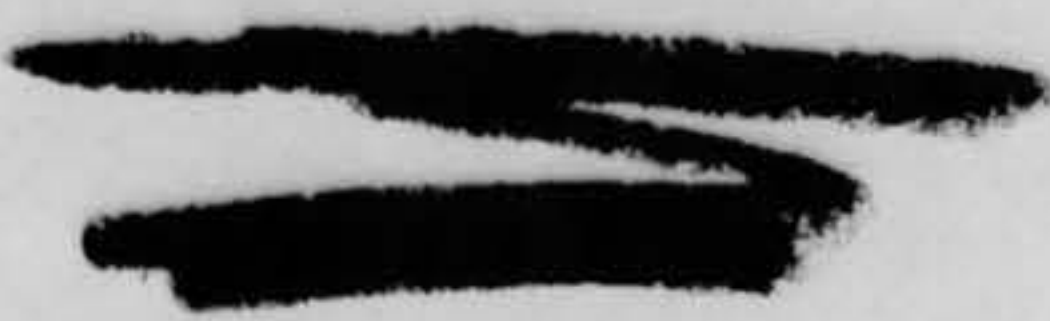


PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 2 Sep 63		2. LOCATION Healdsburg, Calif		12. CONCLUSIONS ☒ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 10-1130 PM GMT 23/0600Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION over 1/2 hr		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE East Erratically	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Obj resmebling large star moving from slightly West of North toward the East. Travel at steady pace for over 1/2 hr. Did not seem to be closer than a star. Erractic motion.				11. COMMENTS Sighting has all characteristics of a balloon at altitude with light attached.	


Fresno, California

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United States Air Force

Sirs;

On the evening of the second of September, sometime between 10 and 11:30 p.m., my husband and I watched a moving object in the sky over, or slightly to the north of, Healdsburg, California. We were sitting on the beach of the Russian river, enjoying the cool air, when he pointed out that one of the larger stars was moving. The light which we ~~saw~~^{saw} was of the same size and brilliance of ~~an~~ one of the larger stars or planets. I am sorry I do not know my constellations well enough to say which it passed through. When we first noticed it, it was at approximately one-fourth up from the western horizon... we were facing north.. I believe you would say 10:30 . We watched ^{it} travel eastward at a fairly steady pace. It took over a half and hour to reach the tree tops to the east of us, far too slow to be an airplane. It never seemed any closer than a star, there was no sound that could be connected to it, and it would have been unnoticeable except for the movement. The oddest thing about it was the erratic movement, which I was dubious about until I had lain on my back to check my observation, with no chance that the wobbly motion was mine. Definitely it moved as in the following sketch.

Has anyone else made such a report as this one?

Sincerely curious,


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Fresno, Calif.

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TDEW

SUBJECT: Request for UFO Information ([REDACTED])

TO: Hq USAF(SAF-OIPB) (Mrs Caizer)
Wash 25 D C

Reference the attached letter from [REDACTED] postmarked 30 Sep 63, requesting information on an unidentified flying object. The following information is forwarded to assist you in a reply to Mrs [REDACTED]

- a. The sighting of Mrs [REDACTED] has all the characteristics of an upper-air balloon or a radiosonde.
- b. Contact with the balloon control center at Holloman AFB, failed to reveal identity of a specific upper-air balloon.
- c. The nearest radiosonde launch to Healdsburg, California, is Oakland, California. However, the winds direction was toward the East and would not carry a balloon from this site over Mrs [REDACTED] location.
- d. While we cannot identify this specific balloon, we still believe that this object was a balloon. The object was definitely drifting with the wind as indicated by its motion, direction of flight and duration of the sighting.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Eric T. Jonckheere
ERIC T. JONCKHEERE, Capt
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

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Ltr [REDACTED]
postm 30 Sep 63

[REDACTED]

October 21, 1963

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

This is in response to your recent letter in which you reported sighting an unidentified object in the sky in the vicinity of Healdsburg, California.

The object you sighted has all the characteristics of an upper-air balloon or a radiosonde. A check made with the Balloon Control Center at Holloman Air Force Base has failed to reveal the identify of a specific upper-air balloon. While we are unable to identify this specific balloon, it is believed that the object was a balloon since it was drifting with the wind as indicated by its motion, direction of flight and duration of the sighting.

Sincerely,

MASTON M. JACKS
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Fresno, California