

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 4 November 1956		2. LOCATION Point Arena, California		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 05/0422Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input checked="" 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 Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION a. ninety-nine minutes b. sixty one minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS two	9. COURSE southerly		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Two objects slightly larger than DC-7 aircraft. Objects were located (a) 178 dgr, 175 miles at 21,000 feet and (b) 183 dgr, 185 miles at 21,000 feet. Objects moved at approximately 6 to 10 knots in an erratic course fading out at a position (a) 180 dgr, 200 miles at 25,000 feet and (b) 184 dgr 188 miles at 21,000 feet. Objs were observed through ground electronic radar for (a) 99 minutes and (b) 61 minutes.			11. COMMENTS Winds and duration indicate that these sightings were caused by balloons.		

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Witness

6 Nov 56 10 55

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ACTION INFOR. INFOR.

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WPH111WPC 58 YDD 156 YB 71SBA095LCA 36

MM RJEDEN RJEDWP

DE RJWPC 77A

M 051315Z

FM COMAIRDIVDEF 20 HAMILTON AFB CALIF

TO RJEDEN/COMDR AIR DEF COM ENT AFB GLO SPRGS COLO

RJEDWP/COMDR AIR TECHNICAL INTEL CEN WRIGHT PATER AFB OHIO

ZEN/COMDR 462 AISS HAMILTON AFB CALIF

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(UNCLASSIFIED) WICID 7633. UYOB PE (1) (A) RADAR RETURN P

SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN AIR CRAFT (DC-7) PD (1) (C) R/A PD (1) (D) TWO
PD (1) (E) TRAIL 12 TO 15 MILES SEPARATION PD (1) (F) HOME PD (1) (G)
HOME PD (1) (H) HOME PD (1) (I) HOME PD (2) (A) SURVEILLANCE PD (2) (B)
170-175 MILES 21, FEET (IF 2 50) PD 183-185 MILES 21, FEET
(IF 1545) PD (2) (C) R/A PD 184-188 MILES 21, FEET PD (2) (D)
RACK APPROXIMATELY 105 AT 8-10 KNOTS, SLIGHTLY
ERRATIC PD (2) (E) SLOWLY DIMINISHING IN RETURN TO POINT OF FADE PD
(2) (F) O.R. HOME 30 MINUTES PD ONE HOUR 21 MINUTES PD (3) (A)
GROUND ELECTRONIC PD (3) (B) HOME PD (3) (C) R/A PD (4) (A) 42 22
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BASE TWO P. 11111 77

NOV 56 PDT CHA 157422 NOV 56 EULU PD (4)(D) NIGHT PD (5) NJ 2943 PD

(6)(A) A/A PD (6)(B) ~~CHIA A/30~~ PT ARENA

AIR FORCE STATION PT ARENA CALIF PD RADAR OPERATOR RELIABLE PD (7)

(A) A/C IN AREA REPORTED SCATTERED CLOUDS BELOW

HIM (4,500 FEET) CLEAR ABOVE PD (7)(E) 15,000-020/23: WPNPPPAEYFHP

25,000-350/22 PD (7)(C) NONE PD (7)(D) UNLIMITED AT ALTITUDE PD

(7)(E) SCATTERED AT APPROXIMATELY 2,000 FEET PD (7)(F) NONE PD (8)

OAKLAND WEATHER BALLOON MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR ONE TARGET PD EXACT LOCATION

OF BALLOON NOT KNOWN PD VARYING ALTITUDE (RIDING) HEAVILY DISCOUNTS /

THIS POSSIBILITY PD (9) NON PD

(10) ONE RC-121 LOOKED OVER THE AREA FROM 4,500 FEET WITH NEGATIVE R

RESULTS PD (11) (11) DIRECTOR IF INTELLIGENCE, WITH AIR DIV (DEF),

POSSIBLE BALLOON PD (12) NONE PD P-37 PICKED UP OUTBOUND TRACK AT

22,000 FEET, YARP KNOTS, TRACKING AGAINST THE WIND PD THEY TRACKED

THIS OBJECT FOR INDICATED TIME AND AT 1554Z PICKED UP ANOTHER SIMILAR

TARGET APPROXIMATELY TEN MILES BEHIND THE ORIGINAL PD WEATHER AND NAVY

ORGANIZATIONS CHECKED FOR POSSIBILITIES WITHOUT RESULTS, EXCEPT AS

NOTED PD

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16/NOV 35Z NOV RJWPSE

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