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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 1 May 52	2. LOCATION <u>George AFB, California</u>	11. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other Insufficient Data for Evaluation Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 10 AM PDT GUT 01 1750 Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Vision <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Vision 5. SOURCE Air officers and airmen	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15-30 seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>X 5</u>	9. COURSE
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Flat white color. Disk shaped. Sudden 90 degree turn and disappeared. None - no balloons in the area. Too fast for a balloon.	11. COMMENTS Observed from George AFB and from a golf course 4 miles away. All observers agree on descriptions.	

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FIVE UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS SIGHTED CMA WERE DULL WHITE
IN COLOR THE CIRCULAR SHAPE CMA DIAMETER APPEARED TO BE
GREATER THAN LENGTH OF FOX FIVE ONE AIRCRAFT PD SPEED WAS
MORE THAN TWICE THE SPEED OF JET AIRCRAFT PD NO SOUND PD
HAD QUICK CMA SNAPPY MANEUVERABILITY PD APPEARED TO ALMOST
COLLIDE WITH EACH OTHER AND THEN BREAK APART AT LAST SECOND
PD NO EXHAUST AND NO SOUND PD NO REFLECTION OF SUN ON OBJECTS PD
OBJECTS MADE SUDDEN RIGHT TURN AND DISAPPEARED PD
OBJECTS SIGHTED VISUALLY AT ONE ZERO FIVE ZERO HOURS PACIFIC

1750 Z	1500Z Launch
1050 PST	+2:50 min
0950 PST	

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME PF OBJECTS OBSERVED FOR THIRTY SECONDS PD
A OBSERVER SAW OBJECT FROM A GOLF COURSE NEAR GEORGE AF. PD
THEIR OBSERVERS SAW OBJECTS FROM CONTROL TOWER ON FIRING RANGE
AT GEORGE AIR FORCE BASE CALIFORNIA CMA TWO BLOCKS EAST OF
WHERRY HOUSING PD OBJECTS WERE EAST OF OBSERVERS APPROXIMATELY SIX
OR SEVEN MILES DISTANT OVER APPLE VALLEY CALIF
CMA OBJECTS WERE HEADED NORTH-NORTHWEST CMA ALTITUDE ABOVE FIVE
THOUSAND FEET PD OBSERVERS WERE LT COL EDWIN F HOWE CMA
DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL CMA ONE FOUR SIX FBW CMA S/SGT QUACK"

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ENBUSH CNA FIRING RANGE SGT CNA S/SGT DARBYSHIRE CNA AIR
POLICEMAN AND WEAPONS MECHANIC CNA AND A/Sgt ROBERT E EVANS
CNA-AMBULANCE DRIVER PD LIGHT AND VARIABLE WIND PD WEATHER
CLEAR CNA VISIBILITY THIRTY MILES OR MORE PD

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NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF SIGHTING PD NO INTERCEPTION ACTION
TAKEN PD NAVION PLANE IN AIR AT TIME OF SIGHTING HEADING
NORTH-WEST PD.

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FM CO ONE FOUR SIX FTRBMRG GEORGE AFB CALIF

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HEADQUARTERS
14TH FIGHTER-COMMAND WING
George Air Force Base
Victorville, California

AFM 14-50003

2 May 1952

Statement of Observer

f. Lt. Colonel [redacted] down, AF-310945, Head quarters 14th Fighter Wing, has the following statement concerning observation of an unidentified flying object on 1 May 1952:

1. The shape of the object was round. I could not see if it was smooth or rough. It was at a low altitude, about 10,000 feet, and no visible exhaust or wake. The speed appeared to be in excess of 130 miles per hour. The altitude was about 13,000 feet at the time of the first sighting.

2. The object was seen again at 1150 hours incident, light sawing through the clouds at approximately fifteen thousand feet.

3. I was unable to get a clear course or Apple Valley, California, because of the clouds. The altitude was approximately 14,000 feet from George Air Force Base.

4. The object was very bright. It was very difficult to fly. The brightness was great. I could not estimate the altitude but thought it was very high.

5. I am not able to give an opinion.

6. At the time of the first sighting weather was clear. There were no clouds.

7. None.

8. None.

9. None.

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Colonel F. J. Dow

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Lt Col, USAF
AF-310945
14th Fighter-Command Wing

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HEADQUARTERS
14TH FIGHTER-INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON
George Air Force Base
Victorville, California

2 May 1962

Statement of Observer

I, Staff Sergeant Orie R. Mackintosh, 14th FIS, 4th Fighter and Reconnaissance Squadron, 14th Air Base Group, do this date make the following statement concerning my observations on 1 May 1962:

1. This morning, three (3) objects, appeared to me to be round and disk shaped. The diameter of these objects seemed to be greater than the length of an F-100 aircraft. They were of a flat, white color and gave off no glare or reflection. They moved in formation (as per attached sketch), with the first one darting around in a circular motion. I noticed a vapor trail on each one. I estimate that the speed of the subjects was about twice that of a supersonic aircraft.

2. I estimated the distance of the subjects to be 11,000 feet. They were in my sight for about 20 seconds.

3. I observed one of the objects pass control tower on the small airfield. The object took a sharp turn to the left from the air base and can be seen off to the left. It was a visual observation and I estimate the altitude of the object to have been over 4,000 feet. Speed was approximately twice that of supersonic jet aircraft.

4. From the observations I made of the objects, I would say that they came from the southwest over Apple Valley, California. They headed in a northwest direction toward George Air Force Base, then veered sharply to the north and disappeared.

5. I am 34 years old, married and have a high school education. I have spent almost 6 years in the Army and Air Forces. I worked at the 1st Island Hospital, Fort DeRussy, Hawaii, until my discharge. I have been assigned to the small range fence at George Air Force Base since November 1960.

6. The weather was very clear and bright, with there being little or no wind.

7. I think that, under conditions (overcast) such as existing, the objects could be seen.

8. None.

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9. There is no identification or identification.

Sgt. Orie R. Mackintosh
Off. No. 14-10440001 AF 16206431
S/Sgt, HQ & Hq Sq, 14th AB Gp

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HEADQUARTERS
146TH FIGHTER-BOMBER WING
George Air Force Base
Victorville, California

WD02

2 May 1952

STATEMENT OF OBSERVER

I, Airman 3rd Class Robert E. Evans, AF 27776527, 146th Medical Group, this date make the following statement concerning my observations on 1 May 1952:

1. The shape of the objects appeared to me to be round, like that of balloons or saucers. The diameter compared in size with the length of a C-47. They were five (5) in number, three of them were flying forward and two behind. The color of the objects was silver or white. They were perfectly round in appearance and had no wings or tail assembly. They left no vapor trail or exhaust of any kind. I saw nothing on the objects that looked like motors and I heard no sounds coming from the objects. The two objects at the rear of the formation were moving in a zigzag manner. They appeared to be moving faster than a jet aircraft and disappeared at as great a pace as they appeared.
2. I sighted the objects at approximately 1045 hours and I saw them for from 5 to 10 seconds.
3. I spotted the objects from a tower which is about twenty (20) feet high. I was unable to make a close scrutiny of the objects with binoculars because by the time they had already disappeared from view.
4. I sighted the objects from the tower of the small arms firing range of George Air Force Base. They flew over the base in a north-easterly direction at an altitude estimated to be between 10 and 20 thousand feet.
5. I am nineteen (19) years old, am an ambulance driver at George Air Force Base. In civilian life I worked as a mechanic's helper. I completed the 10th grade at school and am married.
6. At the time that I sighted the objects the sky was clear and there was practically no wind.

7. - S/A

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8. N/A

9. N/A

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A/3c, 146th Medical Group

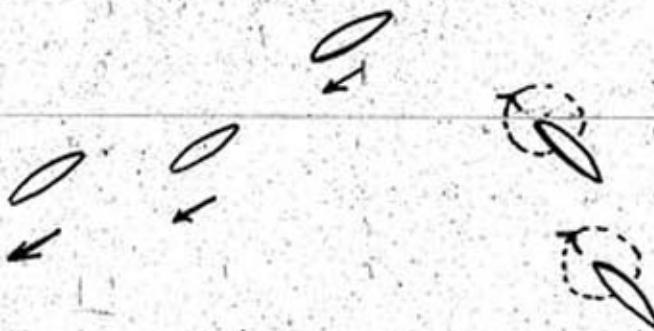
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Attached sketch
(Statement of S/Sgt Cpl P. Quackenbush)

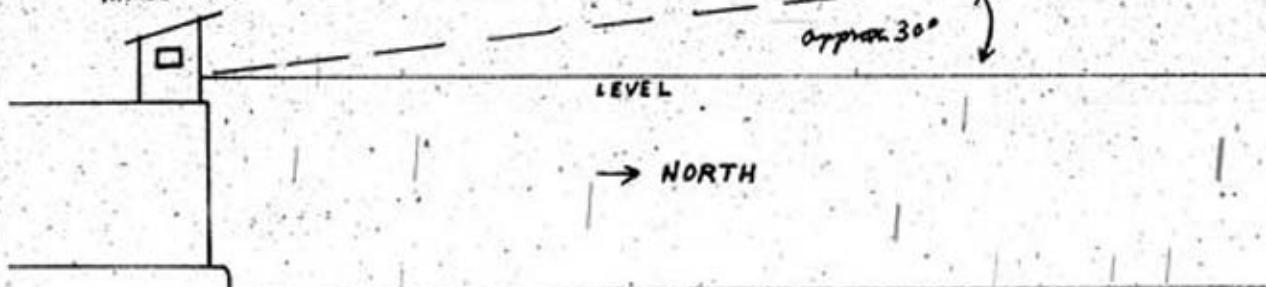
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Attached Sketch
(Statement of S/Sgt David Derbyshire)



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RANGE TOWER



LINE OF SIGHT WHEN LOOKING AT OBJECTS

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HEADQUARTERS
146TH FIGHTER-BOMBER WING
George Air Force Base
Victorville, California

WFO2

2 May 1952

Statement of Observer

I, Staff Sergeant David Darbyshire, AF28112058, 146th Air Police Squadron, do this date make the following statement concerning my observation on 1 May 1952 of certain unidentified flying objects:

1. The objects that I sighted were round and they appeared to be elliptical. I could not tell the size of these objects, as there was no basis for comparison, such as aircraft flying nearly at approximately the same altitude. They left no exhaust or vapor trail nor any sound. They were of a flat white color which did not leave any highlight or reflection from the sun. The last two of the five (5) seemed to come together, then pull away from each other. The speed was great, but lack of time in which to make observation prevented any accurate estimate. I was only able to keep the objects under observation for about ½ minute before they turned over the base and disappeared, heading north.
2. These objects were sighted at 1050 hours, Pacific Daylight Saving Time. This occurred about one hour after a cloud from an atom blast was sighted in the direction of Las Vegas.
3. They were observed on the ground by naked eye.
4. I was in the range tower on the George Air Force Base small arms range, 2 blocks east of the base Wherry Housing. The objects came from a south-easterly direction. They turned, making a slow arc to the northwest, then went in a northerly direction over the base and disappeared. No reliable estimate of altitude could be made by me. (See attached sketch.)
5. In civilian life, I worked for Lockheed Aircraft Corporation as a plastic fabricator. I have studied art for 14 years and have done some commercial art work. I did not graduate from high school. I am married and have 1 child, 4 months old. I was in the 40th Infantry Division, California National Guard for 3 years as platoon sergeant. I was also a member of the Civil Air Patrol. I have spent a large part of my life handling aircraft. I am well acquainted with aerodynamic theory.
6. There was a clear sky, no clouds, and the temperature was warm.
7. None.
8. None.
9. None.

David Darbyshire
DAVID DARBYSHIRE, AF 28112058
S/Sgt, 146th Air Police Squadron

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APPENDIX VI

George AFB, Calif. - 1, 9, 13, 14, 20 May 1952I. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

The sighting on 1 May 1952 at George AFB, Calif., was the first of a series of nine sightings there in a three week period. These sightings were all by military personnel.

- a. 1 May 1952 - Five round, disc-shaped objects, flat white in color which gave no glare or reflection were sighted. They were in formation with three in front and two in the rear. The latter two darted around in a circular or zig-zag manner.
- b. 9 May 1952, 1030 PDT - An unidentified round, silver object was sighted visually from the ground and from two F-86 aircraft.
- c. 9 May 1952, 1230 PDT - Two unidentified objects moving with the current or breeze at a slow speed. They appeared to be a silver metal color with a dark spot in the center and at certain angles to the sun gave off a bright glare.
- d. 9 May 1952, 1720 PDT - Object was of dull color like a thundercloud. It was shaped like an arrowhead but had no known aerodynamic features.
- e. 11 May 1952, 1220 PDT - Object looked like a white paper plate flipping end over end with an initial speed comparable to a jet although later it reduced its pace.
- f. 13 May 1952, 1425 PDT - Single object, appeared round, shiny, metallic which glowed or reflected white or silver was observed for thirty minutes.
- g. 14 May 1952, 1405 to 1430 PDT - Same description as object sighted on 13 May and by same sources.
- h. 20 May 1952, 1425 PDT - A silver colored, bright, round object was observed for five minutes. Initially the object was stationary but eventually moved and faded away.

I. STATUS OF INVESTIGATION

Only balloons released from Edwards AFB can be tracked accurately over George AFB, consequently, for the most part they are the only balloons with which we are concerned. These balloons are released irregularly thus accounting for some of the unusual times of sightings reported in cases which are probably balloons.

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The project monitor of Blue Book went to George AFB to investigate the various reports.

- a. 1 May 1952 - Report well documented. No additional information obtained.
- b. 9 May 1952, 1030 PDT - A balloon was released from Edwards AFB, 55 minutes prior to this sighting.
- c. 9 May 1952, 1230 PDT - No known activity which could account for sighting.
- d. 9 May 1952, 1720 PDT - No known activity which could account for sighting.
- e. 11 May 1952 - Third report in three days from same individual. No activity in area.
- f. 13 May 1952 - Balloon launched from Edwards AFB at 1340 PDT.
- g. 14 May 1952 - No balloon release officially reported.
- h. 20 May 1952 - Balloon released from Edwards AFB at 1332 PDT.

III. CONCLUSIONS

- a. 1 May 1952 - No Conclusions.
- b. 9 May 1952, 1030 PDT - Very probable that the balloon released from Edwards AFB was the object sighted.
- c. 9 May 1952, 1230 PDT - Very possible that paper was caught in the thermals and swept along. A similar sighting turned out to be just that.
- d. 9 May 1952, 1720 PDT - No conclusions.
- e. 11 May 1952 - No conclusions.
- f. 13 May 1952 - Probably was balloon released from Edwards AFB, 45 minutes previous.
- g. 14 May 1952 - Description fits incident of 13 May so perfectly it is highly probable that the object was a balloon.
- h. 20 May 1952 - Balloon released 53 minutes prior to sighting was probably object observed.