

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 August 52	2. LOCATION Kirtland AFB, N. Mexico	12. CONCLUSIONS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0300 GMT	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	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE E to W
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING	11. COMMENTS 1. Balloon was released by Kirtland AFB.	

ACTION

20 Aug 52 09 30:

1. Atia

2. Atia

3. C. files

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WPC100W

TB YDB7IN

UYED65

WMA111

JWFKD074

PP JEPAG JEDWP JEDEN JWPML 444

DE JWFKD 6

F 233350Z ZNJ

FM CG 34TH ADD KIRTLAND AFB NMEX

TO JEPAG/DIR OF INTEL HQ USAF WASHDC

INFO JEDWP/AIR TECH-INTELL CTR-WRAFB-OHIO ATTN-ATIAA-2C

JEDEN/CG ENT AFB COLO SPRINGS COLO

JWPML/CG WADP HAMILTON AFB CALIF

FLYOBRPT 1429 /1/ TRIANGULAR SHAPE CMA SIZE UNKNOWN CMA SILVER COLOR

CMA ONE OBJECT CMA AERODYNAMIC FEATURES TRAIL PROPULSION NONE CMA SOUND

NONE CMA DISAPPREARED VERY FAST BEHIND TOPS OF TREES WHICH OBSCURED FURTHER

SIGHTING OF THE OBJECT PD

/2/ 20/0300Z AUG 52 FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE MINUTES PD

/3/ VISUAL

/4/ ALBUQUERQUE 35-33N 106-37W SIGHTED SOUTH TRAVELING WEST TO EAST ~~DISTANCE~~
AND ALTITUDE UNKNOWN ~~DISTANCE~~

/5/ OBSERVERS OCCUPATION CARPENTER CMA NO EXPERIENCE IN IDENTIFICATION
OF MILITARY OR OTHER ACFT

/6/ 10,000 SCTD 14,000 DKN VSBY 60 SRF WINDS NW 4 TEMP 83 DP 50 WINDS ~~ALOFT~~
10,000- 220/10 { 20,000- 210/11 } 30,000-220/15 ~~ALOFT~~

/7/ WEATHER BALLON RELEASED AT KIRTLAND AFB 20/0300Z AUG 52

/8/ NONE

/9/ NONE

/10/ NONE PD END

20/0345Z AUG JWFKD

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PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE 1952/53	2. LOCATION Kirtland AFB, N.M.	3. TIME Local: Zebra:
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Naked Eye <input type="checkbox"/> Binoculars <input type="checkbox"/> Telescope <input type="checkbox"/> Teledolite
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> By One Set <input type="checkbox"/> By Two Sets <input type="checkbox"/> By Three Sets
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> A/C Observed Object <input type="checkbox"/> Interception Attempted <input type="checkbox"/> No Intercept Attempted
7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> A/C Scrambled <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Contact Made <input type="checkbox"/> A/I Contact Made <input type="checkbox"/> No Contact Made
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Normal <input type="checkbox"/> Violent
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT:		<input type="checkbox"/> Blinking <input type="checkbox"/> Steady
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT:		<input type="checkbox"/> 1-15 Seconds <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-5 Minutes <input type="checkbox"/> Over 10 Minutes
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address) C. & Kirtland AFB, N.M.		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED?		
13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac)	<input type="checkbox"/> Night <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> Sunrise <input type="checkbox"/> Sunset	

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	<input type="checkbox"/> One Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> More Than One Aircraft	
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA?			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE:			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minutes		
23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:					
	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted? Yes No	Describe Lighting
a.	Liberty, N.Y.	Balloon	USDA		
b.					
c.					
d.					

(attach overlay)

V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE:	22. DETAILS OF REPORT:
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Unreliable <input type="checkbox"/> Extremely Doubtful <input type="checkbox"/> Hoax	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient to Evaluate
23. FINAL EVALUATION:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data For Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
24. COMMENTS:	
<i>Very strong possibility of balloon.</i>	

PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SHEET

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION Aug 20 '52	2. TIME OF OBSERVATION 0300Z	3. STATION OBSERVING Eastland AFB, N.M.			
4. WINDS ALOFT:					
ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0	16	315	25,000		
1,000			30,000	15	220
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000			50,000		
6,000			55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000	10	210	75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000	11	210	100,000		
5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? (If yes, at what altitude?)			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		<input type="checkbox"/> No
6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? (If yes, at what quadrant?)			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes		<input type="checkbox"/> No
7. CLOUD COVER: <u>1</u> tenths at <u>10,000</u> feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet. <u>1</u> tenths at <u>14,000</u> feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.			8. VISIBILITY WAS <u>Unl.</u> MILES.		
9. COMMENTS:					

PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE 30 Aug '52	2. LOCATION Albuquerque, N. M.	3. TIME Local: 0200 Zebra: 0300Z
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Naked Eye <input type="checkbox"/> Binoculars <input type="checkbox"/> Telescope <input type="checkbox"/> Theodolite 	
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> By One Set <input type="checkbox"/> By Two Sets <input type="checkbox"/> By Three Sets 	
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A/C Observed Object <input type="checkbox"/> Interception Attempted <input type="checkbox"/> No Intercept Attempted 	
7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A/C Scrambled <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Contact Made <input type="checkbox"/> A/I Contact Made <input type="checkbox"/> No Contact Made 	
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Normal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Violent 	
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT: <i>Not light</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Blinking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Steady 	
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-15 Seconds <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-5 Minutes <input type="checkbox"/> Over 10 Minutes 	
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address)		
<i>C & 34th ADD Kirtland AFB, N.M.</i>		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED?
N/A

13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Night <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> Sunrise <input type="checkbox"/> Sunset 	
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Night <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> Sunrise <input type="checkbox"/> Sunset 	
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Night <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> Sunrise <input type="checkbox"/> Sunset 	
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac)		

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> One Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> More Than One Aircraft 	
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Night <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> Sunrise <input type="checkbox"/> Sunset 	
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Night <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> Sunrise <input type="checkbox"/> Sunset 	
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Night <input type="checkbox"/> Day <input type="checkbox"/> Sunrise <input type="checkbox"/> Sunset 	

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE:	200 Minutes	

23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:

	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting
				Yes	No	
a.	Albuquerque, N.M.	Weather Balloon Balloon	USAF Weather Bureau			
b.						
c.						
d.						

(attach overlay)

V. EVALUATION

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23. FINAL EVALUATION:	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data For Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown

24. COMMENTS:

Balloon returned at 43002

PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SHEET

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION	2. TIME OF OBSERVATION	3. STATION OBSERVING			
20 Aug 52	0300Z	Albuquerque, N.M.			
4. WINDS ALOFT:					
ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0	60	220°	25,000		
1,000			30,000	15	220
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000			50,000		
6,000			55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000	10	220°	75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000	11	210°	100,000		
5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? (If yes, at what altitude?)			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? (If yes, at what quadrant?)			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
7. CLOUD COVER: 5 tenths at 10,000 feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet. 7 tenths at 14,000 feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.			8. VISIBILITY WAS Roughly 10 miles.		
9. COMMENTS:					

ACTION

1. Attaia
2. Attaia
3. C. Vaffles

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WPF33S

20 Aug 52 09 41

YDA083

YBz71

JWFKD

PP JEPAG JEDWP JEDEN JMPML 444

PL JWFKD 6

P 200350Z ZNJ

PL CG 34TH ADD KIRTLAND AFB NMEX

TO JEPAG/DIR OF INTEL HQ USAF WASH D C

INFO JEPAG/AIR TECH INTELL CTR WPAFB OHIO ATTN ATIAA-2C

JEDEN/CG ENT AFB COLO SPRGS COLO

JMPML/CG WADP HAMILTON AFB CALIF

[REDACTED] FLYOBRPT 1429

(1) TRIANGULAR SHAPE CMA SIZE UNKNOWN CMA SILVER COLOR CMA ONE OBJECT
CMA AERODYNAMIC FEATURES TRAIL PROPULSION NONE CMA SOUND NONE CMA
DISAPPEARED VERY FAST BEHIND TOPS OF TREES WHICH OBSCURED FURTHER
SIGHTING OF THE OBJECT PD

(2) 200300Z AUG 52 FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE MINUTES PD

(3) VISUAL

(4) ALBUQUERQUE 35-03N 106-37W SIGHTED SOUTH TRAVELING WEST TO EAST
DISTANCE AND ALTITUDE UNKNOWN

(5) OBSERVERS OCCUPATION CARPENTER CMA NO EXPERIENCE IN IDENTIFICATION
OF MILITARY OR OTHER ACFT

(6) 10,000 SCTG 14,000 BKN VSBY 60 SRF WINDS NW 4 TEMP 83 DP 53
WINDS ALOFT 10,000- 220/13 20,000- 210/11 30,000-220/15

(7) WEATHER BALLOON RELEASED AT KIRTLAND AFB 200300Z AUG 52

(8) NONE

(9) NONE

(10) NONE PD END

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0300Z
1240Z
2200Z
0500Z

0200Z 2200Z D.T.
CJ/

ACTION

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VPHOSERVICE
WVD157

WDA122

1900 20 Aug 52 09 38

JUFKD27S

PP JEPAG JEDUP 222

DM JUFKD 27

P 222645Z ZMJ

TO CC 34TH AIR DIV (DEP) KIRTLAND AFB NMEX ✓

TO JEPAG/DIR OF INTEL HQ USAF WASH D C

INFO JEDUP/AIR TECH INTELL CTR WPAFB OHIO ATTP ATIAAC ✓

ZIN/CG ENT AFB COLO SPRGS COLO

ZIN/CG WADP HAMILTON AFB CALIF

[REDACTED] FLYORRPT 1430 /1/ TRIANGULAR SHAPE CMA SIZE UNKNOWN CMA SILVER COLOR CMA ONE OBJECT CMA AERODYNAMIC FEATURES TEN OR TWELVE LIGHTS BELIEVED TO BE EXHAUST CMA SOUND NONE CMA MADE AN ORBIT TO THE LEFT AND DISAPPEARED INTO THE CLOUDS PD

/2/ 22/2606Z AUG 52 FOR APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN SECONDS PD

/3/ VISUAL

/4/ ALBUQUERQUE 35-03N 106-37W SIGHTED OVERHEAD TRAVELING WEST TO EAST CMA DISTANCE AND ALTITUDE UNKNOWN PD

/5/ OBSERVER OCCUPATION PILOT USAF ON FLYING STATUS PD

/6/ 16,000 SCTD CMA 14,000 EKN CMA VSBY SIXTY CMA SRF WIND NU FOUR CMA TEMP 83 CMA DP 48 CMA WINDS ALOFT 16,000 - 220/10 CMA 22,000 - 210/11 CMA 33,000 - 220/15 PD

/7/ NONE

/8/ NONE

/9/ NONE

/10/ NONE PD END

22/1731Z AUG JUFKD

Atkins

2. Atkins

3. C. Felix

XPC

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