PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE: 20 Jul 61	2. LOCATION: Houston, Texas	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other UNIDENTIFIED ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☒ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 201400Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☒ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS MAGNETIC TAPE ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE: Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: 1/2 hr	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS: 2	9. COURSE: Erratic

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING: Too bright to distinguish shape. No comparative size estimation possible. Color apparently very bright white. 2 objts sighted. Objts were in trail. Did not appear to be a/c. Appeared aprox 0° (straight ahead) fm a/c hovering between 6 and 7 thousand feet altitude. Disappeared on heading between 65 and 70° at 10,000'. Followed erratic flight path. Appeared to be traveling much faster than a/c. Disappeared to E.

See Tape 7-3745-449
(TAPE IN SPECIMEN FILE)

11. COMMENTS: No ~~x~~ logical ~~xxxx~~ conclusion as to cause for sighting can be reached fm available info . This case is ~~xxx~~/ classed as Unidentified.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
STAFF MESSAGE BRANCH
UNCLASSIFIED MESSAGE

INCOMING

AF IN : 1325 (22 Jul 61) PE/doc

ACTION: CIN-17

INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3 (24)

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FM 68TH BOMB WG CHENNAULT AFB LA

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJWFHW/32ND AIR DIVISION OKLAHOMA CITY OKA

REDSQ/ATIC WPAFB OHIO

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INFO RJEBKK/2AF BARKSDALE AFB LA

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UNCLAS/68DCOI 333. UFO. USAF FOR AFCIN.

SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE FOR SAFIS. 2AF FOR DI. FOLLOWING FINDING ARE REPORTED IN ACCORD WITH AFR 200-2. THIS MESSAGE IN EIGHT PARTS. PART I: DESCRIPTION OF OBJECTS. A. OBJECT WAS TOO BRIGHT TO DISTINGUISH THE SHAPE. B. NO COMPARATIVE SIZE ESTIMATION WAS POSSIBLE. C. THE COLOR WAS APPARENTLY A VERY BRIGHT WHITE. D. TWO OBJECTS WERE SIGHTED. E. OBJECTS WERE IN TRAIL. F. NO

DISCERNIBLE FEATURES EXCEPT IT DID NOT APPEAR TO BE AN AIRCRAFT. G. NO TRAIL OR EXHAUST WERE NOTED. H. NO SOUND WAS REPORTED. PART II. COURSE OF OBJECTS. A. FIRST NOTED WAS BRIGHT LIGHT WHEN TAKING OFF FROM HOUSTON AIRPORT. B. OBJECT APPROXIMATELY Ø DEG (STRAIGHT AHEAD) FROM THE AIRCRAFT HOVERING BETWEEN 6 AND 7 THOUSAND FEET ALTITUDE OVER BAYTOWN, TEXAS. C. OBJECTS DISAPPEARED ON A HEADING BETWEEN 65 AND 70 DEGREES AT 10 THOUSAND FEET APPROXIMATELY OVER THE HIGH BRIDGE BETWEEN ORANGE AND PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS. D. OBJECTS FOLLOWED AN ERRATIC FLIGHT PATH ON AN APPROXIMATE HEADING BETWEEN 65 AND 70 DEGREES VARYING ALTITUDES FROM 10 THOUSAND DOWN TO 6 THOUSAND FEET. OBJECTS APPEARED TO BE TRAVELING MUCH FASTER THAN AN AIRCRAFT IN ITS CHANGE OF ALTITUDES. E. THE OBJECTS DISAPPEARED TO THE EAST WHEN THE REPORTING PILOT DESCENDED FOR A LANDING AT JEFFERSON COUNTY AIRPORT JUST NORTHWEST OF PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS. F. OBJECTS APPEARED INTERMITTENTLY FOR ABOUT ONE HALF HOUR. PART III. MANNER OF OBSERVATION A. THIS WAS AN AIR-VISUAL SIGHTING; B. NO OPTICAL AIDS WERE USED IN THE SIGHTING. THE REPORTING PILOT REQUESTED THE TOWER AT JEFFERSON COUNTY AIRPORT TO CONFIRM HIS SIGHTING WITH BINOCULARS BUT A BANK OF CUMULUS OBSCURED THE VIEW OF THE TOWER OPERATOR. C. SIGHTING WAS MADE FROM A TRANS TEXAS AIRWAYS DC3 AIRCRAFT NUMBER N33654 FLYING AT 5500 FEET ON A HEADING OF 65 DEGREES AT 160 KNOTS OUT OF HOUSTON, TEXAS TO JEFFERSON COUNTS AIRPORT, TEXAS. PART IV.

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TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING. A. SIGHTING OCCURRED 20/1403 JULY B. SIGHTING OCCURRED IN DAYLIGHT. PART V. LOCATION OF OBSERVERS. SEE PART 3C. PART VI. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVERS. [redacted] AGE 34. ADDRESS TRANS TEXAS AIRWAYS, HOUSTON, TEXAS. OCCUPATION AIRCRAFT CAPTAIN. SEEMED COOL HEADED AND RELIABLE. B. SECGND OBSERVER NOT AVAILABLE FOR INTERROGATION. MR. [redacted], AGE UNKNOWN. ADDRESS SAME AS A. OCCUPATION AIRCRAFT FIRST OFFICER. PART VII: WEATHER AND WINDS. A. OBSERVER AGREED WITH REPORT BELOW. B. WINDS AT BEAUMONT, TEXAS SURFACE 45/2;IAT 6000, 180/10; AT 10000, 200/10; AT 16000, 180/10; AT 20000, 140/7; AT 30000, 76/20; AT 50000, 50/10; AT 60000, 50/10. C. CEILING 1400. D. VISIBILITY 12 MILES. E. 3/10 CUMULUS BASES AT 1400. F. NO THUNDERSTORMS. G. TEMPERATURE GRADIENT NOT AVAILABLE. H. NO OTHER METEOROLOGICAL, ASTRONOMICAL OR OTHER UNUSUAL CONDITION WAS REPORTED. I. THERE WAS NO OTHER KNOWN AIR TRAFFIC OR BALLOONS IN THE AREA. PART VIII: THIS REPORT WAS PREPARED BY MAJOR B.W. ZIMMERMAN, CHIEF OF COMBAT INTELLIGENCE. INFORMATION IN PARTS I THROUGH VI OBTAINED FROM REPORTING PILOT AND TAPE RECORDING FROM JEFFERSON COUNTY AIRPORT TOWER. WEATHER DATA, EXCEPT FOR WINDS ALOFT, OBTAINED FROM WEATHER STATION AT SAME AIRPORT. CHIEF OF WEATHER STATION STATED THAT TWO

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SMALL, VAGUE, NON-PERSISTENT BLIPS SHOWED ON HIS WEATHER RADAR SCOPE IN THE GENERAL AREA OF THE SIGHTING SOUTHWEST OF ORANGE, TEXAS. THESE WERE APPARENTLY NOT GROUND CLUTTER BUT WERE NOT PERSISTENT OR STRONG ENOUGH FOR ANALYSIS. FROM THE INFORMATION OBTAINED A PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF THE CAUSE IS NOT POSSIBLE. NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE, OUTSIDE OF THE TAPE RECORDING, SUCH AS PHOTOGRAPHY WAS OBTAINED. TAPE RECORDING WILL BE RETAINED AT THE AIRPORT FOR 30 DAYS.

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FM 68 BOMB WG CHENNAULT AFB LA

TO ATIC WPAFB OHIO

BT

UNCLAS 68DCOI 004416. REFERENCE YOUR UNCLASS MSG TD-E-25-7-466 DTD 25 JUL 61. THIS MESSAGE IN TWO PARTS. PART I. PERMISSION TO RELEASE TAPE MUST COME FROM FAA REGIONAL OFFICE FORT WORTH, TEXAS. REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE TO FORT WORTH AND UPON APPROVAL TAPE WILL BE FORWARDED TO YOUR UNIT. PART II. DUE TO THE WIDE AREA IN WHICH THE SIGHTING OCCURED AND NON-AVAILABILITY OF PERSONNEL AT THIS STATION WE ARE UNABLE TO CONDUCT A SEARCH FOR ADDITIONAL WITNESSES.

BT

28/2249Z JUL RJWFKH

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HEADQUARTERS
68TH BOMBARDMENT WING (SAC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
CHENNAULT AIR FORCE BASE
LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 68DCOI

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Magnetic Tape

TO: Commander
ATIC
WPAFB, Ohio

1. Reference your message TD-E-25-7-466, dtd 25 July 1961.

2. Attachment 1 is tape request in referenced message.

ERNEST W. LIVERMAN
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief of Intelligence

1 Atch
Magnetic Tape

HEADQUARTERS
FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

REPLY TO ATTN OF: TDEED

SUBJECT: Houston, Texas, 20 Jul 61 11 Feb 65

TO: TDEW/Sgt Moody

I do not think this is actually a "radar" sighting. The weather radar (on the ground) saw two targets in the general vicinity of the reported sighting, but I do not think you can reasonably assume that either of these is the bright target sighted visually bythe aircraft.

VINCENT D BRYANT
TDEED
ELECTRONICS ENGINEER

JOINT MESSAGEFORM 25 JUL 61 19 4 0Z

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FROM:

FTD W-P AFB OHIO

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

TO:

CHENNAULT AFB LA RUWFKH

UNCLASSIFIED TD-E 25-7-466

68TH BOMB WG/YOUR UNCL MSG 68DCOI 333 DTD 22 JULY 61 REPORTING THE SIGHTING OF A UFO BY A TRANS TEXAS AIRWAYS PILOT. REQUEST YOUR ORG ATTEMPT TO GET POSSESION OF THE TAPE RECORDING REF IN YOUR MSG AND FORWARD IT TO FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION. IN ADDITION, REQUEST AN ATTEMPT BE MADE TO DETERMINE IF THERE WERE ANY OTHER WITNESSES, POSSIBLY ON THE GROUND, LOCATED IN THE AREA OF THE SIGHTING.

25191SZ

DATE	TIME
25	1030
MONTH	YEAR
July	61

WRITER

SYMBOL: TD-E

TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature, if required): Major Robert J. Friend

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RELEASER

SIGNATURE

TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE:

EDWARD H. WYNN
Colonel, USAF
Dep. for Science & Components

DD FORM 1 MAY 55 173 REPLACES DD FORM 175, 1 OCT 48, WHICH WILL BE USED UNTIL EXHAUSTED

UFO SIGHTING, BEAUMONT, TEXAS
20 July 1961

The following is a re-recording of conversation 20 July 1961 between Trans Texas Airlines flight 110 and Beaumont Approach Control by _____(?), Beaumont, Texas, for the exclusive use of U.S. military intelligence.

Runway 11R2, winds calm, indicating northeast, over.

OK and do you have some kind of fast maneuvering airplane flying over Orange this morning? A couple of them? They are real shiney.

I have none reported in the vicinity of Orange.

Look out over the bay and just southeast of you some 6000 feet. Something real bright and shiney, it looks like it hovers for a while then it maneuvers real fast. It gets real, real bright then it gets dull. It doesn't look like an aircraft.

Roger, I will take a look and see what I can see.

Just look down there toward the high bridge and up about 6000.

long pause

I don't have any aircraft in sight. I have low cumulus between the airport and the high bridge. Possible the target or aircraft could be behind the cumulus where I couldn't see it.

It is just south of Orange. You probably can't see it. It is just as bright as a diamond. Looks like it hovers for a while then it maneuvers for about 5-6000 feet just within a second or two.

Tell you what, I'll see if I can see it and if I do, I'll tell you.(I'll let you know)

You got radar down there? I'll see if I can pick up something.

pause

We are picking up two targets. One is southwest and the other one is south of Orange in the station here. It's not part of the ground clutter, and it doesn't appear to be any weather.

That is, roger, we got it sighted. It is not weather. It is almost hovering, and it is the brightest thing we have ever seen. It is very maneuverable. We saw it once up about 5500 and it disappeared and about a minute later we saw it at at least 10,000. It lookes like it is down there about ___(?). What runway can you give us.

July 1: Sacramento, Calif. Several residents reported a bright UFO which zig-zagged across the sky, occasionally hovering, with its light blinking on and off.

No Case (Information Only)

4 July 1961
Southwick, Massachusetts

On July 4, 1961, Mrs. [redacted] of Southwick, Mass. reported a "large, fat, cigar-shaped UFO, having blunt ends "like the end of a test tube", which was poised stationary to the east of Springfield, Mass. Time of the sighting was 2:30 to 3:00 A.M.

CASE (INFORMATION ONLY)

4 & 5 July 1961
England

SOURCE: FLYING SAUCER NEWS - FEB 62

Late News Flashes

The ISLE OF WIGHT SEES SAUCERS---A Mrs. C. Smith and daughter Mrs. A. E. Taylor, Of 107 George Strydo saw 5 flying saucers from their roof top July 4th and 5th 1961-----Commander C.C. Mole, Iverley, Gully Road, Seaview also saw something which he knows was not a plane nor a shooting star. Leonard G. Cramp, author Space, Gravity and Flying Saucer lives there and has made an investigation. He will report subsequently.-----Cedric Allingham, passed away in a Swiss sanatorium.

Courtesy of Flying Saucer Review

19 Lectures and demonstration on Self- suggestion by Jim Rigberg. Write to Flying Saucer News

July 6, Mt. Hope, Wisc. A rotating object, with blue and red lights seen at times, was reported flying at a low altitude near Mt. Hope. According to a press account, AF planes were sent to investigate, but Truax AFB denied knowledge of the report.

July 7: Muskegon, Mich. A UFO which "looked like two big metal bowls, one on top of the other, with a flashing light on top," was seen hovering at tree-top level. As reported to police by John Freeman and family, from Ft. Wayne, Ind., the UFO rose silently after a few seconds, then climbed rapidly out of sight. As it moved, the flashing white light became steady

July 9: Burlington, N.C. A bright UFO about twice the size of Venus was sighted at 7:43 p.m. (EST) by Wm. E. DeLoach, a security officer for a Western Electric plant, and another witness.

No Case (Information Only)

9 July 1961
Yukon, Missouri

July 9, Yukon, Mo. Elongated UFO reported hovering at 100 feet; object quickly climbed away when flashlight was pointed at it.

No Case (Information Only)

10 July 1961
Mt. Pleasant, Michigan
PONTIAC, MICHIGAN

NOT DETAILED !! ~~Klaam~~ CASE: PROBABLY IDENTIFIED AS METEOR AT LOCAL [illegible]

NEWS BRIEFS: A short clipping we received from Bay City, Michigan, dated July 10th, is so intriguing that we only wish we had more details. We quote the clipping in full: "Mt. Pleasant - Air Force officials at Wurtsmith AF Base at Oscoda have promised a full investigation to the sheriff's department of Isabella County on the UFO that flew over the area last week. The officials stated to Isabella County Civil Defense Director Ray Martin that a full radar study and report would be made. Many Central Michigan area residents reported the large round object flying northeastward over the area about a hundred or so feet off the ground. One motorist reported to state police at Mt. Pleasant that he thought he was going to be hit as he drove along highway #27. The UFO gave a brilliant blue light as it passed over."

July 10: Pontiac, Mich. A blimp shaped object flashing brilliant orange and white lights was sighted between 3:00 and 3:30 a.m. by dozens of witnesses, including police officers. Two teen-age boys, fishing at North Lake, fled when the UFO began descending nearby. Other witnesses included: Police Sgt. David Putnam and Patrolman Fred Sawyer, Waterford; Deputies Robert MacFarlane and Richard Hubble, Independence (confirmation of hovering at treetop level); and Corporal Maitland Landon, State Police, who sighted "a big, brilliant object at a high altitude" and insisted it was not a balloon. Selfridge AFB told police they would investigate the sightings but no official report has been released to date.

AUDIO TAPES
July 29 1961
Houston, TEXAS
OBSERVER: CIVIL AIRLINE
FILE # 1003586
IN CUSTODY OF AUDIO-VISUAL DIVISION

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No Case (Information Only)

11 July 1961
Sacramento, California

CASE FILE

RECENT NEWS STORIES

CALIFORNIA NEWSBOY ATTACKED BY SAUCER: A Sacramento, California newsboy either has an unusually wild imagination, or else he has had one of the most interesting experiences with a UFO on record. Thirteen-year-old Phillip Wayne claims that at dawn last July 11th, he was delivering his papers as usual, when a series of astounding events occurred. He was holding a newspaper over his head, ready to throw it onto a porch, when suddenly the paper disappeared from his hand. He reached for a second paper, and the same thing happened. A third paper was also jerked from his hand, at which time he "felt a suction," but heard no noise. "I looked up," said Phillip, "and saw two things

WHY? NO REPORT FORWARDED TO ATIC! WHY NOT?

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that looked like flying saucers. One was larger than the other, and both were about 80 to 100 feet above the ground. The larger saucer was 50 feet in diameter, and the smaller one was 40 feet across. They were shiny aluminum and seemed to be standing still. I've seen pictures of saucers, but these were different. They had lots of corrugated pipes protruding from different angles, like organ pipes of different lengths." Phillip added that he "took off like a scared bird," and went back later, checking for his three missing papers. He never found them. The boy told his story to high Air Force officials, who apparently did not take it seriously, although they claim they are investigating the incident.

Rodyman

3 August 1961

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your note to President Kennedy of July 12th was referred to this office.

Although the Air Force does investigate all reported sightings of unidentified flying objects, it is our belief that this particular article from the SACRAMENTO UNION was published for its humorous aspects.

The attached fact sheet, 'Air Force UFO Report', will give you an idea of Air Force findings resulting from analysis of UFO sightings. I hope it will be of interest to you.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM T. COLEMAN, JR.
Major, USAF
UFO Project Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. T[redacted]an
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Vacaville, California