

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 3 September 1956	2. LOCATION Washington, D.C.		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 04/0145Z	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 Mars <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION twenty mins still in sight at rpt	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE w/vertical motions	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One round red-tinted obj, about size of pea at arm's length. Obj was sighted at 90 dgr azimuth & about 45 dgr elevation. Object moved with vertical motions. Object was observed visually for twenty minutes & was still in sight at time of initial rpt.		11. COMMENTS Sighting probably caused by Mars seen through a temperature inversion. Although azimuth & elevation do not correlate exactly w/Mars hypothesis, shape, size, color, general direction of sighting, duration of sighting, and fact that Mars was clearly visible in otherwise starless sky tends to support this conclusion.	

3:43 PM. BELONGING OFFICER CHECKED WITH STATION OFFICER. WITNESSES
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RJEDWP/COMDR ATIC WPAFB OHIO

RJEPLG/COMTAC LANGLEY AFB VA

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UNCLASS/1 ^{FROM AFOIN} ~~149-198~~, 48390 UFOB. ATTN: ATIAA-2C. ONE ROUND UNIDENTIFIED
OBJ REPORTED BY ONE OBSERVER, SIZE OF BUTTON AND BY TWO OTHER
OBSERVERS AS SIZE OF SMALL PEA, REDDISH TINT MOVING WITH VERTICAL
MOTIONS ABOUT 450 OVER HORIZON. NO AERODYNAMIC FEATURES, SURROUNDED BY
OCCASIONAL AURORA. NO SOUND. INITIAL OBSERVER AT COLLEGE PARK SIMPLY
SAW OBJECT IN OTHERWISE BLACK SKY. REPORTED AS DUE EAST OF COLLEGE
PARK MD, AND ALSO REPORTED AS DUE EAST FROM NATIONAL AIRPORT. OBJECT
IN SIGHT WHEN REPORTED AND HAD BEEN OBSERVED FOR 20 MINUTES. GROUND
VISUAL SIGHTING AT 9:45 EDT BY MR. [REDACTED] TAVEL AT 1040 EDT BY
MR. [REDACTED] AND MR. [REDACTED], NATIONAL AIRLINES RESERVATION
OBSERVERS REPORTED NO STAR IN SKY, SLIGHT OVERCAST. REEPORT FROM BOLLING
AFB, WEATHER SERVICE AT BOLLING. WIND DIRECTION AND VELOCITY:
SURFACE, EAST AT 4 KTS. 6,000, 180 DEGREES AT

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5 KTS. 10,000, 230 DEGREES AT 11 KNOTS. 16, 120 DEGREES AT 6 KNOTS,
30,000 AT 220 DEGREES, 25 KNOTS 50,000 AT 250 DEGREES AT 12 KNOTS,
60,000, 80 DEGREES AT 17 KNOTS. CEILING 34,000 FEET VISIBILITY 12
MILES, 2/10 CLOUD COVER, NEGATIVE. TWO INVERSIONS AND TWO NEAR
INVERSIONS OVER WASHINGTON AREA. LAST AIRCRAFT LANDED AT BOLLING
8:43 EDT. REPORTING OFFICER CHECKED WITH WEATHER OFFICER, ANDREWS
AFB WHO REPORTED PLANET MARS CLEARLY VISIBLE IN OTHERWISE STARLESS SKY.