

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 2 Sep 61		2. LOCATION Albuquerque, New Mexico		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Mirage</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 022340Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Several		9. COURSE W-E XXXX	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round silvery objts; erratic movements W-E. Disappeared to S at 50° elev, gave appearance of moving away, looked like reflection of sun on shiny surface. On 2 occasions emitted objts, small silver about 1/16 of main objt.				11. COMMENTS There was an inversion of 3° between 16M and 18M. Lapse rate above and below normal. Suspected that objts viewed were reflections fm this inversion.	

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- (6) TEN MINUTES
- C. (1) GROUND VISUAL OBSERVER CLAIMS 20/20 VISION
(2) NONE
(3) NOT APPLICABLE
- D. (1) 2340 ZEBRA 2 SEPTEMBER 1961
(2) DAY
- E. NORTH EAST SECTION OF ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO
- F. (1) MR. [REDACTED], AGE 40 [REDACTED]
DRIVE NE, ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO. CIVIL
SERVICE QUALITY CONTROL REPRESENTATIVE.
RELIABILITY ESTIMATED GOOD.
(2) NOT APPLICABLE
- G. (1) CLEAR AND REAL GOOD VISIBILITY
(2) 8 THOUSAND SCATTERED 60 MILES VIS, 85
DEGREES, WIND SOUTHWEST AT 26 ALT SET 29.86,
6M 220/20, 10M 270/20 16M 280/40, 20M 280/40,
30M 280/40, 50M 250/30, 80M UNK
(3) NONE
(4) 60 MILES
(5) LESS THAN 3/10 CUMULUS
(6) NONE
(7) A TEMPERATURE IMERSION OF 3 DEGREES EXISTED
BETWEEN 16M AND 18M. LAPSE RATE ABOVE AND
BELOW THESE LEVELS WERE NORMAL.

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PART TWO

1. ROUND

2. HEAD OF PIN

3. SILVERY SHINEY

4. ONE

5. NOT APPLICABLE

6,7,8,9, NONE DESCRIBED

B1. NOT STATED

2. 45 DEGREES

AZIMUTH: IF SOUTH IS 12 O'CLOCK, SIGHTING WAS AT 2 O'CLOCK

3. ELEVATION 45 DEGREES

AZIMUTH SOUTH IS 12 O'CLOCK OBJECT DISAPPEARED AT 11 O'CLOCK

4. MOVED EAST TO WEST VERY ERRATICALLY. DURING FLIGHT

AT THE 1 O'CLOCK POSITION THE OBJECT EMITTED SEVERAL SMALL

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KIRTLAND AFB NMEX

RJWZFQ/ADC ENT AFB COLO

JEDSQ/ATIC WPAFB OHIO

JEZHQ/AFCIN WASH DC

JEZHQ/SAFIS WASH DC

UNCLAS SWBF PRELIM UFO REPORT IN TWO PARTS CONCERNING TWO SEPERATE
SIGHTINGS

PART ONE

1. FELL TO THE GROUND

2. FELL TO THE GROUND

3. NOT STATED

4. GROUND VISUAL

5. NOT STATED

6. NOT APPLICABLE

7. 2015Z 2 SEPT 61

8. DAY

9. BOSQUE FARM JUST NORTH OF LOS LUNAS, NEW MEXICO

10. [REDACTED] AGE UNK, ADDRESS UNK, OCCUPATION UNK,

RELIABILITY UNK,

11. UNK

12. 8 THOUSAND SCATTERED 60 MILES VIS, 35 DEGREES, WIND

SOUTH WEST AT 25 ALT SET 29.86, 6M 220/20, 10M 270/20

16M 280/40, 20M 280/40, 30M 280/40, 50M 250/30, 80M UNK.

13. NONE

14. 60 MILES

F7P
7122L
0605L
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7E(11P)
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5. LESS THAT 3/10

5. NONE

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7. AN INVERSION OF 3 DEGREES EXISTED BETWEEN 16M AND 18M

H. AND I. NOT APPLICABLE

J. AREA IS IN THE CONFINES OF THE INSTRUMENT LET DOWN AREA

HOWEVER NO MISSING PARTS, TANKS OR HATCHES WERE REPORTED

K. MAJ. V. O. HALL FSO, KIRTLAND "SUSPECT INVERSION REFLECTION

L. NONE

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YOUR UNCL MSG SWBF DTD 3 SEP 61 REPORTING THE SIGHTING OF UFO'S. THE INFO IN BOTH PARTS OF YOUR MSG IS LIMITED IN NATURE PRECLUDING A VALID CONCLUSION. REQUEST A FOLLOW-UP INVESTIGATION BE MADE WITH A VIEW TOWARD ANSWERING ALL QUESTIONS IN AFR 200-2 IN AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE. IN ADDITION, REQUEST AN ATTEMPT BE MADE TO DETERMINE IF THERE WERE OTHER WITNESSES. IF OTHER WITNESSES ARE FOUND, REQUEST THEIR IMPRESSIONS OF THE SIGHTINGS BE INCLUDED IN YOUR REPORT.										
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ILVERY OBJECTS AND AT THE 11 O'CLOCK POSITION IT AGAIN

MITTED SEVERAL SMALL OBJECTS. THE OBJECTS WERE APROXIMATELY

NE SIXTH THE SIZE OF THE ORIGINAL. THE MOTHER OBJECT APPEARED

OTIONLESS WHEN THE SMALLER OBJECTS WERE EMITTED

. FADED OUT OF SIGHT; APPEARED TO BE MOVING AWAY FROM OBSERVER

. 10 MINUTES.

1. 2340Z 2 SEPT 61

. DAY

[REDACTED], N. E. ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO

1. [REDACTED], AGE UNK, ADDRESS SEE E, OCCUPATION CIV SERV.

RELIABILITY UNK.

. SAME AS IN REPORT ABOVE (*see Last sheet Attached*)

. A WEATHER BALLOON WAS RELEASED AT KIRTLAND AB AT 2335Z

. NOT APPLICABLE

. SEE H, NO AIR TRAFFIC SUSPECTED

K. MAJ V. O. HALL FSO, KIRTLAND AFB NEW MEXICO, SUSPECT

INVERSION REFLECTION

. NONE

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(6) NONE

(7) NONE

(8) NONE

(9) THE OBJECT APPEARED LIKE THE REFLECTION OF THE SUN FROM A SHINEY SURFACE.

B. (1) THE OBSERVER HAD JUST RECLINED IN AN OUTSIDE CHASE LOUNGE AT HIS HOME IN ALBUQUERQUE WHEN HE FIRST NOTICED THE UFO.

(2) ELEVATION 45 DEGREES AZIMUTH 225 DEGREES (APPROXIMATELY)

(3) ELEVATION 150 DEGREES AZIMUTH 160 DEGREES (APPROXIMATELY)

(4) MOVED WEST TO EAST VERY ERRATICALLY. DURING FLIGHT, AT ONE O'CLOCK EMITTED SEVERAL SMALL SILVERY OBJECTS AND AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK EMITTED SEVERAL SMALL SILVERY OBJECTS. THE EMITTED OBJECTS WERE ABOUT 1/6TH THE SIZE OF THE MAIN OBJECT. THE MAIN OBJECT WAS MOTIONLESS WHEN THE SMALL OBJECTS WERE EMITTED.

(5) FADED OUT OF SIGHT; APPEARED TO BE MOVING AWAY FROM OBSERVER TO THE SOUTH AND CLIMBING TO 50 DEGREE ELEVATION.

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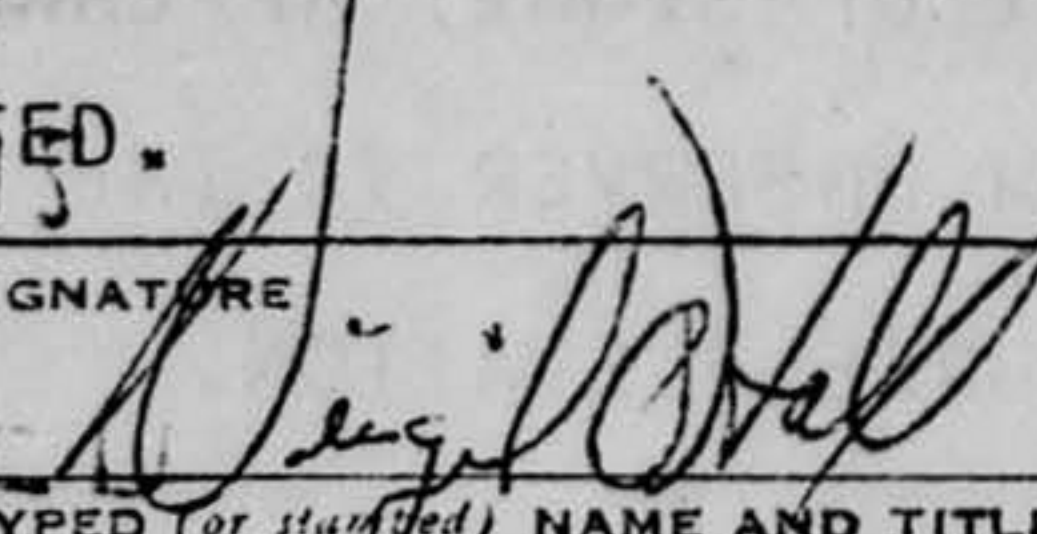
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UNCLASSIFIED SWBF 25-9-6 REFERENCE YOUR MESSAGE UNCLAS TD-E 18-9-340, DATED 18 SEPTEMBER 1961. REFERENCE SECOND SIGHTING IN OUR MESSAGE SWBF, DATED 3 SEPTEMBER 1961. A. (1) ROUND AND BRIGHT AS IF A REFLECTION (2) HEAD OF A PIN (3) WHITE AND BRIGHT (4) ONE (5) MOVES WEST TO EAST VERY ERRATICALLY. DURING FLIGHT, AT ONE O'CLOCK EMITTED SEVERAL SMALL SILVERY OBJECTS AND AT 11 O'CLOCK EMITTED SEVERAL SMALL SILVERY OBJECTS. THE EMITTED OBJECTS WERE ABOUT 1/6 OF THE SIZE OF MAIN OBJECT. THE MAIN OBJECT WAS MOTIONLESS WHEN SMALL OBJECTS WERE EMITTED.									
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H. THE AIR ROUTES OVER ALBUQUERQUE ARE HEAVILY TRAVELED IN ALL DIRECTIONS BY AIRCRAFT ON VFR AND IFR CLEARANCES. SINCE THIS REPORT WAS ORIGINALLY SUBMITTED LATE IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO PIN POINT AIRCRAFT ON VFR CLEARANCES. A LARGE BODY OF WATER (ELEPHANT BUTTE) IS APPROXIMATELY 138 MILES SOUTH OF ALBUQUERQUE AND IT IS SUSPECTED THAT THE REFLECTION OF THE SUN FROM THE WATER OR A GLASS SURFACE COULD HAVE BEEN AGAIN REFLECTED FROM THE INVERSION LAYER.

I. NONE

J. A WEATHER BALLON WAS RELEASED AT KIRTLAND AFB AT 2335 ZEBRA.

K. MAJOR VIRGIL O HALL, FLYING SAFETY OFFICER, KAFB, SUSPECT INVERSION REFLECTION. (NO OTHER WITNESSES COULD BE LOCATED)

L. NONE.

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