

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 13 July 1957	2. LOCATION Area, Deming-Columbus, N.M.		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
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1:00 AM GMT 14/0600Z	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 Newspaper rpter, theater owner		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical Hoax <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Unreliable Source <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 hours	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS indefinite nr.	9. COURSE random	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Sources, theater owner & newspaper man, alleged seeing objects rising from & hovering over a volcano, near Mexico border. Alleged objects in formations and making distinct turns. Claimed that all this was observed at night and at some great distance.		11. COMMENTS Investigations disclose that it was stormy that night, with scattered, broken clouds, making it difficult to believe all this seen at night & fm the distances given. Subsequent investigations disclosed Sources were obviously unreliable. Also See 28 JULY CASE LAS CERRAS N.M.	

JOINT MESSAGEFORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION

UNCLASSIFIED

SPACE BELOW RESERVED FOR COMMUNICATION CENTER

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PRECEDENCE		TYPE MSG (Check)			ACCOUNTING SYMBOL	ORIG. OR REFERS TO	CLASSIFICATION OF REFERENCE
ACTION	INFO	BOOK	MULTI	SINGLE			
ROUTINE	ROUTINE				AF	X	

FROM: COMDR ATIC SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

TO: COMDR, ~~40025~~ AISS, ENT AFB, COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO

1006th

RJEDEN

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INFO TO: ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~, HQS USAF, WASHINGTON, D.C.

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AFCIN-4E4-7-1098-E

REFERENCE IT MESSAGE 488, UFO REPORT FROM COMDR 685TH ACWRON, LAS

CRUCES AF STATION, DATED 17 JULY 57, COPY YOUR HEADQUARTERS.

REQUEST ACTION TAKEN OR CONTEMPLATED AND IF FURTHER DETAILS RE-

GARDING ALLEGED UFO'S RISING OUT OF VOLCANO CRATER NEAR MEXICAN

BORDER. SIGNIFICANT THAT OBSERVERS ARE NEWSPAPERMAN AND THEATER

OWNER. POTENTIAL FOR ADVERSE AF PUBLICITY OBVIOUS AND REASON

FOR EXPEDITIOUS RESOLVING INCIDENT.

COORDINATION

AFCIN-4E4 H. Miley DATE 29/7/57
Dr. H: A. Miley

AFCIN-4E J. Gilbert DATE 7/29/57
COL H. K. Gilbert

AFCIN-4X1 A. Arcier DATE 7/31
Mr. A. F. Arcier

DATE	29	TIME	1000
MONTH	JULY	YEAR	1957

SYMBOL	AFCIN-4E4
TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature, if required)	Capt G. T. Gregory <i>George T. Gregory</i>
PHONE	69216
SECURITY CLASSIFICATION	UNCLASSIFIED

SIGNATURE *Wallace W. Elwood*

TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE

WALLACE W. ELWOOD
Captain, USAF
Assistant Adjutant

DD FORM 173
MAY 55

REPLACES DD FORM 173, 1 OCT 49, WHICH WILL BE USED UNTIL EXHAUSTED

ATTN

17 JUL 57 11 06

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FM COMDR 655TH ACWRON LAS CRUCES AFSTA N MEX

TO RJWFDN/COMDR 34TH ADD KIRTLAND AFB N MEX

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AFB OHIO

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UNCLAS 488 ATTENTION: DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE SUBJECT: UFOB REPORT

- 1. (A) ROUND ✓
- (B) HEAD OF PIN ✓
- (C) BLUE ✓
- (D) INFINITE NUMBER AT 1/2 MINUTE INTERVALS
- (E) FORMATION RANDOM MOTIONS WITH DISTINCT TURNS ←
- (F) NONE, EXCEPT A BLUE HAZE WHICH HUNG OVER THE CRATER WHERE OBJECTS WERE SIGHTED.
- (G) NONE VISIBLE



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- (H) NO SOUND
- (I) NONE
- 2. ²GRV VISUAL CONTACT
- (a) ~~7:37-7:45, 5-5~~ MOVEMENT
- (b) 8 DEGREES ANGLE ELEVATION 180 DEGREES ←
- (c) SAME AS 2(B) ABOVE
- (d) RANDOM MOTION IN A SLIGHTLY EASTWARD DIRECTION WITH DISTINCT TURNS OBSERVED AFTER LIGHTS ROSE FROM THE FLOOR OF THE CRATER OF AFTON.

Cooking Smith

This implies that objt was emitted on horizon. Yet, how could that objt see light inside a crater??

APPARENTLY RISING FROM THE FLOOR OF THE CRATER AND REMAINING VISIBLE

FOR LESS THAN FIVE MINUTES.

3. (A) GROUND VISUAL

(B) BINOCULARS ←

(C) N/A

4. (A) 140600Z - 140820Z JULY 1957 ←

2300 hrs to 0100hrs (MST)

1.E. 11:00PM, 13 July 57 to 2:00 AM
14 July 1957

(B) NIGHT

5. SIX TO EIGHT MILES NORTH OF CRATER OF AFTON, LOCATED BETWEEN
DEMING AND COLUMBUS, NEW MEXICO. ←

See Aero Chart No. 470

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6. (A) MRS. [REDACTED]

AGE: 37

[REDACTED]
LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO

OCCUPATION: THEATER OWNER ←

MR. [REDACTED]

AGE: UNK

[REDACTED]
OCCUPATION: NEWS PAPER MAN ←

Note. UTO movies
first given wide
circulation in theaters, also
always good for
a column or two in
press.

7. (A) STROMY WITH BROKEN CLOUDS

(B) WINDS ALOFT FROM EL PASO TEXAS AT TIME OF SIGHTING

5/250/5

6/250/5

10/252/10

23/013/40

33/080/10

50/100/15

(C) 8, 1200 FT.

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(D) 30 MILES

(E) BROKEN

(F) TOWERING CUMULUS IN DISTANCE NNW AND SSE OF COLUMBUS.

8. NONE

9. NONE

10. NONE

See reference to Blue
Haze, 1 P. above

Misinterpreted
as haze or
smoke at
11:00 PM at
night?



11. OFFICER OF THE DAY, PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS INDICATES THE POSSIBLE REACTIVATION OF THE VOLCANO LOCATED IN THE CRATER OF AFTON WITH THE OBJECT BEING PHOSPHORESCENCE GASES ESCAPING FROM THE FLOOR OF THE CRATER.

Inconsistent data: Observers north of volcano - state objects only 3" above volcano - presupposing some distance from crater (6-8 miles) - yet they state "the floor of the crater" seen from that distance. Only 40 miles from Mexican border. Columbus has 1 airstrip & runway Run 2.

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BT

/UNCLAS/AISOC 045PD REFERENCE YOUR AFCIN-4E4-7-~~1098~~-E PD ATIC FORMS
184 WERE SENT TO OBSERVERS ON 29 JULY 57 PD RESULTS OF ANALYSIS WILL
BE FORWARDED YOUR CENTER PD DUE TO LACK OF FUNDS FOR INVESTIGATION
OF UFOBS BY THIS ORGANIZATION AND AIR DEFENSE COMMAND NO FURTHER
ACTION CONTEMPLATED PD END

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488?

157 AUG 20 10:43

*As of this date, check
discloses that interview questionnaires
sent to observers of this system, have
not been received. As 6 months have
gone by, it is assumed they have no
intention of replying.
Date: 1 JAN 58
DTB*

14 July + 28 July 1957

19 February 1958

RE: Deming-Columbus-Las Cruces UFO Case
714 July 1957

Investigative efforts in subject case reveal that source, Collete Weiss, was not reliable. Following her receipt of investigative forms which my organization sent out, we received a diary of her UFO sightings covering a considerable period.

Telephone conversation with 685th ACWRCN at Las Cruces revealed the results of their investigation with the source. They stated that, in their opinion, there would be nothing gained by a full AISS investigation due to the obvious unreliability of the source.

The case is considered closed.

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NCOIC UFO Section
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