

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 17 Jul 61		2. LOCATION 15 mi W of Las Vegas, Nevada		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Prob a/c flare</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>0200</u> GMT <u>170900Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE Varied	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Witnesses noticed objts approach fm S in autos rear vision mirror. Objt passes to left and above vehicle, altitude estimated 1000' above mountainous terrain, 1 mile W. Objt stopped, turned around, orbited about 3 min, above 1000' peaks ahead of observers auto, then slowly descended behind peaks. Descended apparently straight down.				11. COMMENTS Saw plane in rear view mirror while driving along mountain road. Plane came near car and shot flare at about this time and continued circling and disappeared behind mountains. At about same time radiator of car boiled over and car stopped due to overheating, fan belt was off causing water pump to not function as well as limit generator action while loose causing flickering of car lights. All this plus the alcohol pulls the coincidence of the plane and flare created the UFO situation in the observers' mind. Very good investigation of surrounding data by intelligence team.	

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ACTION: CIN-17

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

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FM 4520 CCRTNGWG NELLIS AFB NEV

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLORADO

RJWZSB/26TH ADIV HAMILTON AFB CALIF

RJEDSQ/ATIC WPAFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/HQ USAF (AFCIN) WASHINGTON 25 DC

RJEZHQ/SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (SAFIS) WASHINGTON 25 DC

INFO RJWZJBD/865TH AC&W SQ LAS VEGAS AF STATION

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UFO. FORMAT PARA. 15, AFR 200-2. OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

A. (1) ROUND - LARGER THAN ANY AIRCRAFT KNOWN BY OBSERVER.

(2) GRAPEFRUIT.

(3) GREEN

(4) ONE

(5) N/A

(6) SEEMINGLY ENCASED IN FLAME.

(7) FIRE TAIL SIGHTED, ULTIMATELY FADING.

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(8) SIMILAR TO JET FIGHTER.

(9) EMITTED TERRIFIC COLD BLAST AND WIND UPON PASSING AND PROBABLE LANDING.

B. (1) OBSERVERS TRAVELING ON GRAVEL ROAD NORTH OF FLINTKOTE CORPORATION'S BLUE DIAMOND MINE, 15 STATUTE MILES DUE WEST OF MCCARRAN AIRPORT, LAS VEGAS, NEVADA NOTICED OBJECTS APPROACH FROM SOUTH IN AUTOS REAR VISION MIRROR. OBJECT PASSED TO THE LEFT AND ABOVE VEHICLE, ALTITUDE ESTIMATED 1,000 FT ABOVE MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN, ONE MILE WEST.

(2) OBJECT APPROACHED FROM SOUTH EAST, SQN 345 DEGREE HEADING.

(3) OBJECT STOPPED, TURNED AROUND, ORBITED ABOUT 3 MINUTES, ABOVE 1,000 FT PEAKS AHEAD OF OBSERVERS AUTO, THEN SLOWLY DESCENDED BEHIND PEAKS. WIND CREATED BY UFO WHEN IN FRONT OF VEHICLE AND ORBITING, FORCED THE MOVING AUTO APPROXIMATELY THREE FEET BACKWARD. WIND FORCE BLEW NEW AUTO FAN BELT OFF PULLEYS AND SOME UNKNOWN ELEMENT CAUSED RADIATOR WATER TO BOIL.

(4) SEE (3) ABOVE.

(5) DESCENDED APPARENTLY STRAIGHT DOWN.

(6) OBJECT VISIBLE APPROXIMATELY 4 MINUTES. DURING ORBIT, UFO BRILLIANCE LIGHTED ENTIRE AREA COMPARABLE TO DAYLIGHT. AFTER

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DESCENT BEHIND PEAKS, OBSERVERS SAID GREEN GLOW AND APPARENTLY STEAM, WAS OBSERVED ABOVE PEAKS ANOTHER FIFTEEN MINUTES, WHEN OBSERVERS DEPARTED.

C. (1) GROUND VISUAL.

(2) NONE

(3) N/A

D. (1) 0900-1200 ZULU, 17 JUL 61.

(2) DARK WITH NO CLOUDS AND FULL STAR ILLUMINATIONS.

E. OBSERVERS GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION 115 DEGREES 27 MINUTES WEST, 36 DEGREES, 5 MINUTES, 40 SECONDS NORTH. ONE MILE NORTH OF BONNY SPRINGS RANCH, 16 MILES FROM BLUE DIAMOND MINE CUTOFF ON US HIWAY 91 SOUTH OF LAS VEGAS.

F. MR [REDACTED] AND MRS [REDACTED], LATTER AGED 23. [REDACTED] (NOT INTERVIEWED) CEMENT FINISHER EMPLOYED LOCALLY. WIFE IS HOUSEWIFE. RESIDENCE: YOUNG'S TRAILER COURT, EAST LAS VEGAS NEVADA/ TELEPHONE: [REDACTED]. OBSERVER VISIBLY DISTURBED DURING REITERATION OF EVENTS - CONSIDERED RELIABLE.

G. (1) NIGHT, CLEAR STAR-FILLED SKY, NO WIND, COOL (DUE TO ELEVATION OF SIGHTING AREA), NO CLOUDS.

(2) USWB OFFICE AT MCCARRAN AIRPORT, 15 MILES DUE EAST OF UFO

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SIGHTING REPORTS FOLLOWING WEATHER: SURFACE WIND ONLY AVAILABLE-
SOUTH AT 18 KNOTS. NO HIGHER WINDS AVAILABLE. NEXT EARLIER WINDS
RECORDED EVENING OF 16 JULY.

(3) CEILING: UNLIMITED

(4) VISIBILITY: 15 MILES PLUS.

(5) HIGH SCATTERED

(6) NONE

(7) 92F AT 0200 LOCAL (0900Z).

H. NONE

I. N/A.

J. CHECK WITH FAA AGENCY AT MCCARRAN AIRPORT REVEALED BOEING 707
TAKEOFF AT 0200 LOCAL(0900Z) BUT WOULD NOT OVERFLY UFO SIGHTING
AREA. SINCE FAA FLIGHT RECORDS OFFICE CLOSED AT TIME
OF THIS REPORT, NECESSITATING SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION OF POSSIBLE
CIVIL FLYING ACTIVITY IF REQUESTED; USWB AT MCCARRAN AIRPORT
ADVISES BALLOON RELEASE AT 0300 HOURS LOCAL (1000Z) BUT NOT
ATTRIBUTABLE AS UFO DUE TO NORTHEAST FLIGHT FROM MCCARRAN. NO
MILITARY FLYING ACTIVITY IN OR OUT OF NELLIS AFB CAN BE ATTRIBUTED
TO SIGHTING.

K. ANTHONY J. BUSALACCHI, MAJOR, USAF, DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE,

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4520TH CCRTNGWG, NELLIS AFB, NEVADA. OBSERVER [REDACTED]
ACCOMPANIED INTELLIGENCE TEAM TO AREA OF SIGHTIN ON 21 JUL. NO
UFO ACTIVITY OBSERVED BY TEAM, AND NO EVIDENCE WAS ISOLATED TO
DETERMINE UFO LANDING. UFO LANDING AREA, BASED ON OBSERVERS INFOR-
MATION, WAS DETERMINED TO BE IN VICINITY OF THE WATER SPRING AT THE
BASE OF SPRING MOUNTAIN. NO SIGNIFICANT BETA/GAMA RADIATION NOTED
IN AREA. REPORT DELAYED DUE TO BASE OPERATIONS OVERSIGHT IN PASSING
INFO TO DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE EARLIER. SINCE FLYING/METEOROLOGICAL
ACTIVITY NOTED AT TIME OF SIGHTING DOES NOT CORRESPOND TO UFO
OPERATING AREA AND CHARACTERISTICS, CONSIDER THIS UFO TO BE A
POWERED FLIGHT VEHICLE OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN AND PURPOSE. UFO
SIGHTING AREA CORRESPONDS TO GENERAL AREA OF OPERATION OF UFO
REPORTED ON 11 MAY 61.

L. NO PHOTOGRAPHY OR OTHER MATERIALS AVAILABLE TO DOCUMENT THIS
SIGHTING.

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INFO					UNCL
FROM:					SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

TO: FTD W-2 AFB WLD

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452000RTNNG/YOUR UNCL MSG OL-07-0999 DTD 22 JULY 61. REQUEST YOUR ORG CONTACT MR. [REDACTED] AND FORWARD HIS IMPRESSIONS OF THE SIGHTING TO FTD. IN ADDITION, REQUEST ALL COMMERCIAL, MILITARY AND PRIVATE AIRPORTS LOCATED IN THE AREA BE CONTACTED TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF ACFT WHICH WERE FLYING IN THE AREA AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING.

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 MONTH YEAR
 JULY 1961

SYMBOL	SIGNATURE	
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TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Optional, if required)	TYPED (OR PRINTED) NAME AND TITLE	
Major Robert J. Friend	EDWARD H. WYNN	
PHONE 69216	Colonel, USAF	
SECURITY CLASSIFICATION	Dep. for Science & Components	
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UFO. REF YR TD-E 27-7-529, 27 JULY FOR FTD. FOLLOW-UP CHECKS WITH
MILITARY-CIVIL-PRIVATE AIRPORTS REVEAL FOLLOWING FLYING ACTIVITIES
IN LAS VEGAS AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING (RENER TM MT WHITNEY SECTIONAL
CHART):

- (1) KQL NELLIS AFB - NEGATIVE
- (2) KWL INDIAN SPRINGS AIR FORCE STATION-NEGATIVE
- (3) KEL AEC MERCURY AREA 51 TEST SITE-NONE
- (4) KRL DESERT ROCK AF-NONE
- (5) KTL THUNDERBIRD AIRPORT -NONE

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(C) KYL MCCARRAN AIRPORT (A) INBOUND F27 BONANZA 0205 KPOPTZ) (0905Z)

(B) OUTBOUND WESTERN DC6B 0104 KPOPRZ) (0904Z)

(C) INBOUND WESTERN ELECTRIC 0207 KPOPUZ) (0907Z)

(D) INBOUND CONVAIR 880 AT 0226 KPOWYZ) (0926Z)

(E) INBOUND UNITED DC6 AT 0251 KPOQYXZ) (0916Z)

(F) OUTBOUND T33 TO NELLIS AFB 0251 KPOQZ) (0957Z)

INBOUND/OUTBOUND FLIGHTS FROM MCCARRAN ON IFR CLEARANCE: DATA FROM

IS (MR MILLER-TOWER CHIEF) INDICATES NONE OF FLIGHTS OVERFLEW

UFO SIGHTING AREA. USWB AGENCY AT MCCARRAN AIRPORT ADVISES NO

COSMIC BODY ENTRIES OR OVERFLIGHTS CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO SIGHTING.

365TH AC&W SQUADRON (MT CHARLESTON) ADVISES NO UNIDENTIFIEDS

WERE PAINTED ON SCMPES ON DATE OF SIGHTING, APPARENTLY DUE TO

UFO,S LOW LEVEL POSITION BELOW HORIZON SCAN. MR [REDACTED]

INTERVIEWED 0200Z, 31 JULY 11, CONFIRMS INFORMATION OBTAINED

FROM MRS [REDACTED], ADDING THE FOLLOWING:

(1) (Q)L UFO FIRST SEEN TO RIGHT OF NORTHBOUND AUTO: CIRCLED AUTO TO
REAR AND ORBITED IN FRONT OF AUTO.

(2) (A) WL MR [REDACTED] STATES THE TERRIFIC WIND GENERATED BY THE UFO WAS
HOT, IN LIEU OF COLD AS REPORTED BY [REDACTED]

(3) (E) KEL MR [REDACTED] ADVISES AUTO WAS MOVING FORWARD: WAS STOPPED AND

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FORCED BACKWARD BY ORBITING UFO.

(4) KRL MR [REDACTED] ADVISES UFO STALLED AUTOMOBILES ENGINE, AND LIGHTS
FLICKERED ^{THROUGHOUT} CONTACT, ALMOST GOING OFF ENTIRELY AT TIMES.

(5) KTL MR [REDACTED] ADVISED AUTO'S BATTERY WAS ALMOST DRY THE NEXT DAY
WHEN CHECKED: AND ^{CONFIRMS} FACT SOME ELEMENT CAUSED ^{RADIATOR} RADIATOR WATER
TO BOIL ^{DURING} DURING CONTACT.

(6) KYL BOTH MR AND MRS [REDACTED] ADVISE MRS [REDACTED] HAS SINCE REVISITED
AREA ^{UFO} INTERESTED IN AND STAKING MINING CLAIMS IN AREA OF UFO
SIGHTING, AND, VIA A NEW MOUNTAIN ROAD HAS LOCATED AN AREA
APPROXIMATELY 1500 FEET IN DIAMETER WHICH HAS BEEN SCORCHED.
SHE ADVISED AREA IS AMAZINGLY ROUND IN APPEARANCE AND HAS AN
INDENTATION NEARLY CENTRALLY LOCATED WHICH INDICATES THE UFO
MADE CONTACT WITH THE EARTH. MR [REDACTED] ADVISES HIS ^{FATHER} FATHER HAS A
PRIVATE PLANE WHICH HS HAS BEEN FREQUENTLY PILOTING OVER THE
SUSPECTED UFO SIGHTING AREA IN AN EFFORT TO FIND ^{FURTHER} FURTHER EVIDENCE
SUPPORTING THE SIGHTING.

^{PREPARING} PREPARING OFFICER'S COMMENTS: IN LIEU OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
REGARDING THE LOCATION OF A SUSPECTED LANDING AREA, THIS AREA WILL
BE INSPECTED 31 JULY AND WILL BE TESTED FOR RADIOACTIVITY. ANY
FINDINGS DOCUMENTED WILL BE AIRMAILED YOUR OFFICE EARLIEST,
PRECEDED BY MESSAGE NOTIFICATION. ^{ONLY} OFFICIAL USE ONLY

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UNDETERMINED. REFERENCE YOUR TD-E
AND OUR OI 07-0547,

30 JUL 61. UFO OBSERVERS ACCOMPANIED OUR INTELLIGENCE OOM TO
THE BURNED AREA, REFERENCED IN TUR OI 0700547, ON 31 JUL 61.
INVESTIGATION REEAPED THE BURN AREA WAS AT THE FORWARD BASE
PEAKS BEHIND WHICH THE UFO SUPPOSEDLY DESCENDED. A CHECK WITH
THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, 211
OGDEN AVENUE, LAS VEGAS, ON 1 AUG 61 REVEALS THIS FIRE OCCURED
7 JUL 61. CREDITED TO LIGHTING AND CONTROLLED AFTER CONSUMING
TWO ACRES OF BRUSH. THE FIRE OCCURRED IN "LEVEL CANYON" AND IS

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DESIGNATED FIRE CASE N-517 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.
UFO ASSOCIATION WITH THE FIRE IS THEREFORE DISCREDITED AND NO
EVIDENCE WAS ISOLATED TO AFFIRM UFO OPERATION IN THE AREA.
REPORTING OFFICIALS COMMENTS: WHILE NO PERSONAL GAIN MOTIVE CAN
BE DETERMINED TO EXIST IN REPORTING OF THIS UFO SIGHTING BY THE
OBSERVERS, THE MALE PARTICIPANT ADMITTED OF SUBSTANTIAL ALCOHOLIC
IMBIBING PRIOR TO THE SIGHTING, AND THROUGH OBSERVANCE/DISCUSSNEF,
OBSERVERS DISCURSIVE REITERATION OF EVENTS CANNOT BE CREDITED AS
ENTIRELY ACCURATE OF FACTUAL.

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