

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 Jul 61		2. LOCATION Cameron, Louisiana		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☒ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1150 GMT 251750Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian		☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 45 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE NW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Bright orange objt shining thru clouds. Emitted smoke or vapor. Believed to be at 50,000', faded climbing to NW. Hovered part of time.				11. COMMENTS High flying objt hovered overhead for aprox 45 min and it disappeared to NW climbing. Winds aloft to NW. Objt described as ping-pong ball with wings. Probably balloon.	

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ACTION: CIN-17

INFO : SAFS-3, OOP-2, OOP-CP-1 (24)

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SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE FOR SAFIS. AF FOR DI. FOLLOWING
FINDINGS ARE REPORTED IN ACCORD WITH AFR 200-2. PART AND SUB-
PART NUMBERS CORRESPOND TO THE FORMAT OF THE REGULATION. THIS
MESSAGE IN EIGHT PARTS. PART I. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT. A.
CIRCULAR. B. NOT AVAILABLE FROM OBSERVER. C. BRIGHT ORANGE,
SHONE THRU CLOUDS WHICH PASSED IN FRONT OF IT. D. ONE. E. NOT
APPLICABLE. F. OBJECT WAS THE SIZE OF PING PONG BALL WITH SMALL
WINGS. G. EMITTED SMOKE OF VAPOR AT ONE TIME. H. NO SOUND.
I. NOT APPLICABLE. PART II. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE. A. MRS.

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[REDACTED] AND SON WERE WATCHING JET AIRCRAFT PASSING OVERHEAD. B. OBJECT WAS STRAIGHT OVERHEAD AT APPROXIMATELY 50,000. C. HEADED NW IN CLIMB AND DISAPPEARED. D. OBJECT HOVERED AND THEN CLIMBED TO NORTHWEST AND DISAPPEARED. E. SEE D. AND E. ABOVE. F. OBJECT WAS VISIBLE FOR 45 MINUTES. PART III. MANNER OF OBSERVATION; A. OBSERVATION OF OBJECT WAS GROUND-VISUAL. B. NO OPTICAL AIDS WERE USED. PART IV. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING. A. 251750Z JUL 61. B. DAY. PART V. LOCATION OF OBSERVER. 29-47-30N, 93-21-00W, 1 NM SW OF CAMERON, LOUISIANA ON MONKEY ISLAND. PART VI. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER. A. MRS. [REDACTED] HOUSEWIFE: 33, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS DISTRIBUTOR CO., CAMERON, LA. B. ESTIMATE OF RELIABILITY - GOOD. C. TEN-YEAR OLD SON AND TWO DOCK WORKERS CONCURRED IN OBSERVATION. NOT AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONING. PART VII. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT. A. OBSERVER AGREES WITH REPORT BELOW. B. WINDS AT CAMERON, LOUISIANA SURFACE 130/10; AT 6000 080/9; AT 10000 080/9; AT 16000 130/10; AT 20000 090/5; AT 30000 LIGHT VARIABLE; AT 50000 060/20; AT 80000 080/25. C. 3000 BROKEN. D. 7 MILES. E. CLOUD COVER 10PM F. SCATTERED THUNDER STORMS IN AREA, MOSTLY SOUTHERLY. G. TEMPERATURE GRADIENT: NOT AVAILABLE. PART VIII. A. NO OTHER METEOROLOGICAL,

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ASTRONOMICAL OR OTHER UNUSAL CONDITION REPORTED. B. NOT
APPLICABLE. C. NO KNOWN BALLONS IN AREA. OBSERVER REPORTED
PASSED THROUGH AREA DURING PERIOD OBJECT WAS UNDER OBSERVATION.
A CHECK WITH NEW ORLEANS, BUBBLES GCI SITE, CHENNAULT AFB,
ENGLAND AFB INDICATES THERE WAS NO MILITARY AIRCRAFT IN AREA.
D. THIS REPORT PREPARED BY MAJOR B.W. ZIMMERMAN, CHIEF OF
INTELLIGENCE. ON ABOVE EVIDENCE NO DEFINITE ANALYSIS IS
AVAILABLE. IF IT WERE A WEATHER BALLOON, WITH THE WINDS AS
WERE, THE ONLY LAND MASS FROM WHICH IT COULD HAVE BEEN RELEASED
WOULD BE THE WESTERN TIP OF CUBA. E. NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE
AVAILABLE.

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JOINT MESSAGEFORM			SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED		
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FROM:					SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
TO: WLD W-2 AFB OHIO CHENNAULT AFB LA RJWFKH 2-8-47 UNCLASSIFIED FT-E 68 BW/YOUR UNCL MSG 68DCOI COL378 DTD 27 JULY 61. REQUEST YOUR ORG MAKE A FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION AND FORWARD THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFO TO FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION. REF PART I-F, YOUR MSG, WAS THE OBJECT THE SIZE OF A PING PONG BALL OR DID IT APPEAR LIKE A PING PONG BALL WITH WINGS? WAS THE OBJECT HOVERING WHEN FIRST OBSERVED? HOW LONG DID THE OBJECT REMAIN HOVERING? HOW DID THE WITNESSES ESTIMATE THE ALTITUDE OF THE OBJECT? WHAT WAS THE ELEVATION OF THE OBJECT WHEN IT DISAPPEARED?					
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TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature, if required)			TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE		
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UNCLASSIFIED MESSAGE FT-E 2-2-47 DATED 2 AUG 61. OBJECT APPEARED
TO BE THE SIZE OF AND SIMILAR TO A PING PONG BALL WITH SMALL WINGS.

THE OBJECT WAS HOVERING WHEN FIRST SEEN AND CONTINUED TO HOVER
UNTIL IT WENT INTO A RAPID CLIMB AT THE END OF THE 45 MINUTE
OBSERVATION PERIOD. WITNESS ESTIMATED ALTITUDE BY COMPARING IT
WITH THE JET AIRCRAFT WHICH SHE ESTIMATED AT 30,000 FEET. AS
HER REFERENCE POINT, THE JET, HAD GONE AT THE TIME THE OBJECT
DISAPPEARED THERE WAS NO ESTIMATE OF THE ALTITUDE OF THE OBJECT
THEN EXCEPT THAT IT CLIMBED EXTREMELY HIGH.

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