

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 13 May 64		2. LOCATION Newman, Texas,; Carlsbad, N Mexico		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Betelgeux ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local Immed after dusk GMT 14/0210Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 hrs 50 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE - - -	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One red green and yellow light like airport beacon. Alternate cyclic pattern. Yellow as fixed mid color. After sunset red became dominant color. Shaped like star, comparable to planet Venus. Flickering more pronounced than that associated with usual star observation. Location of obj 40 deg elevation to left and below Venus. Last observed just above horizon below and to left of big dipper. Flight path indicated a celestial body.				11. COMMENTS Betelgeux below and to left of Venus. Setting coincides with disappearance of object.	

INCOMING
MESSAGE

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
STAFF MESSAGE BRANCH

UNCLASSIFIED

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ACTION : NIN-7 INFO : XOP-1, XOPX-4, SAF-OS-3, DIA-15 (31)

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FM 6SAW WALKER AFB NMEX

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RUWBKN/15AF MARCH AFB CALIF

ZEN/22SAD WALKER AFB NMX

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UNCLAS DCOI 12132. IMMEDIATE DELIVERY. UFO.

A. (1) SHAPE OF OBJECT: LIIKE A BRIGHT STAR. (2) COMPARED
IN SIZE TO THE PLANET VENUS. (3) COLOR: GREEN, RED, AND
YELLOW. (4) NUMBER: ONE (1).I(5) N/A. (6) ALTERNATION
OR CYCLIC PATTERN OF RED PULS GREEN COLORS, " LIKE AN AIRPORT
BECON" WITH YELLOW REMAINING FIXED AS A MID-COLOR. (7)
OBJECT LEFT NO TRAIL, EXHAUST OR TAIL. (8) NO REPORTED
ASSOCIATED SOUND. (9) IMMEDIATELY AFTER SUNSET, APPROX-
IMATELY 0210Z/14 MAY/1964, RED WAS DOMINANT COLOR AND COULD
BE SEEN WITH NAKED EYE. LATER COLORS (RED AND GREEN)

14 May 64
W. of Carlsbad, New Mexico

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BECAME MORE EVENLY BALANCED; BINOCULARS THEN HAD TO BE USED TO DISTINGUISH COLORATION. FLICKERING WAS MORE PRONOUNCED THAN THAT OF A "NORMAL" STAR. (THIS IS A COMPOSITE APPRAISAL BY OBSERVERS ON THE SPOT.) B. (1) A CIVILIAN YOUNGSTER (15 YEARS OLD) SCANNING SKIES WITH 5- POWER BINOCULARS FIRST CAME UPON THIS TRI-COLORED CELESTIAL PHENOMENA. (2) OBJECT INITIALLY OBSERVED DUE WEST OF CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO; ELEVATION: 40 (DEGREES) ABOVE HORIZON, LEFT AND BELO THE PLANET VENUS. (3) LAST SEEN BELOW AND TO LEFT OF BIG DIPPER JUST ABOVE THE HORIZON. (4) PATH COMPARED TO REGULAR, EVEN CELESTIAL PATTERN. (5) OBJECT SEEMED TO DISAPPEAR JUST PRIOR TO REACHING HORIZON TO THE NORTH, NORTHEAST OF CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO. (6) OBJECT VISIBLE FOR APPROXIMATELY 2 HOURS 50 MINUTES WITH A REPORTED 30 MINUTE DISAPPEARANCE 50 MINUTES AFTER INITIAL OBSERVATION.

C. (1) OBSERVATION: GROUND VISUAL. (2) OPTICAL AIDS: 5 POWER BINOCULARS. (3) NO AIRBORNE SIGHTINGS REPORTED.

D. (1) INITIAL SIGHTING: DUSK. E. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS: WEST EDGE OF CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO THEN 1 MILE

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DSJE-WEST OF CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO; F. OBSRM

CIVILIANS: (A) [REDACTED] APPROXCMUHELY 48;

[REDACTED], CARLSBAD, NMEX, [REDACTED].

TECHNICALLY COMPETENT TO RELAY RELIABLE INFORMATION. (B)

[REDACTED], SON OF (1)(A) ABOVE, 15 YRS OLD. RENDERED

OBJECTIVE ACCOUNT OF OBSERVATIONS. (C) [REDACTED]

ABOVUT 25 YEARS OLD, [REDACTED], KAVE, CARLSBAD.

ECHOED INFORMATION OF (1)(A) ABOVE WITHOUT AS MUCH TECHNICAL

COMPETENCE. (D) MR. [REDACTED], AGE UNKNOWN, TEL: [REDACTED]

AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL SPECIALST ON DUTY AT CARLSBD AIRPORT

DURING PERIOD OF REPORTED SIGHTINGS. HE SAYS HE SCANNED

SKIES DURING TIME OF REPORTED SIGHTING BUT DID NOT NOTE ANY

UNUSUAL PHENOMENA. (E) [REDACTED], CARLSBAD.

AGE UNKNOWN. THIS MAN WAU NOT INTERVIEWED. HIS WIFE STATED

HE CONSIDERED THIS SIGHTING UNUSUAL BECAUSE OF OBJECT'S

MULTI-COLORATIN. G. (1) OBSERVERS AGREED ON CALMNESS OF

AIR AND "BLACKNESS" OF NIGHT. (2) WEATHER REPORT: 0100Z

TO 0400Z 14 MAY 1964 WALKER AFB: NEW MEXICO. SURFACE WINDS:

0100Z -1615; 0200Z -16011; 0300Z -1608; 0400Z -1706;

6M: 1710; 10 M: 2020; 16M: 3020; 20M: 3120; 30M: 3045;

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50M: 2850. (3) CEILING: HEIGHT UNKNOWN. (4) VISIBILITY: 15 NAUTICAL MILES. (5) CLOUD COVER: THIN PARTIAL, SCATTERED TO BROKEN. (6) PIREP FROM CANNON AFB REPORTED A TSTM 20 MILES SW EALKER AFB AT 2300Z. NONE OBSERVED AT WALKER. H. NO UNUSUAL METEOROLOGICAL PHENOMENA IN AREA OF SIGHTING WAS REPORTED. LAUNCHING OF APPOLLO SPACECRAFT FROM WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE EARLIER THAT DAY (1300Z 13 MAY 1964) DOES NOT APPEAR TO HAVE ANY CORRELATIVE SIGNIFICANCE; I. NO INTERCEPT ACTION TAKEN; ORIGINAL OBSERVERS REQUESTED IDENTIFICATION ASSISTANCE FROM CARLSBAD AIRPORT AIR TRAFFIC SPECIALIST WHO IN TURN QUERIED THE PILOT OF A LOCKHEED LODESTAR, INBOUND TO CARLSBAD FROM TUCSON, ARIZ. NEITHER FURNISHED INFORMATION THAT CORRELATED WITH PERTINENT SIGHTINGS, PILOT OF THE LOCKHEED LODESTAR REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: "OBSERVED A PALE BLUE PHOTOGRAPHIC STROBE-LIKE LIGHT N, NE OF NEWMAN, TEXAS VOR AT 0255Z, 14 MAY 1964. HEIGHT AND DISTANCE FROM AIRCRAFT UNKNOWN. LIGHT DID NOT PERSIST, NO SHAPE, PATTERN, COURSE OR DIRECTION. VERY BRIGHT, BUT NOT A LIGHTNING FLASH. DOUBT CORRELATION BETWEEN IT AND ~~THE~~ OBSERVATION." J. NO KNOWN AIR

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TRAFFIC OR BALLON RELEASES IN AREA THAT MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR THIS SIGHTING. K. REPORTING OFFICER: ASST. OIC, COMBAT INTELLIGENCE BRANCH, WALKER AFB, NEW MEXICO. COMMENTS: COMMENTS OF OBSERVERS INTERVIEWED INDICATES CONSISTENCY OF REPORTING THIS ISOLATED SIGHTING. WEATHER PHENOMENA CANNOT BE FULLY DISCOUNTED, HOWEVER, THE RELATIVE LONG DURATION AND EVEN PATTERN OF THE DESCENT OF THIS OBJECT DOWN TO THE HORIZON RELATES IT MORE CLOSELY TO IT BEING ANOTHER CELESTIAL BODY. LASTLY, THE IDEA OF IT BEING A CELESTIAL BODY IS LARGELY DISCOUNTED BY THE REPORTED PERSISTENT RED-GREEN-YELLOW COLORATION. FURTHER OBSERVATION IS RECOMMENDED. L. NO PHOTOGRAPHS OR ADDITIONAL MATERIAL CC AVAILABLE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS SIGHTING.

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