PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
31 Oct 52

2. LOCATION
FAYETTVILLE, GEORGIA

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 31/1940EST
GMT 01/0040Z

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

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
AF Officer

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
1 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 CIRCUMSTANCES
Orange object shaped like an air blimp moved slowly across highway at low speed. Observers stopped automobile, saw object hover, tilt at a 45° angle, and rise. When object passed in front of the moon, it seemed to blend with the color of the moon. Object disappeared at a tremendous speed. Source's car had passed under object, and the car radio had "cut out" while the object was overhead. Source estimated altitude to be 500'.

11. COMMENTS
1. A very puzzling report.
2. Asking ONR and AF about possible high altitude balloons.

7November 1952

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Object

TO: Commanding General
Fourteenth Air Force
Robins Air Force Base, Georgia

Attn: Chief, Intelligence Section

1. Attached is written report in the handwriting of 1st. Lt. James E. Allen who is assigned to this Squadron.

2. Lt. Allen desired this incident reported to the Air Force for whatever value it may have, but does not want the story given to the newspapers for fear that he may be the object of the ridicule he has heretofore bestowed upon others relating similar occurances.

CHARLES E. SMITH, JR.
Lt. Col., USAFR
Commanding

24247

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This strange object appeared to be flying at treetop level as I approached it. It was of orange color and very similar to an air blimp. I was traveling at a speed of 60-70 miles per hour as I approached this object. It was coming directly over the road some 200 yards ahead so I immediately thought of falling aircraft and tried to stop before traveling beneath it. However, I went under the object which was moving very slowly across the road. As I passed under, the radio in the car was silenced as if traveling over a bridge or under-pass. There was no static - just silenced until object was passed.

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As I quickly got out of the car, the object seemed directly overhead at an estimated 500 feet. The length was estimated 4 times the height and width. (80' x 20' x 20'). A clear bottom view, side view, and ~~aside~~ view was seen. After

lingering for about 20 seconds overhead the nose seemed to point in a 45° climb steadily increasing in speed and angle of climb until it disappeared slightly to the left of the moon and in an easterly direction. The speed was tremendous and completely disappeared in approximately 40 seconds.

There were no sparks nor was there any sound. The night was very clear and stars and moon very bright. There were no light beams visible and I looked all around.

This object was very dull orange near the center line and was brighter near the outer border edges.

As the object passed between the view of moon, and my location, on the upward climb, the color seemed to blend in with that of the moon, but was still visible.

James E. Allen

ROUTING

JOINT MESSAGEFORM

COMMUNICATIONS CENTER NO.

SPACE ABOVE FOR COMMUNICATIONS CENTER ONLY

FROM: (Originator)

CG ATIC

TO: ENT WEATHER CE TEAL ENT AFB COLO

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251800Z NOV 52	UNCLASSIFIED

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☐ BOOK MESSAGE ☒ ORIGINAL MESSAGE

☐ MULTIPLE ADDRESS CRYPTOPRECAUTION ☐ YES ☒ NO

REFERS TO MESSAGE

IDENTIFICATION CLASSIFICATION

INFO:

FROM: AFOIN-ATIAA-11-11-E

Unidentified flying object was visually observed at a low altitude in the vicinity of Atlanta, Ga., at 0040Z, 1 Nov 52. Request you advise us of any possible Air Force upper air research balloons which could have been in the area at time of sighting. We have already questioned Office of Naval Research at University of Minnesota regarding this.

In reply cite Project Blue Book.

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RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

CRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required): LT R.M. OLSSON/vs

SYMBOL: ATIAA-5

TELEPHONE: 65365

OFFICIAL TITLE: ROBERT E. [illegible], MAJOR, USAF AIR ADJUTANT GENERAL

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NO RPT NO BALLONS KNOWN TO BE IN AREA OF SIGHTING AT DATE TIME SPECIFIED.

28/1646Z NOV JEDEN.

Atlanta Ga.

ACTION

This is my [illegible] answer
& Report probably

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Atlanta, Ga.
01/0040 Z Nov 52
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COMMUNICATIONS CENTER NO.

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FROM: (Originator)

CG ATIC

TO: OFFICE OF NAVAL RESEARCH PHYSICS BLDG
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA MINNEAPOLIS MINN

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☐ BOOK MESSAGE ☒ ORIGINAL MESSAGE

☐ MULTIPLE ADDRESS CRYPTOPRECAUTION ☐ YES ☒ NO

REFERS TO MESSAGE

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INFO:

FROM: AFCIN-ATIAA-11-12-8 FOR FIELD REPRESENTATIVE

Unidentified flying object was visually observed at a low altitude in the vicinity of Atlanta, Ga., at 0042Z, 1 Nov 52. Request you query your contractors to ascertain if one of their upper air research balloons was in this area at the time of sighting.

In reply cite Project Blue Book.

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DRAFTER'S NAME (and signature, when required): LT R.M. OLSEN/vo

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

SYMBOL: ATIAA-5

TELEPHONE: 66365

OFFICIAL TITLE: ROBERT E. KENNEDY, MAJOR, USAF AIR ADJUTANT GENERAL

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16 - 31 OCTOBER 1952 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
16	Korea	Military	Balloon
16	North Korea	Military	Balloon
17	Elko, Nevada	Multiple	Balloon
17	Taos, New Mexico	Eljenholm	UNIDENTIFIED
17	Killeen, Texas	Multiple	UNIDENTIFIED
17	Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico	Military	UNIDENTIFIED
18	Macon, Georgia	Kassner	Balloon
19	12°17'N 155°35'W (Pacific)	Military	UNIDENTIFIED
19	Mamence, Illinois	Schmidt	Insufficient Data
19	San Antonio, Texas	Woolsey	UNIDENTIFIED
19	Selma, Alabama	McKee	Aircraft
21	Knosville, Tennessee	Civilian	UNIDENTIFIED
21	Duluth, Minnesota	Gould	Balloon
22	Elmendorf AFB, Alaska	Driscoll	Insufficient Data
22	Laurinsburg-Maxton AFB, North Carolina	Multiple	Aircraft
23	Toledo, Ohio	Multiple (PHOTO)	
( )	Elberton, Alabama	Military	UNIDENTIFIED
25	Stead AFB, Nevada	Civilian	Aircraft
26	West Barrington, Rhode Island (CARD MISSING)	Hardin	
26	Akureyri Iceland	Multiple	Insufficient Data
26	Roanoke, Texas	Multiple	Aircraft
27	N. Kyushu, Japan	Multiple	Astro (STARS/PLANETS)
27	Porte De France P R	Multiple	Insufficient Data
27	Hickman Canyon, Utah	Hawkins	Other (GUIDED MISSILE)
28	Japan (CARD MISSING)	Military	
28	Dallas, Texas	Baster	Astro (METEOR)
28	Paloi, Oklahoma	McKinister	Astro (METEOR)
29	Jacksboro, Texas (CARD MISSING)	Northern	
29	Erding Air Depot Germany	Military	UNIDENTIFIED
29	Long Island, New York	Military	Balloon
30	Madison, Wisconsin	Military	Aircraft
30	Dayton, Ohio	Multiple	Aircraft
	Fayetville, Georgia	Allen	UNIDENTIFIED

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

DATE	LOCATION	SOURCE	EVALUATION
17	Turkey	Military	
17	France	Newsclipping	
17	Gulf of Mexico	News Clipping	
18	Mediterranean Sea	Newsclipping	
27	North Pacific	Newsclipping	
28	Caribbean Sea	Newsclipping	
28	Paris, France [redacted]	Marandon	
30	Iran	Ltr; Keyser (PHOTOS)	

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