

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 7 February 1956	2. LOCATION Keesler AFB, Mississippi		12. 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 _____ GMT 07/1400Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Military		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION see description	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS three	9. COURSE drifting east at 60 knots	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Three objects in a cluster were sighted from the ground at Keesler AFB, sighted from the air, and picked up on ground radar. By utilization of a theodolite it was ascertained that the objects were balloons of a large type tied together. The balloons were moving towards the east at 60 knots.		11. COMMENTS Definitely identified as balloon cluster.	

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FM COMDR KEESLER AFB MISS

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO SPRINGS COLO

RJESKB/COMDR 35TH ADIV DEF DOBBINS AFB GA

RJEDWP/COMDR ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEPHQ/DIR OF INTEL HQ USAF WASH 25 DC

RJEDDK/COMDR ATC SCOTT AFB ILL

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OD 705B. UFOB REPT IN V PARTS. PART I. FOLLOWING REPT DEVIATES FROM
FORMAT REQUIRED BY AFR 200-2 SINCE FLYING OBJECT WAS IDENTIFIED.

REPT IS SUBMITTED TO AID IN EVALUATION OF UFOB SIGHTING REPORTS WHICH

MIGHT BE CAUSED BY SAME OBJECTS. PART II. AT 1400Z 07 FEB 56 LOCAL

BASE OPERATIONS OFFICER ADVISED UFOB INVES AN UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT

WAS APPROACHING THIS BASE FROM THE WEST AT A HIGH ALT AT SLOW RATE OF

SPD. UFOB INVIS AND WG OPERATIONS OFFICER WENT TO FLT LINE TO OBSR

OBJECT. LOWEAOFF, WG OPERATIONS OFFICER, BASE OPERATIONS OFFICER

AND UFOB INVES OBSERVED OBJECT THROUGH A THEODOLITE AND IDENTIFIED IT

AS A LARGE, PLASTIC BLN. A LOCAL C-54 ACFT AT 12,000 FT REPORTED

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OBJECT HIGH ABOVE HIS ACFT AT APRX 1435Z AN F-86 ACFT REPORTED OBJECT AT 40,000 FT OVER DAUPHINE ISLAND IN THE GULF ON MEX. OBJECT WAS COMPOSED OF 3 VERY LARGE PLASTIC BALLOONS TIED TOGETHER AND WAS MOVING IN EASTERLY DIRECTION OVER THE GULF TOWARDS FLA COAST.

PART III. AT 1900Z LOCAL AIR RESCUE UNIT REPORTED OVERHEARING RAD REPT AT 1500Z FROM AN F-84 ACFT AT 43,000 FT REPORTED OBJECT ABOVE HIS ACFT AND NOT IDENTIFIABLE EXCEPT AS TO NR WHICH TOTALLED 3. RATE OF TRAVEL WAS EST AT 60 KTS IN EASTERLY DIRECTION. PART IV. LOCAL RADAR UNIT 4 MILES WEST OF KEESLER AFB REPORTED OBJECT AT RANGE OF 9 MILES AZ 200 DEGREES, ELEVATION 60 DEGREES, ALT UNDETERMINED AT 1430Z.

TRACKING WAS UNSUCCESSFUL DUE TO INDISTINCT ECHO. PART V. COMMENTS OF REPORTING OFFICER: BALLONS WERE EXTREMELY LARGE SINCE THEY APPEARED TO BE THE SIZE OF A DIME AT ARMS LENGTH WHEN CLOSEST TO BASE. DISPARITY IN PILOT'S REPORTS UNDETERMINED. NUMEROUS LOCAL SIGHTING REPORTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED ON SAME OBJECTS.

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