

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 December 1962		2. LOCATION Cambria, California		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 20/1255Z-1530Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual BX 10X 50 ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian		☒ Was Astronomical Venus ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 hrs 35 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE westerly	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Bright obj changing fm oval to cylindrical viewed through BX for over 2 hrs. Obj moved in Westerly direction. First obsvation at 170 dgr azimuth final fading w/dawn at about 50 dgr elev in South. Green red colored emissions fm obj during obsvation. Obj about 1/3 size of moon. Dark spots & holes in obj. One distinct large hole in bottom. Multiple observers. Observer fm local radio station KSLY believed obj to be star, all others disagreed.				11. COMMENTS Ephemeris shows planet Venus in position reported with a magnitude of -4.4.	

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INFO : OOP-1, OOP-CP-2, SAFS-3, DIA-10, DIA-CIIC-3 (37)

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FOR AFCIN; SEC OF THE AF FOR SAFOI. DELIVER REGARDLESS OF TIME
 RECEIVED. I. UFO. A. DESCRIPTION.

(1) WITH NAKED EYE APPEARED TO CHANGE FROM SPHERICAL TO OVAL.
 USING BINOCULARSSPHERICAL TO CIGAR-SHAPED, ALTERING IN THIS MANNER
 PERIODICALLY. (2) APPROXIMATED SIZE OF BASKET BALL OR IN RELATION-
 SHIP WITH MOON, ABOUT ONE THIRD SIZE OF MOON. (3) MAIN OBJECT
 EXTREMELY LUMINOUS WHITE OR SILVER. (4) ONE. (5) N/A. (6)
 VIEWED THROUGH BINOCULARS MAIN OBJECT HAD SERRATED BORCER WITH
 DARK SPOTS OR HOLES THROUGHOUT. ONE DISTINCT LARGE HOLE OBSERVED

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(3) N/A. D. TIME AND DATE. (1) 20/1255Z TO 20/1530Z. (2) FROM NIGHT DARKENESS TO DAWN TO DAYLIGHT. E. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS. POSITION MIDWAY BETWEEN SAN SIMEON AND LEFFINGWELL CREEKS ON CALIFORNIA STATE HIGHWAY NO. 1. APPROXIMATELY TWO AND ONE HALF MILES NORTHWEST OF TOWN CENTER, CAMBRIA, CALIF. F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF OBSERVERS. (1) CIVILIAN, [REDACTED], AGED 46, [REDACTED] CAMBRIA, CALIF, NURSERYMAN, UNKNOWN. (2) CIVILIAN, [REDACTED] [REDACTED], AGED 33, GEN DELIVERY SAN SIMEON, CALIF, GUIDE AT HEARST CASTLE (CALIF STATE MONUMENT), UNKNOWN. (3) MRS. [REDACTED] [REDACTED], AGE NOT REVEALED, [REDACTED], CAMBRIA, CALIF, COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHER, NORMALLY RELIABLE AND WELL KNOWN IN COMMUNITY. (4) CIVILIANS, OWNER OF WEBSTER'S DRIVE-IN RESTAURANT AND NUMEROUS TRANSIENT CUSTOMERS, LOCATED IN SAME GENERAL AREA, IDENTIFYING DATA UNKNOWN. (5) CIVILIAN, UNKNOWN, EMPLOYED BY RADIO STATION KSLY, SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIF WHO VERIFIED SIGHTING AFTER CALL FROM [REDACTED] (6) NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE. G. / WEATHER AND WINDS: (1) CLEAR, NO NOTICEABLE WINDS, NO CLOUDS FROM GROUND VIEWERS POSITION. (2) AS REPORTED BY LAADS DC WEATHER. 6000 FT, 340 DEGREES, 5 KNOTS, 10,000 FT, 015 DEGREES, 10 KNOTS. 20,000 FT, 010 DEGREES, 25 KNOTS. 30,000 FT, 350 DEGREES,

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IN BOTTOM HALF OS SPHERE. (7) MAIN SPHERE SURROUNDED BY A GREEN FIELD EXTENDING ABOUT ONE DIAMETER OF SPHERE IN ALL DIRECTIONS. BINOCULAR VIEW REVEALED A RED COLORED EMISSION DISTINCTLY SEPARATED FROM GREEN FIELD. THIS EXTENDED UPWARDS AT AN ANGLE OF 45 DEGREES FROM UPPER LEFT HAND AREA OF SPHERE FROM VIEWERS POSITIONS APPROXIMATELY TWO DIAMETERS. (8) NO SOUND. (9) FIELD EMANATING FROM MAIN SPHERE OCCASIONALLY APPEARED TO CHANGE COLORS, DESCRIBED AS VARIOUS. B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE: (1) INITIAL OBSERVERS AWAKENED BY BRIGHT LIGHT SHINING IN THEIR EYES. SOME DIFFERENCE OF OPINION AS TO REASON FOR AWAKENING BETWEEN THESE TWO OBSERVERS. (2) ANGLE APPROXIMATELY 50 DEGREES FROM HORIZONTAL IN AREA OF 160 TO 170 DEGREES AZIMUTH FROM FIRST OBSERVATION. (3) 50 DEGREES FROM HORIZONTAL AT AN ESTIMATED AZIMUTH OF 180 DEGREES. (4) BARELY DISCERNABLE MOVEMENT IN WESTERLY DIRECTION BASED ON ORIGINAL AND FINAL POSITION IN RELATION TO MOON. OBSERVERS STATE ORIGINAL POSITION WAS SAME ANGLE AS, AND ABOUT 15 DEGREES SOUTH OF MOON. WHEN LAST OBSERVED WAS ABOUT 20 DEGREES SOUTH OF MOON. (5) NO DISAPPEARANCE, OBJECT FADED FROM VIEW WITH COMING OF DAYLIGHT AND ACCOMPANYING SUNSHINE. (6) 155 MINUTES. C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION. (1) GROUND VISUAL. (2) BINOCULARS WUES TYPE 10 X 50, SEVEN DEGREES, SEPARATE EYE PIECE FOCUSING.

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25 KNOTS, 30,000 FT, 350 DEGREES, 25 KNOTS. 50,000 FT, 310 DEGREES

45 KNOTS, 80,000 FT, 040 DEGREES, 5 KNOTS.

(3) UNLIMITED. (4) CLEAR. (5) NO CLOUD COVER. (6) NO THUNDER-

STORMS IN AREA. (7) 6,000, PLUS 10 DEGREES. 10,000, PLUS 2

DEGREES. 20,000, MINUS 2.5 DEGREES. 30,000, MINUS 48 DEGREES.

50,000, MINUS 65 DEGREES. 80,000, MINUS 80 DEGREES. H.

NONE, I. NONE. J. UNKNOWN. K. ELECTRONICS OFFICER. SUNRISE

AT 1448Z, WITH NO COMPUTATION FOR MOUNTAINOUS TERRAIN LYING EAST-

WARDS FROM OBSERVATION POINT. UFO INITIALLY SIGHTED TWO HOURS PRIOR TO

ACTUAL SUNRISE. COMMENTS FROM OBSERVERS INDICATE THEIR BELIEF

THAT OBJECT DID NOT DISAPPEAR FROM SIGHT BUT WAS OBSCURED OR HIDDEN

ON APPEARANCE OF SUN. OBSERVERS LISTED BY NAME ABOVE CONSIDERED

RELIABLE PERSONS IN COMMUNITY. MISSILE FIRED AND EXPLODED ABOVE

VANDENBERG AFB, CALIF 19 DEC 62. ANOTHER MISSILE FIRED

SUCCESSFULLY DURING EVENING OF 19 DEC 62 FROM NAS POINT MUGU CALIF.

OBSERVER FROM RADIO STATION KSLY INDICATED OBJECT APPEARED TO

BE A BRIGHT STAR, OTHER OBSERVERS DISAGREE. POSSIBILITY EXISTS

THAT A SOUND AWAKENED ~~W~~ RATHER THAN THE LIGHT, AS

REFLECTION WOULD NOT SHINE IN DIRECTION OF AREA WHERE HE WAS

NLEEPING. ~~F~~ BELIEVES SOUND RATHER THAN LIGHT WAS CAUSE OF

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AWAKENING. [REDACTED] DISAGREES, STATES HE HEARD NO SOUND. ALL
OTHER PERSONS WERE ALERTED BY [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] AND AGREE
GENERALLY WITH DESCRIPTION GIVEN. [REDACTED], PHOTOGRAPHER
DID NOT ATTEMPT TO TAKE ANY SHOTS BELIEVING THEM TO BE FUTILE IN
VIEW OF LIGHTING CONDITIONS. UFO ORIGINALLY REPORTED BY [REDACTED]
20/1805Z TO CAMBRIA AF STN, CALIF.

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20/2328Z DEC RUWHBJL

NOTE: ADV CY DEL TO DIA.