

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 3 Jun 61		2. LOCATION Nevada		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0800 GMT 03/1600Z Jun 61		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ 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 2 1/2 hours		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One		9. COURSE Orbiting S-N then E-W	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object of undetermined size, shape and color observed through a theodolite by weather observer. Object arrived from South and orbited in area for 2 1/2 hours, disappearing heading West. Altitude estimated to be 80-120,000 ft. Held altitude throughout sighting.				11. COMMENTS The object was probably an a/c of the U-2 type. U-2 flights are known to take place from Nellis AFB, Nevada and the flight characteristics and altitude support this conclusion.	

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ACTION: CIN-14

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

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SMB C 005

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DE RJWZNJ 21

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FM 4520TH CCRTNGWG NELLIS AFB NEV

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJWZSB28TH ADIV HAMILTON AFB CALIF

RJEDSQ/ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/HQ USAF WASH DC

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- UFO. (A) (1) UNDERTERMINED
(2) UNDERTERMINED
(3) UNDERTERMINED
(4) ONE
(5) N/A
(6) NONE
(7) UNDERTERMINED
(8) NONE
(9) NONE

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(B) (1) OBJECT FIRST OBSERVED THRU A THEODOLITE BY A MR.

REDACTED A WEATHERMAN STATIONED AT THE MERCURY TEST SITE (AEC) NEV.,
AT APPROXIMATELY 1600 HRS ZEBRA 3 JUNE 1961. OBJECT ARRIVED FROM
SOUTH, ORBITED AREA TURNING SLOWLY 90 DEGREES TO WEST AND
DISAPPEARED AT APPROXIMATELY 1830Z HEADING WEST.

(2) OBSERVER ESTIMATED OBJECT TO BE 80-120,000 FOOT
ALTITUDE.

(3) OBJECT HELD ALTITUDE THROUGHOUT SIGHTING, DISAPPEARING
APPROXIMATELY OVER LATHROP WELLS, NEVADA.

(4) FLIGHT PATH FROM SOUTH, TURNING WEST 90 DEGREES OVER
AEC MERCURY TEST SIGHT, DISAPPEARING IN WEST.

(5) EXHAUST MAGNIFICATION POWER OF THEODOLITE UTILIZED
BY OBSERVER.

(6) TWO AND ONE-HALF HOURS.

(C) (1) GROUND-VISUAL-THEODOLITE

(2) TWO 1200 MAXIMUM MAGNIFICATION POWER BINOCULARS
WERE SET UP AT NELLIS AFB AT APPROXIMATELY 1800Z BUT OPERATORS
FAILED TO GET A FIX PRIOR TO OBJECTS DEPARTURE.

(3) N/A

(D) (1) 1600Z, 3 JUN 1961.

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(2) DAY

(E) AEC MERCURY TEST SITE, NEVADA: 36 DEG 32 MIN NORTH 116 DEGREES WEST.

(F) (1) MR [REDACTED] -WATHERMAN EMPLOYED AT AEC MERCURY TEST SITE.

(2) N/A

(G) (1) WEATHER CLEAR, NO CLOUDS, UNLIMITED VISIBILITY, SLIGHT WIND.

(2) SURFACE WIND SOUTHWEST AT 5 KNOTS: 6000 FT 320 DEGREES AT 9 KNOTS; 10000 FT 330 DEG AT 17 KNOTS; 16000 FT 350 DEG AT 21 KNOTS; 20000 FT 310 DEG AT 33 KNOTS; 30000 FT 280 DEG AT 62 KNOTS; NONE HIGHER.

(3) CEILING UNLIMITED.

(4) VISIBILITY 35 MILES

(5) NO CLOUDS.

(6) NONE

(7) 73 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT SURFACE.

(H) CHECKS WITH MILITARY AND USWB REVEAL NEGATIVE METEOROLOGICAL ACTIVITY WHICH WOULD GENERATE ILLUSION.

(I) A T-33 AIRCRAFT WAS VECTORED BY THE 865TH AC&W SQ TO THE AREA WHERE THE OBJECT WAS LAST SEEN AT 1900Z, AT AN ALTITUDE

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OF 34000 FT, WITH NEGATIVE SIGHTING RESULTS.

(J) NO BALLOON RELEASE IN AREA TO CREDIT AS UFO. FAA ADVISED NO SCHEDULED FLYING ACTIVITIES WILL ACCOUNT FOR SIGHTING. HEAVY MILITARY FLYING ACTIVITY IN APPROXIMATE AREA OF SIGHTING ACCOUNTED FOR BY 865TH AC&W SQ CANNOT BE ATTRIBUTED TO UFO.

(K) OBSERVER ADVISED OBJECT, WHEN FIRST SIGHTED, WAS TOO LARGE AND TRAVELING TOO FAST TO BE A WEATHER BALLOON. ORIGINATOR: MAJOR ANTHONY J BUSALACCHI, DIR OF INTELLIGENCE, 4520TH CCR TNG WG, NELLIS AFB, NEV. ORIGINATOR'S COMMENT: CHARACTERISTICS AND AREA OF REPORTED UFO OPERATION RESEMBLE UFO SIGHTING REPORTED TO ADDRESSEES ON 11 MAY 61. ORIGIN, IDENTIFICATION, PURPOSE OR DESTINATION OF UFO WAS NOT DETERMINED DUE TO EXTREME HIGH ALTITUDE, RESULTING IN NEGATIVE ELECTRONIC TRACKING CAPABILITY, INABILITY OF TELESCOPE EQUIPPED GROUND OBSERVERS TO "FIX" ON THE OBJECT, AND AIRCRAFT CEILING LIMITATIONS

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