

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE

4 Aug 52

2. LOCATION

PHOENIX, ARIZ.

12. CONCLUSIONS

3. DATE OF GROUP

Local 04/0220 MST

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

 Ground-Visual Ground-Radar Was Balloon  
 Probably Balloon  
 Possibly Balloon

4. GM

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 Air-Visual Air-Intercept Radar Was Aircraft  
 Probably Aircraft  
 Possibly Aircraft

5. PHOTOS

 Yes No

6. SOURCE

AIRMAN

 Was Astronomical  
 Probably Astronomical  
 Possibly Astronomical

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

5 Min

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

1

9. COURSE

 Other  
 Insufficient Data for Evaluation  
 Unknown

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."

TENTATIVE  
OBSEVERS QUESTIONNAIRE

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 4<sup>th</sup> August 1952  
Day Month Year

1.2 Time of day: 1 20 A.M. or P.M. (Circle One)  
Hrs. Min.

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

a. Eastern  
b. Central  
c. Mountain

d. Pacific  
e. Other \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving  
b. Standard

1.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are  
of your answer to the above question 1.2:

a. Certain  
b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure  
d. Just a guess

2. Where did you see the object?

Sky Harbor Airport Phoenix Ariz U.S.A  
Postal Address City or Town State Country

3. Where were you located when you saw the object:

(Circle One): a. Inside a building  
b. In a car  
c. Outdoors

d. In an airplane  
e. At sea  
f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

3.1 Were you:

(Circle One): a. In the business section of a city?  
b. In the residential section of a city?  
c. In open countryside?  
d. Flying near an airfield?  
e. Flying over a city?  
f. Flying over open country?  
g. Other Working AT AN AIRPORT

4. How did you happen to notice the object? THE OBJECT WERE  
IN MY FIELD OF VISION WHILE I WAS  
INSPECTING A PROPELLER ON AN AIRCRAFT.

5. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

7<sup>th</sup>      AUGUST      1952  
Day            Month            Year

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SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? PERFORM-  
ING A ROUTINE INSPECTION ON AN AIRPLANE

6.1 What had you been doing for the 30 minutes before you saw the object? Try to list the activity or activities, and the approximate amount of time spent on each.

INSPECTION OF WINGS & DEICER BOOTS 10 MIN.

" " LANDING GEAR, WHEEL WELL, ETC. 10 MIN.

INSPECTION OF RIGHT ENGINE - 10 MIN (TWIN ENGI-  
AIRCRAFT

7. Were you moving at any time while you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes   or   No.

IF you answered YES, then complete the following questions.

7.1 What direction were you moving?

- (Circle One):      a. North      e. South  
                         b. Northeast      f. Southwest  
                         c. East      g. West  
                         d. Southeast      h. Northwest

7.2 How fast were you moving? \_\_\_\_\_ miles per hour.

7.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One): Yes   or   No

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Phoenix, Arizona

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

12 August 1952

11 August 1952

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Captain Frederick R. Rooper Jr.

AFL-200-5, FLYOSRPT, Our Message Form GB 414 G

(1) One orange glowing ball, approx., 3 times size of a DC-6. No sound before, during, or after sighting—very slight trail off of edges appearing in same color as the ball. Flew straight and level from a hovering position to the north-east, attaining a speed of approx., 600-700 MPH.

(2) 0120M 4 Aug 52 for approx 5 minutes.

(3) Visual from ground.

(4) Observed from Sky Harbor airport—object spotted 5 miles NW at altitude of 2-3,000 ft., disappeared in the North-East, passing from view at high speed.

(5) Reported by Mr [REDACTED] (approx age 30) [REDACTED] Phoenix, Ariz. Recently released from USN where he served as an air crewman on PB4Y's. Now working for Frontier Airlines as a mechanic. Witnessed by Mr. [REDACTED] who is also a mechanic for Frontier Airlines.

(6) Clear, 40 mi. visibility, wind from NW at 8 km. Winds aloft; below 10,000 ft. very light from W.—above 10,000 ft. very light from E.

(7) NONE.

(8) NONE.

(9) NONE.

(10) One DC6 took off from Sky Harbor shortly before the sighting. Mr. [REDACTED] claims to have had this plane in sight as well as the reported unidentified object.

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2 cc - Air Training Command, Scott AFB, Belleville, Illinois  
1 cc - Crew Training Air Force, Randolph AFB, Randolph Field, Texas

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8. What direction were you facing when you first saw the object?

8.1 What direction were you facing when the object disappeared?

(Circle One):

- a. North
- b. Northeast
- c. East
- d. Southeast
- e. South
- f. Southwest
- g. West
- h. Northwest

8.2 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above two questions. (8 and 8.1).

a. Certain      c. Not very sure  
b. Fairly certain      d. Just a guess

9. Were you wearing eye glasses when you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes      or      No

10. How was the object seen?

(Circle One):

- a. Through window glass
- b. Through windshield
- c. Through binoculars
- d. Through telescope
- e. Through theodolite
- f. Through sun glasses
- g. Through open space
- h. Other \_\_\_\_\_

11. What do you remember about the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

### **11.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)**

### 11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

a. Clear sky  
b. Hazy H  
~~c. Scattered clouds~~  
d. Thick or heavy clouds  
e. Don't remember

Pierus a. Dry

- b. Fog, Mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

### 11.2 WIND (Circle One)

**11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)**

- a. No wind
- b. Slight breeze
- c. Strong wind
- d. Don't remember

- a. Cold
- b. Cool
- c. **Warm**
- d. Hot
- e. Don't remember

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object? 5  
Hours      Minutes      Seconds

12.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 12:

- |                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| a. <u>Certain</u> | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly sure    | d. Just a guess  |

13. Did the object look: (Circle One) Solid or Transparent?

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

14.1 Change direction?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.2 Change speed?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.3 Change size?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.4 Change color?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.5 Break up into parts or explode?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.6 Give off smoke?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.7 Change brightness?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.8 Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.9 Remain motionless?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>

15. Did the object give off a light? (Circle One): Yes No Don't know

15.1 If you answered YES, what was the color of the light? YELLOWISH OR

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object?

16.1 Sound NONE

16.2 Color RATHER MILD OR SOFT GLOW

17. If there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.

18. Did the object at any time:

18.1 Move behind something? (Circle One) Yes  No  Don't know

If you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind.

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18.2 Move in front of something? (Circle One) Yes  No  Don't know

If you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of.

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18.3 Blend with the background? (Circle One) Yes  No  Don't know

19. Which of the following objects is about the same actual size as the object you saw? (Circle One):

- a. Pea
- b. Baseball
- c. Basketball
- d. Bicycle wheel
- e. Office desk

- f. Automobile
- g. Small airplane
- h. Large airplane
- i. Dirigible
- j. Other \_\_\_\_\_

19.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 19.

- a. Certain
- b. Fairly certain

- c. Not very sure
- d. Uncertain

20. Try to tell the following things about the object:

20.1 How high above the earth was it? 5 to 6000 feet.

20.2 How far was it from you? 8 to 9000 feet or 1 1/2 to 2 miles

20.3 How fast was it going? Q. To approx. 60 miles per hour. At Disappear

20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

- a. Certain
- b. Fairly certain

- c. Not very sure
- d. Just a guess

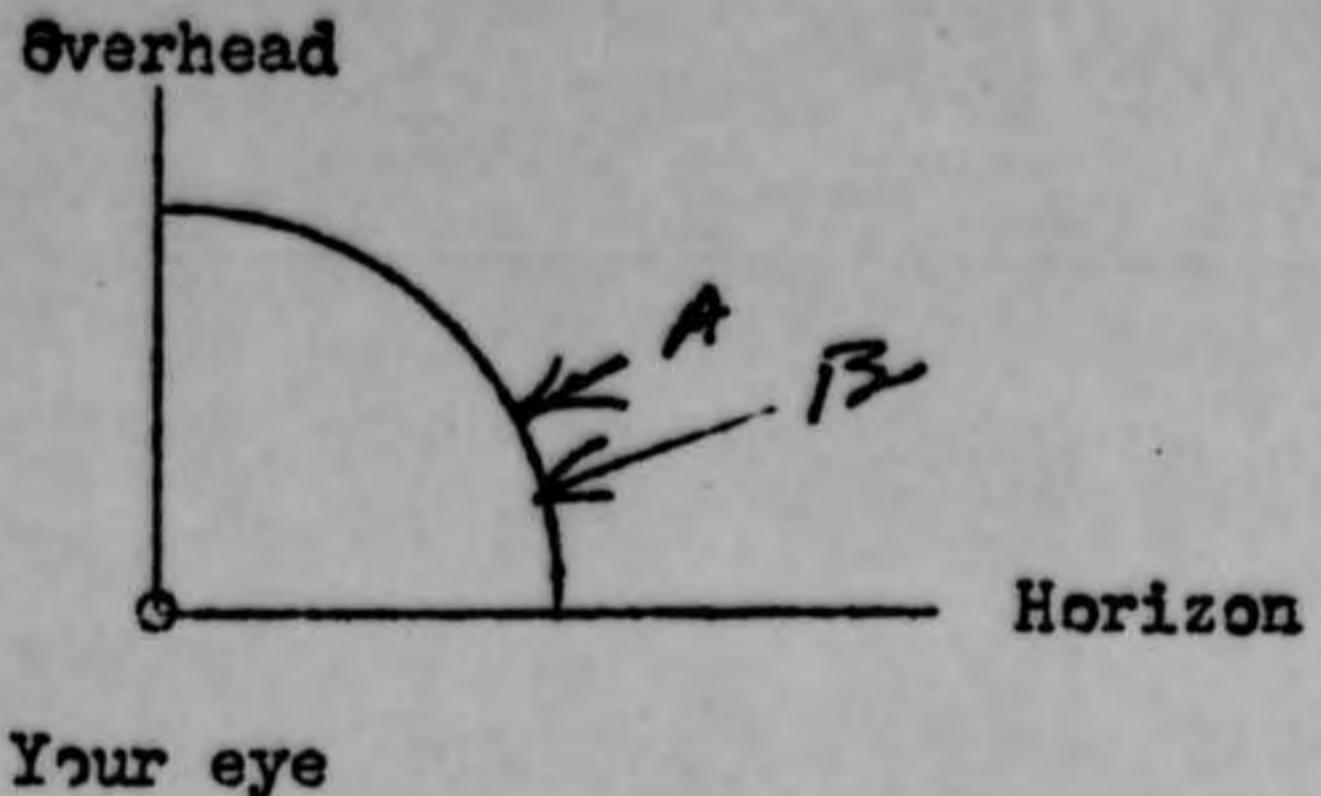
21. How did the object disappear from view?

(Circle One): a. Suddenly  
 b. Gradually

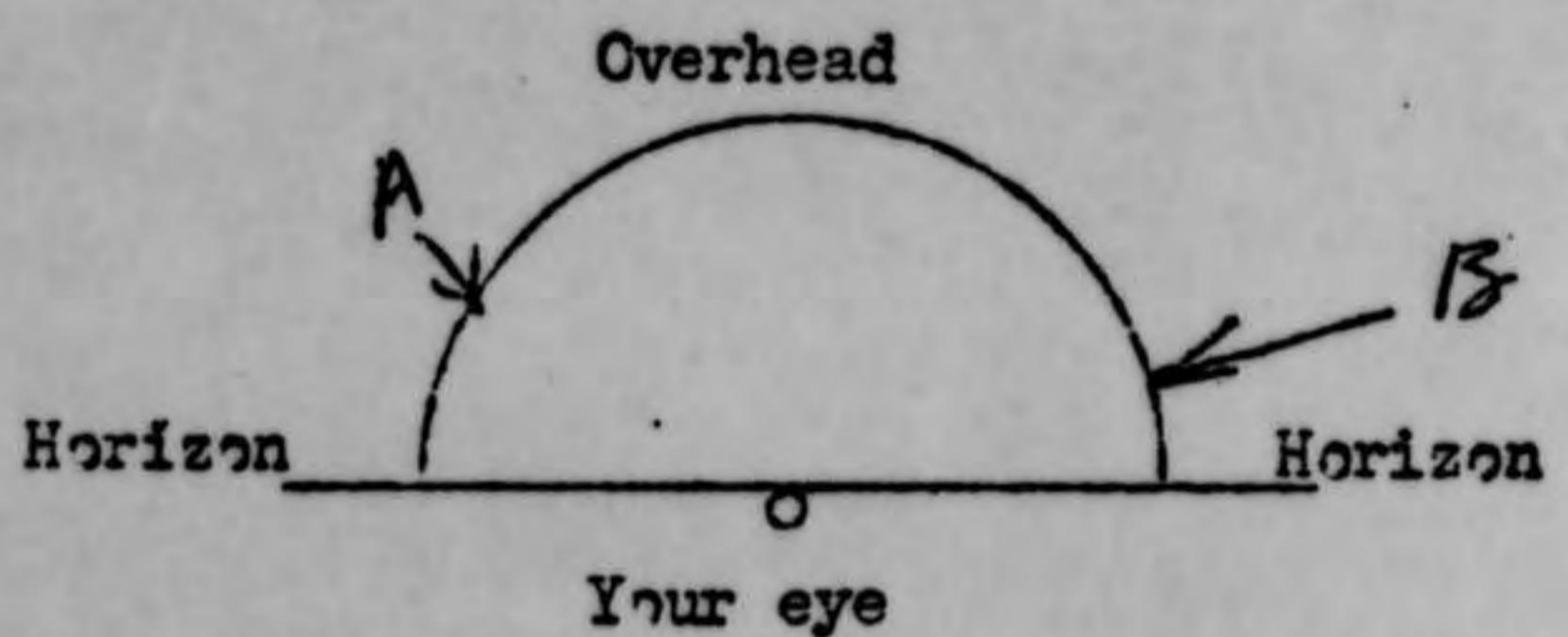
c. Other \_\_\_\_\_  
d. Don't remember

SECTION D

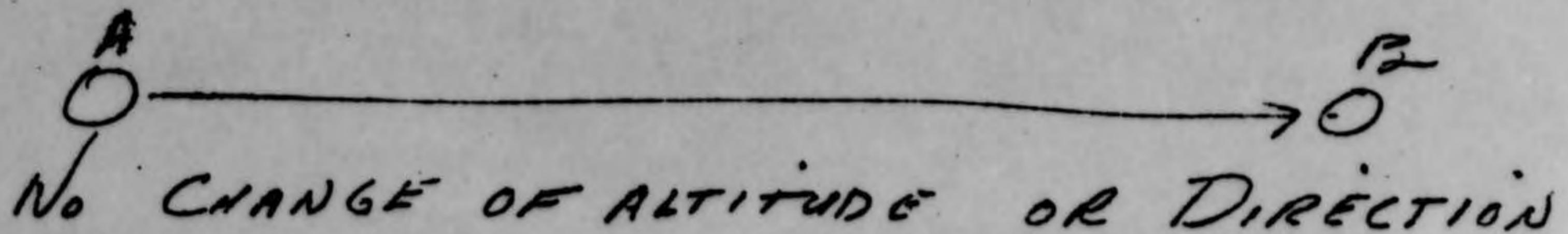
22. In the following sketch, imagine your eye at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon when you first saw it. Place a "B" to show where it was when when you last saw it.



23. In the following sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it.



24. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object made. Place an "A" at the beginning of its path and a "B" at the end of its path.



25. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw, and place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

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OBJECT SEEMED TO BE MORE  
LIKE A SPHERE RATHER THAN  
Disc . ALL THE TIME OBJECT Was  
IN VIEW it Was ~~TO THE~~  
NORTH OF ME

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#### SECTION E

26. Was this the first time that you have seen an object like this?  
(Circle One): Yes  No

26.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what conditions did you see other ones? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

27. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

I DON'T THINK IT WAS A REFLECTION OF  
ANY KIND AS WEATHER AT THAT TIME TENDS  
TO RULE THAT OUT.

I DO BELIEVE IT WAS A MATERIAL OBJECT

28. Give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

Ariz

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

What is your present job? AIRCRAFT MECH

Age 35

Sex M

Last School Attended UNIV. OF WASH - SEATTLE

Year of last attendance at this school 1950

29. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One): Yes or No

29.2 Please list their names and addresses:

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

PHOENIX, ARIZ

30. Please add here any further comments which you believe are important.  
Use additional sheets of the same size paper if necessary.

WHEN FIRST SIGHTED OBJECT WAS AT ABOUT 33°  
(WITH REF. TO TRUE NORTH) MOTIONLESS THEN  
STARTED MOVING EASTWARD SLOWLY, ACCELERAT.  
SOME - NOTED SLIGHT TRAIL OF ORANGE-YELLOW LIGHT  
OFF TRAILING PORTION OF CIRCUMFERENCE AT FIRST  
SIGN OF MOTION ONLY. AT ABOUT 20° ACCELERATION  
INCREASED MORE RAPIDLY UNTIL ITS DISAPPEARANCE  
AT ABOUT 80° AT WHICH TIME I WOULD GUESS IT  
WAS GOING 600 OR 700 MPH. AT THE TIME  
THERE WAS AN EAST WIND 5 TO 7 MPH.

I HOPE THIS INFO - CAN BE OF SOME HELP  
ARRIVING AT AN ANSWER.

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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Phoenix, Arizona

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

7 August 1952

4 August 1952

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Captain Frederick R. Roepel Jr.

A/3C W. R. Vain

TWX GB 242 H THIS HQ

*W. R. Vain*

(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 0220W 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 [REDACTED] 127th A.P. Sq, 127th Air Base Group, 127th Pil Tng 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- 230 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.

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Statement and sketch (6 sc)

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2 cc - CG, Air Training Command, Scott AFB, Belleville, Illinois  
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127th Pilot Training Wing, (Intell., Office)

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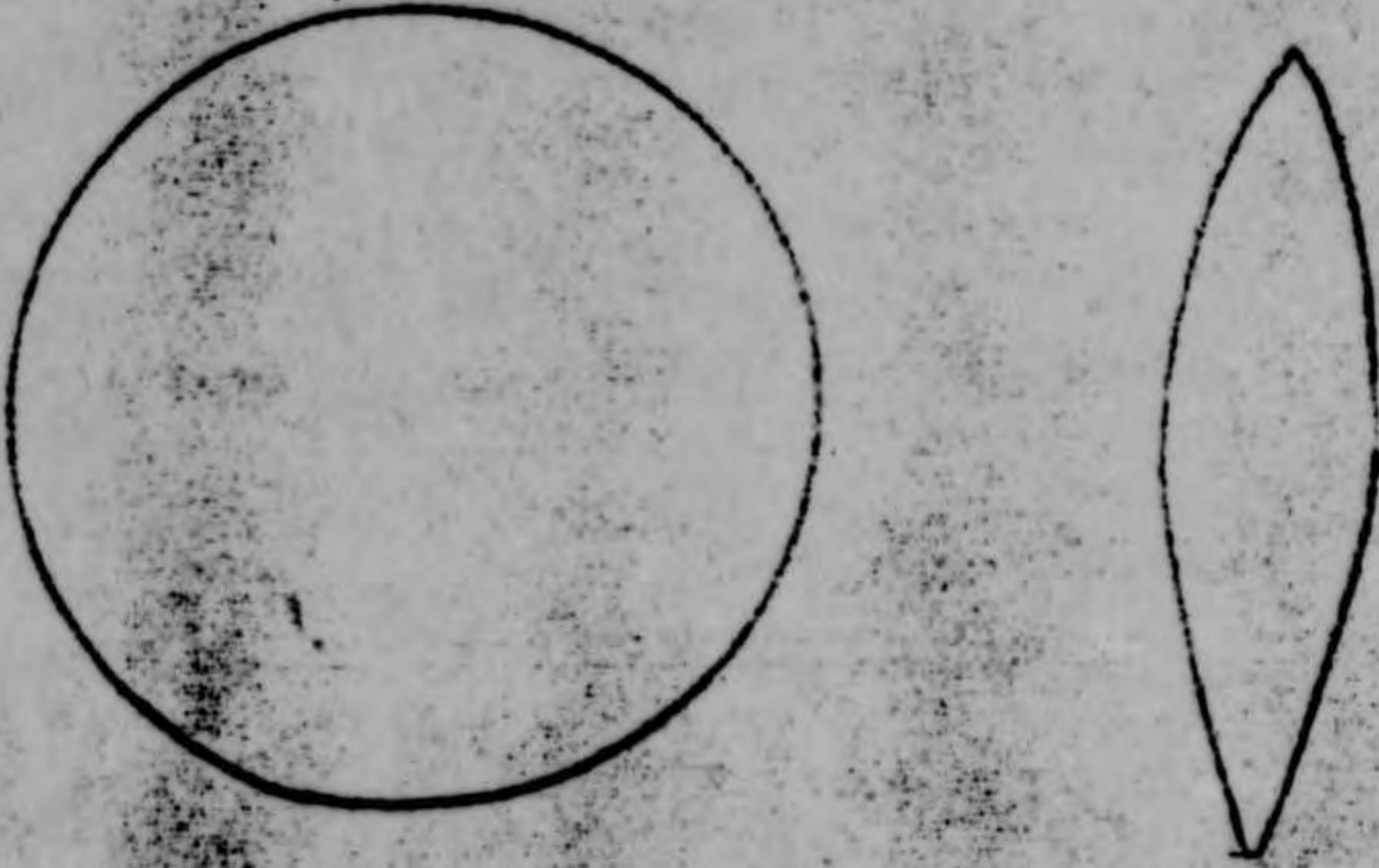
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STATEMENT

While on South Central in Phoenix I saw a round ball, very bright heading South West. The object looked about  $\frac{1}{2}$  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.

[REDACTED]

A/304  
127th AF Sqdn.  
Luke Air Force Base  
Glendale, Arizona



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 APPARENT MEANS OF PROPULSION, SPEED ESTIMATED  
AT 200 MPH. COURSE & ALT. CONSTANT

(2) 02220M 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 OB-  
SERVER, 10 TO 35 MILES. ALTITUDE: NO HIGHER THAN 3500 FT. OBJECT  
WAS BETWEEN OBSERVER AND WHITE MOUNTAINS. ELEVATION 3500 FT.  
DISTANCE 35 MILES.

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(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- 280 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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## PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE  
4 Aug 522. LOCATION  
PHOENIX, ARIZ.3. DATE-TIME GROUP  
Local 04/0120 MST  
04/0820Z

GMT

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION  
 Ground-Visual       G Ground-Radar

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

 Ground-Visual Air-Visual G Ground-Radar Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS

 Yes No6. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION  
5 min.7. NUMBER OF OBJECTS  
18. COURSE  
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## 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

11. COMMENTS

Orange-yellow ball, three times  
the size of a DC-6 a/c flew straight  
and level, moving from hover to 600-700  
mph.

1. Source is recently discharged  
navy aircrewman.

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(6) CLEAR: 40 MI. VISIBILITY, WIND FROM NW AT 8 KN. WINDS ALOFT:  
BELOW 10,000 FT. VERY LIGHT FROM W. -- ABOVE 10,000 FT. VERY LIGHT  
FROM E.

(7) NONE.

(8) NONE.

(9) NONE.

(10) AT 0110M 4 AUG 52 A SKY COACH DEPARTED SKY HARBOR AIRPORT.

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JEDEN/CG ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLO

JEDST/CG ATRC SCOTT AFB ILL

JWFDL/CG CREWTAF RANDOLPH AFB SAN ATONIO TEX

[REDACTED] GB414H. (ATTN ATIA A-2C) FLYOBRPT

(1) ONE & ONE HALF INCH ORANGE-YELLOW DISK, MOTIONLESS AT FIRST.

BEGAN TO MOVE SLOWLY, ACCELERATED TO 600 OR 700 MPH LEAVING  
A SMALL TRAIL OF EXAUST.

(2) 0120M 4 AUG 52 (LENGTH OF TIME UNKNOWN)

(3) VISUAL FROM GROUND.

(4) SKY HARBOR AIRPORT, PHOENIX ARIZONA, FIRST SIGHTED HEADING EAST,  
DISAPPEARED TO NORTH-EAST.

(5) OBJECT SIGHTED BY [REDACTED] OF [REDACTED], PHOENIX,  
ARIZONA.

ACTION

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