

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 30 July 1957	2. LOCATION Santa Maria, Calif	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 31/0300 to 0320z	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 <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	9. COURSE 1st North then South	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other mirage <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Six objects, round size of basket-ball, color red, flying in straight line. Objects described as 5 balls of fire. Faded in fog.		11. COMMENTS Objects were reported sighted near or in a fog bank, west of the observer. Sunset may possibly have caused an illusion of "red balls of fire" within the fog bank. Conditions conducive to mirage present.	

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4-4x ray *etc*

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TO RADM/COMDR 400 INT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLO  
RADM/COMDR 27TH ABIV PORTO AFB CALIF  
RADM/COMDR AIR TECH INTEL CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO  
RADM/DIRECTOR OF INTEL MATRS USAF WASHINGTON D C

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UNCLAS//SI//OP//SI//Y PD UFOB PD 1. A. ROUND. B. BASKETBALL. C. RED.  
D. SIX. E. STRAIGHT LINE. F. NONE. G. NONE. H. NONE. I. DESCRIBED AS SIX  
BALLS OF FIRE. 2. A. LOOKING FOR AIRCRAFT IN THE WEST. B. 45 DEGREE  
ANGLE 27 DEGREE AZIMUTH FROM OBSERVER. C. 45 DEGREE ANGLE 27 DEGREE  
AZIMUTH FROM OBSERVER. D. FIRST SIGHTED MOVING NORTH, THEN MOVED SOUTH  
IN STRIGHT LINE. E. FADED IN FOG. F. 0300Z TO 0320Z 20 MINUTES.  
3. A. GROUND VISUAL. B. STRICTLY EYE SIGHT, NO OPTICAL AIDS AVAILABLE.  
C. GROUND SIGHTING. 4. A. 31 JULY 0300Z. B. DUSK. 5. NE 3558 SANTA MARIA,  
CALIFORNIA. 34 58 NORTH 121 25 WEST. 6. CIVILIAN ~~██████████~~,  
AGE 52 ~~██████████~~. SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

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POST SUPERVISOR PHONE ~~██████████~~. 7. A. CLEAR WITH FOG TO WEST.  
B. SURFACE MMN 12, 6,000 340/10, 10,000 200/10, 16,000 210/35,  
20,000 200/35, 30,000 200/45, 50,000 210/40, 80,000 NONE. C. NONE.  
D. 50 MILES. E. SCATTERED. F. NONE. G. NONE. 9. NONE. 10. NONE CHECKED  
WITH GAA. 11. ROBERT B. MINNAN 1ST LT DIRECTOR. COMMENT: OBJECT

OBSERVER. SUNSET MAY POSSIBLY HAVE CAUSED AN ILLUSION OF  
"RED BALLS OF FIRE" WITHIN THE FOG BANK. 12, NONE AVAILABLE.

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50187 30 31/0300Z  
1 witness

WPM: [unclear]