PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
14 May 1952

2. LOCATION
George AFB, California

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 1405 PDST
GMT 2105 Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar
☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☒ Yes
☐ No

6. SOURCE
T-6 Pilot and observer

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
25 Min

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
1

9. COURSE

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

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Balloon released from Edwards AFB at 0400 PDST or 10 hrs and 5 min before sighting.

Might possibly be balloon as description da similiar to sighting, that was a balloon.

Color: Silver-metalic
Shape: Circular

11. COMMENTS

T-6 pilot and observer saw silvery object hovering. Photos show only small spot. F-86 and F-94 from Edwards were in area but made no contacts.

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PD REFERENCE MYMSG 146 FBW WD02 5-307 PD SAME OBSERVERS SIGHTED SIMILAR UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT IN SAME LOCALITY ON THE DAY PREVIOUS. SINGLE OBJECT APPEARED ROUND CMA UNKNOWN DIAMETER CMA SHINY CMA METALLIC CMA APPEARED TO EITHER REFLECT OR GLOW WHITE OR SILVER CMA NO VAPOR TRAIL APPEARED STATIONARY. SIGHTED FROM 1405 TO 1430 PDST 14 MAY 1952 VISUAL OBSERVATION FROM AIR 10,000 FT IALT CMA T-6G AIRCRAFT. BINOCULARS WERE USED CMA VIBRATION OF AIRCRAFT PREVENTED STUDY OF OBJECT. OBJECT OBSERVED NORTH OF GEORGE AFB CMA ESTIMATED ABOVE 40,000 FEET. OBSERVERS WERE [redacted]

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RETURNEE CMA 2 YEARS COLLEGE CMA 7 YEARS COMMISSIONED OFFICER CMA SERVED AS FLIGHT SAFETY AND ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION OFFICER WITH 49TH F-B WING AND A/1C [redacted] HQS 146TH ABG BASE FLIGHT CMA 22 YEARS OLD CMA 2 YEARS COLLEGE CMA GRADUATE OF A AND E COURSE AT SHEPPARD FIELD TEXAS. WEATHER CAVU TO NORTH CMA SOME VERY HIGH THIN CLOUDS IN AREA. WIND BLOWING STRONG ON GROUND CMA NOT GUSTY ABOVE 7,500 FEET. PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN WITH SMALL BOX CAMERA. PICTURES SHOWED VERY TINY OBJECT. EDWARDS AFB TOWER WAS CONTACTED AND ASKED WHETHER A WEATHER BALLOON HAD BEEN RELEASED. THEY ANSWERED NEGATIVE. LOCATION OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT WAS GIVEN EDWARDS TOWER AND REQUEST WAS MADE IF ANY AIRCRAFT WERE IN AIR THAT COULD BE DISPATCHED TO INVESTIGATE. THEY ADVISED TO CONTACT ALGIERS CONTROL ON DOG CHANNEL. THEY DID NOT REPLY HOWEVER OSCAR TOWER /MUROC/ STATED F-86 WAS BEING AIRBORNE. TWO /2/ F-86 AND ONE /1/ F-94 WERE OBSERVED FOR NEXT 3/4 HOURS TRACKINV AT APPROXIMATELY 40,000 FEET ON EAST TO WEST HEADINGS.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: Report of Information on Unidentified Flying Object

AREA REPORTED ON: Southern California

FROM (Agency): Commanding Officer, 146th Fighter-Bomber Wing

DATE OF REPORT: 16 May 1952

DATE OF INFORMATION: 14 May 1952

EVALUATION: Probably True Report

PREPARED BY (Officer): Maj Stephen V. Walrath, Jr., Wing Intelligence Officer

SOURCE: Usually Reliable

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable): AFOIN-C/CG-2, Subj: "(UNCLASSIFIED) Reporting of Information on Unidentified Flying Objects," dtd 19 Dec 51, Hq, USAF, Washington, D. C.

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

1. Reference letter AFOIN-C/CG-2, Subject: "(UNCLASSIFIED) Reporting of Information on Unidentified Flying Objects," dated 19 December 1951, Headquarters, United States Air Force, Washington, D. C.

a. The following information is submitted:

(1) Single object observed was round, impossible to determine whether it was flat or ball-like. Object had a metallic surface that appeared to either reflect or glow white or silver. Observed no aerodynamic features, no vapor trail or exhaust. Object disappeared as observer looked away during a turn.

(2) Object observed at 1405 to 1430 PDST 14 May 1952.

(3) Observation made in the air in a T-6G 150 MPH IAS, altitude 1[illegible],[illegible] feet IAL. Japanese binoculars ([illegible] 7x50) used in observation.

(4) Observation was made while on a flight from head of Mojave River, north of George AF to edge of dry lake, south of [illegible]. Estimated altitude of object was far above 40,000 feet, [illegible] miles east of Edwards AF and appeared to be [illegible].

(5) [redacted] years of age, commissioned 7 years. Has had two years of college. Korean returnee, served as Flight Safety and Accident Investigation Officer with 146th Fighter-Bomber Wing.

(6) Ceiling and visibility was unlimited to the north. Some high thin ice clouds in the area. Strong ground winds but not rusty above 7[illegible].

(7) No activity or condition, meteorological or otherwise, which might account for the sighting.

(8) No physical evidence such as fragments, however, photographs were taken with small box camera.

(9) Observer tried to contact Algiers control on "D" channel. Algiers did not reply, however Oscar Tower, (Nurac) stated that an F-86 was being sent aloft. Two (2) F-86's and one (1) F-94 were observed tracking at 40,000 feet east to west headings for next 3/4 hours.

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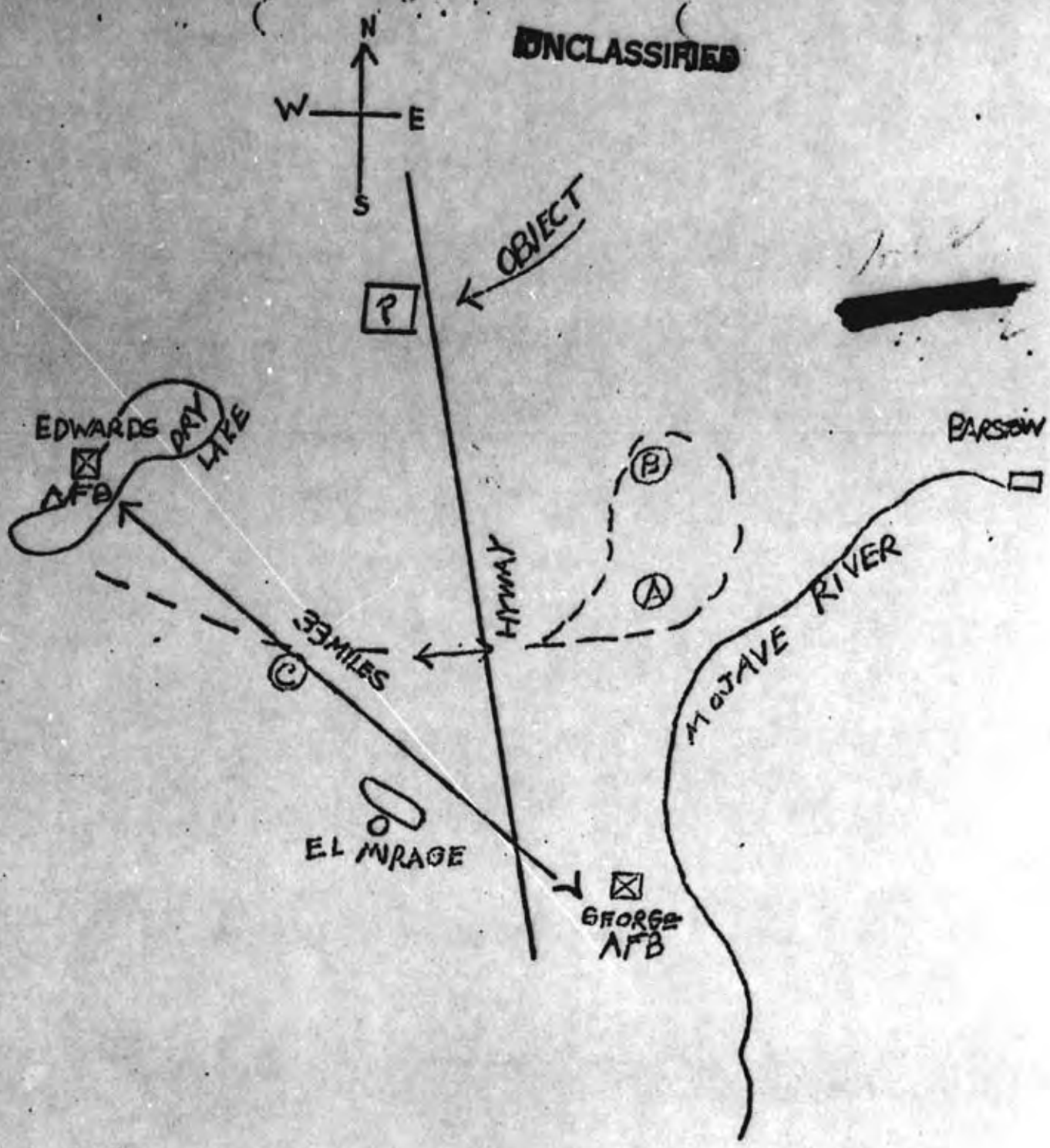

Dotted line flight path of T-6G
At (A) object appeared 10° above horizon of earth (flying 245°-065° heading)
At (B) object was too high to observe (necessitating looking up through top of canopy). Sun interfered at this point.
At (C) object appeared at 45° above horizon (flying heading 290°).

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Statement of Observer

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I, 1st Lt [redacted] 94th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, do this date make the following statement concerning my observation on 14 May 1952 of an unidentified object:

1. The single object that I observed was round, but I was unable to determine whether it was flat or ball-like in volume. I was also unable to make any judgment as to its diameter. The object had a metallic surface that appeared to either reflect or glow white or silver. I observed no aerodynamic features on the object, nor did I see any vapor trail or exhaust. The object disappeared as my observer and I looked away during a turn.

2. I observed the object from 1405 to 1430 PDST.

3. Observation was made in the air, flying in a T-6G aircraft at 150 miles per hour IAS, at an altitude of 10,000 feet IAT. A pair of Japanese binoculars were used in the observation ([illegible] 7x50). However, the vibration of the aircraft prevented careful study of the object.

4. At the time of observation I was on a flight between a point just west of the Mojave River north of George Air Force Base and a point just south of Edwards Air Force Base. (See attached diagram.) Altitude of the object was estimated to have been far above 40,000 feet. Location of the object was 20 miles east of Edwards Air Force Base and it was apparently motionless.

5. I am 25 years old, commissioned for 7 years. I have had two years of college. I am a Korean returnee and have served as Flight Safety and Accident Investigating Officer with the 49th Fighter-Bomber Wing.

6. Ceiling and visibility was unlimited to the north. There were some high thin ice clouds in the area. Strong ground winds were present but were not gusty above 7500 feet.

7. No activity, meteorological or otherwise, which might account for the condition. Inquiry to Edwards AFB as to weather balloon release in the area brought a negative answer.

8. No physical evidence such as fragments. However, several photographs were taken of the object by a small box camera.

9. I asked Edwards AFB if any aircraft were in the air that could be dispatched to investigate. They advised me to contact Algiers control on "D" channel. Algiers did not reply. However, Oscar Tower (Buroc) stated that an F-86 was being sent aloft. Two (2) F-86s and one (1) F-94 were observed tracking, at approximately 40,000 feet on east to west headings for the next 3/4 hours.

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