONLY.

PART IV. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTINGS.

A. 11/0500 - 0502, 0530 - 0538 MAY 61. SIMILAR OBJECT WAS SIGHTED MOMENTARILY AT 10/0515Z MAY 61 AND 15/0445Z MAY 61, BY EYE CONTACT ONLY.

B. LIGHT CONDITIONS. MOONLESS NIGHTS.

PART V. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS.

A. 31 DEG 52 MIN NORTH, 106 DEG 25 MIN WEST.

B. NORTHWEST CORNER, FT BLISS, TEXAS.

PART VI. OBSERVER IDENTIFICATION.

MILITARY - WHALEY, DONALD N., RA18346667, SPECIALIST 5 (E-5), BRAVO BATTERY, SCHOOL SUPPORT COMMAND, FT BLISS, TEXAS. CONSIDERED HIGHLY RELIABLE BY HIS SUPERIORS.

PART VII. WINDS AND WEATHER.

	10 MAY	11 MAY	15 MAY
6M	160/20	300/20	200/10

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10M	260/10	240/20	220/10
15M	270/10	270/30	250/25
20M	280/25	280/35	250/35
30M	290/40	280/55	270/65
50M	300/35	280/20	270/50
80M	(UNAVAILABLE)		
CIC	1-0	1-0	CIC

VIS	20 PLUS	20 PLUS	20 PLUS
N	2/10	4/10	0/10
TSTMS	NONE	NONE	NONE
TEMP INV	7500' MSL	4500' MSL	5000' MSL

PART VIII. PREPARING OFFICER'S COMMENTS. HAVE CONTACTED FAA, ADC
SAD PAL GCI SITE, HAWK TROOP TEST HDQS., FT BLISS, AND MAC GREGOR
RANGE OFFICER TO DETERMINE IF ANY AIRBORNE OPERATION COULD
ACCOUNT FOR SIGHTED OBJECT. REPORTED AIRBORNE TRAFFIC WAS AS
FOLLOWS: 10 MAY 61; C-121 DEPARTED RWY 03 BIGGS AFB AT 0454Z
ENROUTE TO TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES, NEW MEXICO, VIA V-94, V-19 AND
V-1543. T-33 DEPARTED RWY 03 BIGGS AFB AT 0523Z WITH VFR CLIMB
TO FL 310 ON J-4V ENROUTE TO GILA BEND. 11 MAY 61; FLT OF TWO
B-50'S RPTD OVER WATERHOLE INTERSECTION AT 0448Z ENROUTE TO BIGGS

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AFB VIA NEWMAN VOR. OBSERVER DENIES THAT THIS REPORTED TRAFFIC
COULD ACCOUNT FOR HIS SIGHTINGS.

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