

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 19 July 1961		2. LOCATION Raymondville, Texas		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1155 GMT 191755Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS		9. COURSE ☐ Other ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Objt hovered at distance of 1 1/2 miles, yet able to determine that it was a disc with top and bottom of equal proportions. Even able to tell that the center was 1/4 as high as the disc was wide. The witness saw this plus other details at the distance reported. Observed over a fairly large city, yet no one else reported seeing it.				11. COMMENTS Possible that it was an altocumulus cloud, however, in view of this being a one witness sighting with lack of a corroborating witness this is classed as insufficient fdata.	

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ACTION: CIN-17
INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3 (24)

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RR RJEZHQ

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FM 3610 NAVTNGWG HARLINGEN AFB TEXAS

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJWFHW/33AIRDIV OKLA CITY AF STN OKLA

RJEDSQ/ATIC WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/COFS USAF WASH DC

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UFO REPORT. A. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT. (1) ELLIPTICAL DISC WITH
EQUAL PROPORTIONS TOP AND BOTTOM. CENTER HEIGHT APPROXIMATELY 1/4
THE WIDTH OF THE DISC. THE EDGES WERE THIN AND ROUNDED. THERE WAS A
LOW PROTUBERANCE IN THE CENTER OF THE TOP WHICH WAS APPROXIMATELY
1/4 THE WIDTH OF THE DISC AND WAS FLAT ON TOP. (2) ABOUT THE SIZE OF
A BASKETBALL OR A LITTLE LARGER. OBSERVER ESTIMATED ACTUAL SIZE AT
ABOUT 90 TO 100 FEET ACROSS. (3) BRIGHT SILVER OR SHINY ALUMINUM.
(4) CXL (5) NOT APPLICABLE. (6) NONE. OBJECT APPEARED TO BE
SMOOTH AND ROUNDED WITH NO VISIBLE DOORS, PORTS OR COLOR VARIATIONS.

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(7) NO TRAIL OR EXHAUST. (8) NONE (9) NONE. B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT: (1) OBSERVER GLANCED AT CLOUDS AND OBJECT CAUGHT HER ATTENTION. (2) 20 DEGREE ANGLE. (3) 45 DEGREE ANGLE. (4) WHEN FIRST SIGHTED OBJECT WAS HOVERING APRX 1 1/2 MILES SE OF OBSERVER. AFTER ABOUT 2 MINUTED IT MOVED SLOWLY NNE ABOUT 15 DEGREES AND HOVERED AGAIN FOR 1 TO 2 MINUTES THEN MOVED SLOWLY SSE TO ABOUT ITS ORIGINAL POSITION WHERE IT HOVERED AGAIN MOMENTARILY THEN DEPARTED ESE CLIMBING APPROXIMATELY 45 DEGREES AND ACCELERATING RAPIDLY. WHILE HOVERING, OBJECT APPEARED TO BE SPINNING SLOWLY COUNTERCLOCKWISE. WHEN MOVING IT APPEARED TO TILT OPPOSITE THE DIRECTION OF TRAVEL. (5) INTO A CLOUD AT A VERY RAPID SPEED. (6) 5 MINUTES. C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION: (1) GROUND VISUAL (2) NONE (3) NOT APPLICABLE. D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING: (1) 19/1755Z (2) DAY E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: 26 28 N, 97 42W (4 1/2 MILES EAST AND 1 MILE SOUTH OF RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS). F. IDENTIFYING INFO ON OBSERVER: (1) CIVILIAN. MRS [REDACTED], AGE 39, [REDACTED] RAYMONDVILLE TEXAS, HOUSEWIFE AND TEACHER. ESTIMATED TO BE RELIABLE. G. WEATHER: (1) WIDELY SCATTERED CLOUDS WITH THICKER AND HEAVIER CLOUDS TO SOUTH AND EAST. LIGHT SHOWER OCCURED ABOUT 20 MINUTES AFTER SIGHTING. (2) WINDS: SFC 180/4; 6000 150/10; 10,00 130/5; 16,000 110/10;

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20,000 LIGHT & VARIABLE; 30,000 340/10; 50,000 040/10; 80,000 MISSING.

(3) 3,600 BROKEN (4) 15 MILES (5) 6/10 (6) A LINE OF SCATTERED
SHOWERS AND ISOLATED THUNDERSHOWERS LAID PARALELL TO THE COAST
MOVING SLOWLY WESTWARD, PASSING SIGHTING POSITION SHORTLY AFTERNOON.

(7) CONDITIONALLY UNSTABLE. FROM SURFACT TO 3,500 TEMPERATURE
FOLLOWS THE DRY-ADIABATS. H. NONE. I. NONE. J. NONE KNOWN.

K. WING INTELLIGENCE OFFICER, NO EXPLAINATION. L. NONE.

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