

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 2 Aug 52	2. LOCATION LUBBOCK, TEXAS	3. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> No Sighting <input type="checkbox"/> Possible Sighting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probable Sighting
4. TIME OF OBSERVATION Local 02/0857 CST 02/1457 Z	5. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Other	6. TYPE OF OBJECT <input type="checkbox"/> Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> Rocket <input type="checkbox"/> Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Other
7. DURATION <input type="checkbox"/> Sec <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Min 6 min	8. NUMBER OF OBSERVERS 5 civilian men	9. TYPE OF WEAPON <input type="checkbox"/> No Weapon <input type="checkbox"/> Machine Gun <input type="checkbox"/> Other
<p>10. DESCRIPTION OF OBSERVATION</p> <p>Spherical, metallic object hovered over Lubbock for six minutes, then moved east and disappeared into cloud bank.</p>		

COUNTRY <b>United States</b>		REPORT NO. <b>RESEARCH 13-38-52</b>	(LEAVE BLANK)
<b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>			
NAME			
PLANNED BY <b>FLIGHT</b>		FROM (AFFAIR)	
DATE REPORTED <b>Lubbock, Texas</b>		<b>Wing Intelligence Office, Eggen AFB, Tex</b>	
DATE OF EVENT <b>7 Aug 52</b>	DATE OF INFORMATION <b>2 Aug 52</b>	PUBLICATION <b>C-3</b>	
REPORTING OFFICER <b>1st Col Lee E. Lombard</b>		SOURCE <b>Mr. Sam Gibbs</b>	
REFERENCES TO OTHER REPORTS, MEMOS, SOURCE REPORTS, ETC., IN REFERENCE			
<b>AFI - 300-4, 2nd 29 Apr 52</b>			

SUMMARY: (State, in brief, the nature of report. Give emphasis to final two or three paragraphs. List references at lower left. Single list of report in AF Form 112-Part 11.)

One (1) unidentified flying object was observed over Lubbock, Texas on 2 August 1952 from 0857 hours to 0903 hours. Sighting was by Mr. Gibbs, Mr. Sutton, Mr. Egan, Mr. Hobbs, Mr. Cannon, all of Lubbock, Texas.

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CLASSIFICATION BY ORIGINATOR

**Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATIAA-36  
 Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio**

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SUBJECT: FLIGHT

SOURCE: Information contained in this report was obtained from Mr. Sam Gibbs, 2013 36th Street, Lubbock, Texas. Interview was conducted by Lieutenant John W. Maxwell, acting Wing Intelligence Officer.

1. On 2 August 1952 from 0857 hours to 0903 hours, one (1) unidentified flying object was sighted. The object sighted was spherical in shape with no apparent tail surfaces or exhaust. Source estimated the size of object to be approximately twenty-four (24) inches in diameter. The color of object was metallic.
2. The object when sighted was hanging in mid air. The only movement was a quivering motion. Mr. Gibbs watched object for six (6) minutes and object moved straight East till it disappeared into a cloud bank. He timed object from the time object started to move till it disappeared and it took sixteen (16) seconds. Object flew straight and level flight. There was no sound connected with said object.
3. Object was viewed with the naked eye. No optical or electronic equipment used.
4. Observation took place at 3334S 10248W in the city of Lubbock, Texas. Object appeared approximately five (5) miles due East point of observation at approximately 10,000 feet.
5. Information concerning the reliability and experience of the observers is rather limited. Mr. Gibbs is very familiar with weather balloons and he is positive that subject object was not a balloon of any type. A check with Reese AFB Operations revealed that there were B-25 type aircraft in the general area at time of sighting. Also a check was made at Municipal Airport and there were L-5 type aircraft in area at time of sighting.
6. The weather conditions at 0857 hours on 2 August 1952 were: temperature 74.1 degrees, visibility 15 miles with scattered clouds at 30,000 feet.
7. There were no known meteorological activity or condition to which this sighting could be attributed.
8. Physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, etc. were nonexistent.
9. There were no interception or identification action taken.
10. Aircraft from Reese AFB and Municipal Airport of Lubbock were known to be in general area at time of sighting.

COMMENTS of Preparing and Approving Officer:

Mr. Gibbs is well educated and highly intelligent individual. He was very sincere in his efforts to cooperate and assist this organization.

JOHN W. MAXWELL  
Lt Col USAF  
Wing Intelligence Officer

## I. GENERAL

1. DATE <i>2 May 52</i>	2. LOCATION <i>Lubbock, Texas</i>	3. TIME Local: <i>0854</i> Zohrat: <i>1357</i>
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Naked Eye <input type="checkbox"/> Binoculars <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Telescope <input type="checkbox"/> Periscope	
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> By One Set <input type="checkbox"/> By Two Sets <input type="checkbox"/> By Three Sets	
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> A/C Observed Object <input type="checkbox"/> Interception Attempted <input type="checkbox"/> No Intercept Attempted	
7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> A/C Scrambled <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Contact Made <input type="checkbox"/> A/I Contact Made <input type="checkbox"/> No Contact Made	
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> Normal <input type="checkbox"/> Violent	
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT:	<input type="checkbox"/> Blinking <input type="checkbox"/> Steady	
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-15 Seconds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-5 Minutes <input type="checkbox"/> Over 10 Minutes	
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address)	<i>Wing Intelligence Office, Hesse AFB, Tex.</i>	

## II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED?	<i>No</i>	
13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Use from Air Almanac)	<input type="checkbox"/> Night <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> Sunrise <input type="checkbox"/> Sunset	

## III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> One Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> More Than One Aircraft	
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH FREQUENCY NOISE?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No
20. WAS THE WEAPON FIRED ABOVE 500 ELEVATION?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No

## IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA?

 Yes No

22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE:

- 59 minutes

23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:

	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting
				Yes	No	
a.	<u>Waco AFB</u>	<u>Ball</u>	<u>W.S.</u>			
b.						
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## V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE:

- Excellent  
 Good  
 Fair  
 Poor  
 Unreliable  
 Extremely Doubtful  
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22. DETAILS OF REPORT:

- Good  
 Fair  
 Poor  
 Insufficient to Evaluate

23. FINAL EVALUATION:

- Was Balloon  
 Probably Balloon  
 Possibly Balloon  
  
 Was aircraft  
 Probably Aircraft  
 Possibly Aircraft

- Was Astrological  
 Probably Astrological  
 Possibly Astrological  
  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Insufficient Data For Evaluation  
 Unknown

24. COMMENTS:

## PROJECT 10073 BALTIMORE DATA S T

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION 2 Aug 52		2. TIME OF OBSERVATION 0859		3. STATION OBSERVING Nelle AFB	
4. WIND PROFILE:					
ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0			25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
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5,000			50,000		
6,000			55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000			75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		
5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? (If yes, at what altitude?)			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		<input type="checkbox"/> No
6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? (If yes, at what quadrant?)			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		<input type="checkbox"/> No
7. CLOUD COVER:				8. VISIBILITY WAS	
<u>3</u> tenths at <u>3,000</u> feet.      _____ tenths at _____ feet.				<u>15</u> MILES.	
_____ tenths at _____ feet.      _____ tenths at _____ feet.					
9. COMMENTS:					

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