

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>24 Aug 52</u>		2. LOCATION Leveland, Texas		12. CONCLUSIONS <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical  <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>2130</u> GMT <u>0330</u>		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 civilians			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 2	9. COURSE NNW		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Yellow, red, blue. Spherical.			11. COMMENTS Possibly F-51 flown by Col. P.M. Childress. Conclusion pending return of questionnaire sent to Mr. E. Sharp. Exact time of sighting in doubt due to garbled message.		



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3. NEGATIVE PAR 9. NEGATIVE PAR 13 A/C FROM REESE AFB WERE IN GENERAL  
AREA AT TIME OF SEARCHING.

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COUNTRY <b>United States</b>	REPORT NO. <b>IR-67-52</b>	(LEAVE BLANK)
<b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>		
SUBJECT		
AREA REPORTED ON (PI)	FROM (Agency)	
DATE OF REPORT <b>Levelland, Texas</b>	DATE OF INFORMATION <b>24 August 1952</b>	EVALUATION <b>See below</b>
PREPARED BY (Officer) <b>24 August 1952</b>	SOURCE	<b>C-3</b>
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)		

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112--Part II.)

Two (2) unidentified flying object were observed over Levelland, Texas, 24 August 1952 between the hours 2130 to 2400.

**SOURCES:**

Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED]  
Levelland, Texas

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Levelland, Texas

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
Levelland, Texas

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LOREN M. COCKRIEL  
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Interviewing Airman

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PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	3. TIME Local: <u>2130</u> Zebra: <u>0330</u>
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
		<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 <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steady
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT:		<input type="checkbox"/> 1-15 Seconds <input type="checkbox"/> 1-5 Minutes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Over 10 Minutes
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address)		
<u>0-3500 1st Lt. W. J. P. T. P. T. P.</u>		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

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

22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE: 30 Minutes *PM*

23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:

	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting
				Yes	No	
a.	<i>Lubbock (Rever AFB)</i>	<i>Pitbull</i>	<i>A.W.S</i>			
b.						
c.						
d.						

(attach overlay)

V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE:

- Excellent
- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Unreliable
- Extremely Doubtful
- Hoax

22. DETAILS OF REPORT:

- Good
- Fair
- Poor
- Insufficient to Evaluate

23. FINAL EVALUATION:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon       | <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon  | <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  | <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft | <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data For Evaluation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unknown               |

24. COMMENTS:

*final evaluation pending next time of sighting.*

PROJECT 10073 WEATHER DATA SHEET

1. DATE OF OBSERVATION	2. TIME OF OBSERVATION	3. STATION OBSERVING
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4. WINDS ALOFT:					
ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0			25,000		
1,000			30,000		
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			75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		

5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED?  Yes  No  
 (If yes, at what altitude? \_\_\_\_\_ )

6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA?  Yes  No  
 (If yes, at what quadrant? \_\_\_\_\_ )

7. CLOUD COVER:	8. VISIBILITY WAS
_____ tenths at _____ feet.      _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.      _____ tenths at _____ feet.	_____ MILES.

9. COMMENTS:

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

(Agency) King Intelligence Office Besse Air Force Base, Texas	REPORT NO. IR-67-52	PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES
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SUBJECT: FLYOVERPT

*children's time 2100-25  
speller his FBI court*

1. On 24 August 1952 between the hours of 2130 and 2400 two (2) unidentified flying objects were sighted. The objects sighted were spherical in shape and tapered off at bottom forming an object resembling a top and revolving very rapidly. First object sighted hovered in mid-air for approximately twenty (20) minutes then object started a straight and level flight before disappearing north northwest of observer. It took approximately three (3) minutes for object to disappear. Approximately one (1) hour later second object appeared and repeated same maneuvers. During the time stated above objects would fade out then reappear, sometimes together at approximately the same altitude.

The observers agreed that objects when first sighted seemed to be in a mist. Approximately one (1) minute after objects were sighted mist disappeared and objects would be very clear. Subject objects emitted a constant glow changing from a red to yellow and then blue and kept changing colors in this manner until disappearing.

Mr. [redacted] and wife was under the opinion that the base of object had holes for steam or vapor to escape. Objects gave forth a shrill sound such as whistling and a tail of fire following objects. Size of object was estimated to be three (3) feet in diameter and no estimate of thickness of object was made.

Manner disappearance of object: Object was hovering in mid-air then started a straight and level flight, veered upward and continued to gain altitude until out of sight of observers.

2. Objects were sighted between the hours of 2130 and 2400, 24 August 1952. Objects sighted were north northwest of observers.

3. Objects were viewed with naked eye. No optical or electronic equipment used.

4. Observation took place at FJCO 3735 in the city of Levelland, Texas. Object appeared north northwest point of observation at approximately four (4) to five (5) miles at a estimated altitude of 5000 feet. The only feasible landmark was a watertower approximately six (6) blocks due west point of observation.

5. Information concerning the reliability and experience of the observers is limited altho observers were very sincere in their efforts to help this organization.

6. The weather condition at 2130 hours, 24 August 1952 was: Clear, Temperature 68 degrees, fifteen (15) mile visibility, wind south southeast at sixteen (16) knots.

7. At 2100 hours this station released a weather balloon. Weather station disclosed that weather balloon had a south southeast heading to 16,000 feet.

8. Physical evidence such as fragments, photographs, etc. were nonexistent.

9. No interception or identification action taken.

10. No evidence of any air traffic in the general area at time of sighting.

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8/26/52

Ref Cable GA 490 H (DTG 261630Z) <sup>Aug</sup> fr  
CO 3500th PTW Reese AFB Tex :

4/Col. P. M. Chidress, AFOIN-1A, states he  
was flying F-51 on VFR N of Lumbard, Tex at  
2100 EST 24 Aug, 7000' alt, hdg NE. Did  
not see obj referred to but F-51 exhaust  
might account for observation reported.

Comment (DJF): Time of sighting not specified  
in msg rec'd AFOIN-2AV or else read garbled  
since msg states "sighted first obj for one  
hour, 24 Aug 52". If this actually means  
obs lasted one hour, F-51 ruled out. On  
other hand, if it was supposed to be  
time of sighting but was read garbled,  
could be F-51. Suggest you request time  
of sighting from originator of msg if  
your copy reads as above.

Sent Oklahoma

Ljt  
AFOIN-2AV



ACTION

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2. Atia  
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WYE142

WMA169

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