

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 3 Apr 52	LOCATION Benson, Arizona		2. CONCLUSIONS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0823 MST GMT 03 1523	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE 4 AF civilian pilots		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 52 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Silver color. Circular. Hovered. Balloon launched from Davis Monthan AFB at 1500. Burst at 28,807 meters. Was not Venus or "Skyhook"		11. COMMENTS Observers watched object for 52 minutes. Bearing was 70 deg - 75 deg elevation at 268 deg true.	

3307TH TRAINING SQUADRON (CONTRACT FLYING)
MARANA AIR BASE
Marana, Arizona

15 April 1952

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Aerial Object

TO: Whom it May Concern

On 3 April 1952, I landed T-6D number 406 at the Benson, Arizona, airport at approximately 0745 for the execution of "ground control" for student cross-country flights. I was in the company of [REDACTED], who is also a civilian instructor at Marana Air Base.

Shortly after taxiing into position for the best observation of aircraft which would be turning over Benson airport and shutting off my engine, we were joined by Mr. [REDACTED], manager of the airport. The position of my aircraft was in the NW corner of the airport approximately 100 yards east of the hangar and facing a direction of 255 degrees M.

At approximately 0805, Mr. [REDACTED] Logan, who was assigned the position of patrol, landed his T-6D aircraft and taxied in close proximity to my aircraft and parked facing in the opposite direction.


With my radio on and remaining seated in the front seat of my aircraft I was awaiting radio transmission from the students when Mr. [REDACTED] called my attention to a bright object which appeared to be the size of a bright star and was prominent enough so that ones' attention was drawn to it even though attention might be distracted momentarily. In other words, there was no necessity to scan to relocate the object. At the time my attention was called to this object I thought nothing of it but when, approximately six or seven minutes later, Mr. [REDACTED] pointed out the fact that it was still there, it impressed me as being rather odd that any airborne object could maintain the same position for this length of time. It occurred to me to take a fix on this object in relation to the top of the canopy and take note of the time, which I did. The time was 0823 (I time checked with the tower before take-off from Marana) and the object was approximately two and one-half inches above the canopy when I was centered in the seat.

During this time Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED]'s attention had been drawn to the object. At approximately 0830 Mr. Logan took off to see if he could get a better look; I kept in touch with him by radio and I believe he climbed to 13,500 ft. (elevation of Benson airport is 3500 ft.). He reported he could see it slightly better but estimated its altitude at from 30,000 to 40,000 ft. Mr. [REDACTED] then descended and landed again at Benson.

During this time, and until it disappeared, I kept taking sights on this object and it never moved the slightest fraction in relation to the canopy of my aircraft, which during this time, had not moved.

At 0914 Mr. [REDACTED], who had been an intent observer of this object, walked from a position on the right side of the fuselage and took up a position at the right wing tip. This change of position took approximately fifteen seconds. When he reached this new position he remarked that the object had disappeared. I checked, using my sighting reference and found the object had vanished. Two or three of the students had also noticed the object while passing over Benson.

During the time of timed observation, from 0823 to 0914, this object did not change size, position, nor intensity and vanished completely in approximately 15 seconds.


Squadron Commander

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FROM: (Originator)

CO, ATIC

TO: ENT WEATHER CENTRAL
ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLO

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INFO:

FROM: AF0IN-ATIAA-4-3

Request time of launch, track, and time down of research balloons that were launched on 4 April 1952. Is this correct address for obtaining this information?

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LT E. J. RUPPELT/vs

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

ROBERT E. KENNEDY, Major, USAF

SYMBOL ATIAA-2C

TELEPHONE

OFFICIAL TITLE Air Adjutant General

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FROM: (Originator)

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TO: CO 3307TH TRAINING SQUADRON
MARANA AFB MARANA ARIZONA

RADNOTE

INFO:

FROM: AFOI-ATIAA-4-3

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ATTN: 200 JAC

Reference written report of unidentified aerial object dated 15 April 1952. Request additional information on fix obtained by [redacted] What was approximate elevation of object from horizon when observed from T-6? Also, did object disappear by fading away in its original location or did it move out of the area? Thoughtfulness in taking fix and getting time greatly appreciated by ATIC.

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RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE ROBERT E. KENNEDY, Major, USAF	
OFFICIAL TITLE Air Adjutant General	

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LT E. J. RUPPELT/VS

SYMBOL
ATIAA-20

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MARANA AIR BASE
Marana, Arizona

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7 MAY 1952

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Object Sighted by C. M. Jasper on April 1952, from Benson, Arizona Airport

TO: Commanding Officer
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. Reference message your Headquarters, AFOTIN-ATIAA-4-8, 29 April 1952, the following additional information is submitted with reference to unidentified aerial object sighted on 3 April 1952.
2. The angle of the object from the horizontal position was from 70 to 75 degrees. The magnetic bearing, taken from the aircraft compass, (object was from two and one-half to three inches directly over the center of fixed part of front section of canopy), was 255 degrees.
268° True
3. The manner in which the object disappeared is uncertain. As stated in previous report, observation was discontinued for approximately fifteen seconds during which time the object took leave.
4. This office is unable to furnish more detailed information but offers all possible assistance on any further development.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Erling H. Lovlien
ERLING H. LOVLIN
1st Lt. USAF
Adjutant

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FROM: (Originator)

CO, ATIS

TO: CG 1059TH AIR WING
TINKER AFB OKLAHOMA CITY OKLA

INFO:

FROM: AFOM-ATIA-6-3E

Request following information from 0900Z and 1500Z balloon launch at Davis-Monthan AFB on 3 April 1952:

- a. Bearing and distance from station and time when balloon burst.
- b. General direction of path taken by balloon.

Information is urgently needed. Davis-Monthan referred us to your Wing for info.

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SYMBOL ATIA-6	TELEPHONE 54161
OFFICIAL TITLE Robert D. ... Air Adjutant General	

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TO ATIC WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO

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TO: ~~SECURITY CENTER~~
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YES NO

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INFO:

FROM: AFOIN-ATIAA-4-3

Request information as to whether or not there was a large research balloon in the vicinity of Marana, Arizona, 20 miles NW of Tucson at approximately 0630 MST on 3 April 1952.

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ADC WX CEN 101. URMSG AFCIN-ATIAA-4-9-E. INFO AVAILABLE INDICATES NO
RPT NO FREE BALLOONS IN VICINITY MARANA, ARIZ AT ANY TIME ON 3 APR 52.

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APPENDIX III

Benson, Arizona - 3 April 1952

I. DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

On 3 April 1952 at 0815 MST, three civilian AF pilot instructors and several other people observed an object from the Benson, Arizona, airport. The object was about the size of a bright star but was prominent enough to be continually observed (i.e. not necessary to scan the sky to find it).

At 0823 MST, one of the instructors took a fix on the object by sitting in a T-6 and sighting across the canopy with the aircraft on a magnetic heading of 255° at the time. Fixes were taken at intervals until 0914 at which time the object disappeared. The object did not move during the 51 minute period. How the object disappeared is not known as one of the observer's attention was distracted for about 15 seconds and when he looked up the object was gone.

One of the instructors flew a T-6 up to 13,500 ft. in an attempt to better observe the object, however, there was no relative change in the size.

Several cadets flying T-6's in the area also observed the object.

II. STATUS OF THE INVESTIGATION

The excellent forethought of the instructor to take continual fixes on the object has eliminated the possibility of the object being an aircraft or balloon since no motion was observed. In addition, an investigation was made and it was determined that there were no balloons in the area.

It is possible that the object was a bright planet. This is doubtful, however, since a planet would appear to move some in 51 minutes.

The approximate elevation of the fix has been requested. In the original report it was given as "two inches above the canopy". This angle will depend on height of the pilot, height of seat, etc. When this information is received, a nearly exact fix can be obtained and known astronomical bodies checked.

III. CONCLUSIONS

Pending.

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FROM: (Originator)

CO, ATIC

TO: CO DAVIS WORTHAN AFB TUCSON ARIZ

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FROM: AFOTM-ATIAM-5-148

Request the following information on 0900Z and 1500Z balloon launch for 3 April 1952
to be forwarded by wire:

- Exact time of launch.
- General direction of drift.
- Bearing, distance, time and altitude of burst or when contact was lost.
- Was definite burst recorded.

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FM CG 36TH AIR DIV DAVIS MONTHAN AFB ARIZ

TO CO ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

WEA 1458 PD REF YOUR TWX AFOIN-ATIAA-5-14E PD ONLY INFO AT THIS DET
FOLLOWS CLN [DEFININTE BURST RECD CMA HEIGHT OF 0900Z BURST WAS 28102
METERS] CMA [HEIGHT OF 1500Z BURST WAS 28807 METERS] PD REC OF THIS RUN
ARE AT 2059TH AIR WEATHER WING TINKER AFB PD SUGGEST YOU CONTACT THEM
FOR REST OF INFO PD

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FROM: (Originator)

O'MARA, COMMANDING, AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

TO: DATA CENTRAL GROVE ARCADE BUILDING ASHVILLE NORTH CAROLINA

INFO:

PRIM: AFOIN-ATIAA-6-7-3

Urgently need data on 0900Z and 1500Z balloon launch from Davis Monthan AFB, Tucson, Ariz., on 3 April 53. Need time of burst or time contact with balloon was lost and bearing from station. Sixth Weather Squadron, Tinker AFB, advises you have records.

In reply cite Project Blue Book.

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RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE	
SYMBOL ATIA-25	TELEPHONE 54261
OFFICIAL TITLE Major D. J. Burholt, USAF, USAF Air Adjutant General	

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COMMANDING OFFICER

ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO
MSG RECD FR SIXTH WEA SQ TINKER AFB QUOTING US MSG AFO IN DASH

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 7

DATE: 3 Apr 52

TIME (Local): 0823

LOCATION: Marana AFB, Ariz.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 52 Min.

SOUND: Unknown

SPEED: Hovered

ALTITUDE: High

HEADING: Hovered

SOURCE: AF Personnel

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Pending

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Several sources observed large object in sky which remained stationary. (Restricted)

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Air Force Men Sight Huge Flying Saucer

BENSON, Ariz., April 4 (U.P.)—
Two Air Force pilots said today they watched for an hour as a huge oval-shaped object, possibly five or six times the size of a B-29 bomber, hovered at about 55,000 feet above them.

Chick Logan and C. M. Jasper, both veteran flight commanders from Marana (Ariz.) Air Force Base, saw the object from the air.

Flight Instructor Paul Wilkerson, Tucson, and Skeet Taylor, owner of a local airport, said they saw it from the ground.

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base at Tucson said some B-36s were flying in the Benson area at an altitude of 40,000 feet.

Logan said, however, it did not have wings.

"The sky was bright blue," he said, "and the object stood out like a sore thumb. I couldn't go any higher than 14,000 feet because I had no oxygen with me.

"The object was bright and shone like polished aluminum. I've been flying for 25 years and never saw anything like it. It was weird."

Wilkerson said it was too large for a weather balloon.

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FROM: (Originator)

CO, AFIC

TO: CO MARANA AFB MARANA ARIZONA

RAENOTE

INFO:

FROM: AFIC-ATIAA-1/3-1/3

Reference sighting of unidentified aerial object at your base on 4 April 1952. Request time of sighting, length of time object observed, and angle through which object traveled during observation. Also request written report.

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LT E. J. RUFFELT/vs

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OFFICIAL TITLE

ROBERT E. KENNEDY, Major, USAF
Air Adjutant General

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FM CO 3307TH TNG SQ MARANA AB ARIZ

TO CO ATIC WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB OHIO

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0825 MST 3 APR 52 CMA OBJECT WAS STATIONERY AND OBSERVED FOR 51 MINS.

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ATIAA

3307TH TRAINING SQUADRON (CONTRACT FLYING)
MARANA AIR BASE
Marana, Arizona

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10 APR 52

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Object

TO: Commanding Officer
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

The statements of two (2) witnesses to an unidentified aerial object on 3 April 1952 are inclosed herewith, in compliance with your teletype message of 10 April 1952.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

Erling C. Goulin
ERLING C. GOULIN
1st Lt USAF
Adjutant

- 2 Incls
- 1 - Statement of
 Chauncey P. Logan (trip)
- 2 - Statement of C. M. Jasper
 (trip)

Info copies furnished:
OG, FTAF, Waco, Tex
OG, ATTC, Scott AFB, Ill

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3307TH TRAINING SQUADRON (CONTRACT FLYING)
MARANA AIR BASE
Marana, Arizona

15 April 1952

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Aerial Object

TO: Whom it May Concern

On 3 April 1952, Squadron II, Class 52-G, was assigned a triangular cross-country navigational flight, viz., Marana - Winkleman - Benson - Sell - Marana, Arizona. Each of the above Arizona cities represented a turn. At each turning point there was assigned a team of instructors for the purpose of acting as radio communication center, checking each cadet as he flew over. One aircraft was held in readiness to patrol the area in the event one of the cadets missed the turning point. This aircraft was termed the Patrol Ship.

My duties this date consisted of flying the Patrol Ship at the Benson, Arizona turning point. I landed at Benson Airport approximately at 0815. Soon after I landed, one of our cadets flew over at an altitude of approximately 10,000 ft and called in over the radio, giving his ship number, name, and that he was enroute to the next turning point. For positive identification he was requested to turn left or right (I do not remember exactly) and we spotted this aircraft by vision. This procedure necessitated our vision to be constantly directed upward.

Mr. [redacted], one of our instructors, spotted an object in the sky and directed our attention to it. It was a bright, silvery object, hanging motionless in the sky at an altitude I would guess to be somewhere above 50,000 ft. It was not exactly round, but rather oval in appearance.

I watched it for about thirty or forty minutes, and felt it peculiar that it did not move, but rather hovered in that same spot where it had been first observed.

A cadet by the name [redacted] flew over and Mr. [redacted] directed him to the object, asking if he could see what it was. The cadet came back with, "Sir! It looks like a flying saucer".


At this time I decided to observe the object as closely as possible so I took off and climbed to an altitude of 13,500 ft. I did not have oxygen. At this altitude the object did not look larger. It was more brilliant because the sky was clearer and bluer. I flew around for about five minutes with the canopy open, then descended and landed. The object was still there in the sky.

After a little time, Mr. [redacted] asked if I could see the object. I looked upward, and could not. Then Mr. [redacted] and [redacted], the airport manager, looked and it was obvious that the object had disappeared.

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It is the opinion of this individual that the above described object could have been a great deal higher than I have expressed in this report. My judgment as to height is naturally based upon some known size of objects I am familiar with. I know what an aircraft looks like at certain heights.

This object could have been any height from the earth's surface, all depending on its size. Therefore, my guess as to altitude and size could be incorrect.



Flight Instructor