

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 22 March 1957	2. LOCATION Los Angeles International airport tower/Long Beach C		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 23/0755Z	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		<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 40 seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 2 then 1	9. COURSE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Radar malfunction <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING. Two objects then one --rectangular-- size of conventional target. Speed approx 3600 MPH. Objects detected 10 miles Northwest of station on a 320 dgr magnitude. Heading & stopped at approx 40 miles range, then came back towards station to approx 10 miles stopped then proceeded on 320dgr mag heading beyond range of scope.		11. COMMENTS Preparing Officer concur this was radar malfunction due to loss of high voltage at station.	

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TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJEDWP/COMDR AIR TECH INTEL CENTER WRIGHT PATT AFB OHIO

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UNCLAS 270I TAC C-0729 PD UFOB A. RECTANGULAR B. SIZE OF CONVENTIONAL TARGET C. NONE D. TWO THEN ONE E. IN TRAIL F. NONE G. NONE H. NONE I. NONE 2. A. SPEED ACROSS SCOPE B. 300 DEGREES MAGNETIC. NO ELEVATION C. 315 DEGREES MAGNETIC. NO ELEVATION D. FROM 10 MILES NORTHWEST TO 50 MILES NORTHWEST OFF OF SCOPE APPROXIMATELY 3600 MPH INITIALLY DETECTED 10 MILES NORTHWEST OF STATION MOVING ON A 320 DEGREES MAGNETIC HEADING AND STOPPED AT APPROXIMATELY 40 MILES RANGE (ABRUPT STOP) THEN CAME BACK TOWARD STATION TO APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES, STOPPED AGAIN AND THEN PROCEEDED ON A 320 DEGREES MAGNETIC HEADING BEYOND RANGE OF SCOPE

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(50 MILES). E. OUT OF RADAR RANGE F. 40 SECONDS 3. A. ELECTRONIC
AIR SURVEILLANCE RADAR B. NONE C. NONE 4. A. 23/0755Z. B. NIGHT
5. LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TOWER LONG BEACH MUNICIPAL
TOWER (CAA). 6. A. CIVILIAN AIR OPERATION SPECIALIST. (TOWER
OPERATORS). JOHNSON, NORMAN, GS 11 (EXCEPT FOR TECHNICAL KNOW-
LEDGE OF RADAR, OBSERVER RELIABLE). 7. A. CLEAR 15 MILES VISI-
BILITY B. ADCC FORCASTER C. CLEAR D. 15 MILES E. NONE F. NONE
8. NONE 9. TWO F39'S FROM OXNARD DISPATCHED TO THE AREA 10. NONE
11. SR. CONTROLLER, CAPTAIN, USAF. POSSIBLE MALFUNCTION OF RADAR
EQUIPMENT. SINCE NO VISUAL SIGHTINGS WERE REPORTED, AND AT 0807Z
THE STATION'S RADAR LOST IT'S HIGH VOLTAGE AND WENT OFF 12. NONE
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