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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE: 4 Aug 52

2. LOCATION: PHOENIX, ARIZ.

3. DATE/TIME GROUP: Local 04/0220 MST; GMT 04/0920Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION: XX Ground-Visual; ☐ Ground-Radar; ☐ Air-Visual; ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS: ☐ Yes; XX No

6. SOURCE: AIRMAN

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: 5 Min

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS: 1

9. COURSE:

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING:

AP at LAFB sighted round yellow-white ball traveling a constant course at about 200 mph. As object progressed it lengthened into a long narrow shape.

11. COMMENTS:

1. Airman is avid "flying saucer fan."

12. CONCLUSIONS:

XX Was Balloon
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon
☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft
☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical
☐ Other
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
XX Unknown

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Phoenix, Arizona 127th Pilot Training Wing, (Intell., Office)

7 August 1952 4 August 1952 P-6

Captain Frederick R. Rooper Jr. A/3C W. F. Vain

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(1) Round yellow-white ball three fourths size of full moon, as bright as moon travelling roughly S.W., no sound or apparent means of propulsion, speed estimated at 200 MPH. Course and altitude constant. When first sighted object appeared perfectly round but as it progressed it assumed a long narrow shape like a plate.

(2) Time of sighting 0220M 4 August 52, for period of approximately 5 minutes.

(3) Manner of observation; visual from ground.

(4) Observer was on South Central at Salt River in Phoenix, object first sighted to NNE and followed to West. Distance from Observer: 10 to 35 mi. Altitude: No higher than 3,500 ft. Object was between observer and White Tank Mtns.— elev., 3,500 ft. Distance 35 mi.

(5) Observation made by A/3C W.F. Vain, 127th A.P. Sq, 127th Air Base Group, 127th Plt Trg Wg., Luke AFB, Arizona. Amn. had read extensively about flying saucers and felt he had seen one.

(6) Weather at time of sighting: Clear, visibility 15 mi. plus, temperature 85 degrees, dewpoint 63, surface wind calm. Winds Aloft: 5,000 ft- 280 deg at 15 kn; 10,000 ft- 360 deg at 15 kn; 20,000 ft- 090 deg at 10 kn.

(7) None.

(8) None.

(9) None.

(10) None.

APPROVED:

Frederick R. Rooper

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Statement and sketch (6 cc)

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STATEMENT

While on South Central in Phoenix I saw a round ball, very bright heading South West. The object looked about ¼ the size of a full moon. The object did not lose or gain speed, and did not lose or gain altitude. It took about five minutes before I lost sight of it. It seemed to be about 3000 feet and speed about 200 MPH. From edge ways of it, it seemed to be a disk. It did not make any noise of any kind.

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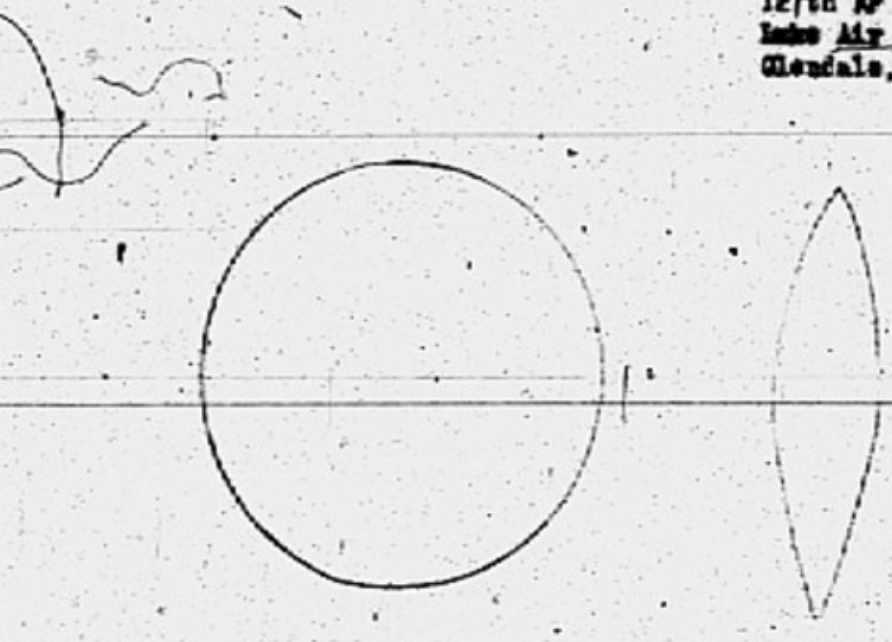

Object as sketched by observer.

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(1) YELLOW-WHITE ROUND-BALL, 3/4 SIZE OF FULL MOON TRAVELLING ROUGHLY S. W., NO SOUND OR APPARANT MEASN OF PROPULSION, SPEED ESTIMATED AT 200 MPH. COURSE & ALT. CONSTANT

(2) Ø222ØM 4 AUG 52 FOR APPROX. FIVE MINUTES.

(3) VISUAL FROM GROUND.

(4) OBSERVER WAS ON SOUTH CENTRAL ST SALT RIVER IN PHOENIX, OBJECT FIRST SIGHTED TO NNE AND FOLLOWED TO WEST. DISTANCE FROM OBSERVER, 1Ø TO 35 MILES. ALTITUDE: NO HIGHER THAN 35ØØ FT. OBJECT WAS BETWEEN OBSERVER AND WHITE TNAK MTNS, ELEVATION 35ØØ FT. DISTANCE 3Ø MILES.

(5) OBSERVATION MADE BY A/3C VAIN , W.F. 127TH A P. SQD., THIS BASE.

(6) WEATHER: CLEAR, VISIBILITY 15 MI. PLUS, TEMP 85 DEG. DEWPOINT 63, SURFACE WIND CALM. WINDS ALOFT. 5,000 FT- 250 DEG- 15 KN, 10,000 FT- 360 DEG- 15 KN, 20,000 FT- 090 DEG- 10(,.

(7) NONE.

(8) NONE.

(9) NONE.

(10) NONE.

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