

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 6 November 1957		2. LOCATION Cannon AFB, New Mexico		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 07/0315Z		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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Military		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION approx 9 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 17	9. COURSE South	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Radar sighting of object approx size of a/c 17 sighted. Slow moving. Targets seemed to fade out at 15 20 NM East of station.			11. COMMENTS Possibly a/c.		

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*15 Dec 57*

SUBJECT: Request for Analysis

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1. The speed of the targets (60-70 mph), the way in which they faded out at 15-20 N.M., and the inference in par. 11 that migratory ducks have been observed on the radar before, tend to indicate that this is a possible explanation in this case.

2. With reference to the IFF sighting, WADC IFF project engineers who were contacted consider it highly improbable that the return (which was tracked) could be other than from an aircraft having a transponder installed. The fact that this particular target had a speed of about 200 mph seems to bear out this supposition. IFF equipment is now carried in small Army craft, as well as Civil Air Patrol planes having speeds compatible to the speed observed.

1 Incl  
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ACTIVITY SUBMITTING REPORT <b>312th Fighter-Bomber Wing Cannon AFB, New Mexico</b>		DATE OF COLLECTION <b>8 Nov 1957</b>	SRI STATUS (If applicable)
PREPARING INDIVIDUAL <b>Grover C Walker, Captain, USAF Intelligence Officer</b>		DATE OF REPORT <b>8 Nov 1957</b>	SRI NO. CANCELED/COMPLETE
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE <b>Maj. Maher, 1stlt. Carey, S3gt. Boatman, A2C Atwood and A2C Tucker, 2040th AACS, 429FBS, &amp; 832ABG</b>		EVALUATION <b>B-2</b>	SRI NO. CANCELED/INCOMPLETE
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SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies)

1.
  - (a) Unknown
  - (b) Size of trgt on radar was approx the same return size given by an aircraft - Example: T-33
  - (c) Unknown
  - (d) 17 sighted
  - (e) N/A
  - (f) N/A
  - (g) N/A
  - (h) N/A
  
2.
  - (a) observed slow moving trgt 12 miles bearing 270° from field and tracked same north of station 4 miles bearing 030° then to 14 miles east bearing 090°.
  - (b) search scope was tilted 3°.
  - (c) search scope was tilted 3°.
  - (d) following is a list of sightings mileage and bearing from field and sulu time of first sightings: speed is approx 60-70 mph.
 

(1) 12 NM 270° 070315Z	(7) 11 NM 060° 070512Z
(2) 12 NM 285° 070325Z	(8) 9 NM 360° 070514Z
(3) 10 NM 050° 070500Z	(9) 14 NM 010° 070514Z
(4) 10 NM 060° 070505Z	(10) 12 NM 340° 070515Z
(5) 7 NM 065° 070510Z	(11) 9 NM 030° 070525Z
(6) 11 NM 060° 070510Z	(12) 15 NM 350° 070531Z

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(13) 19 NM 020° 070540Z  
 (14) 8 NM 040° 070547Z  
 (15) 12 NM 030° 070550Z  
 (16) 8 NM 253° 070559Z  
 (17) 13 NM 253° 070600Z

All targets flew approx 055° - 070° across the scope and only two trgt's crossed the station closer than three miles.

- (e) Targets seemed to fade out all together at 15-20 NM East of Station  
 (f) approx nine minutes of observing

## 3. GCA AN/MPN-11B

(a) at approx 070510Z one trgt was observed on IFF equip. moving southbound 180° from Cannon and observed until 60 NM south. Speed approx 200 mph.

- (b) None  
 (c) N/A

## 4.

- (a) 070315Z thru 070600Z  
 (b) Night

## 5.

34° 23' N  
 103° 19' W

## 6.

(a) Negative  
 (b) Boatman, William E SSgt 2040AACS CAFB Good  
 Tucker, Richard D A2C 2040AACS CAFB Good  
 Carey, Charles W 1stLt 429FBS CAFB Unknown  
 Maher, John L Maj 832ABGRU CAFB Good  
 Atwood, Rodney H A2C 2040AACS CAFB Unknown

## 7.

- (a) Weather was low overcast, good visibility, light wind  
 (b) 0315Z E 10 @ 10 Wing light from SE  
 0555Z 10 @ 15  
 0600Z 1 @ 15

8. At 0615Z the sky cleared and two falling meteors were seen moving south.

## 9. None

10. at 0615Z jet aircraft at 20,000' was sighted southbound visually. Altitude was reported by control tower.

11. Grover C. Walker, Capt, USAF, 312FBW, Intelligence Officer. Possibility of these GCA trackings being migratory birds (ducks) not discounted, however, this would not explain the IFF sighting.

## 12. None