

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 18 Jul 60	2. LOCATION 3 mi S of Mineral Wells, Texas	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 <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 18/0730Z	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 Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS two	9. COURSE N
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Two round objects, size of half dollar. Color from intense white to dark red. Faded, became bright, faded moving in arc maneuvers, obscured by clouds.		11. COMMENTS Due to there being only one witness, this report categorized insufficient data. The movement is consistant with the wind direction. It is probable that the objects were balloons or high flying aircraft.

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INCLAD FROM 70001 2565. IMMEDIATE ATTENTION REQUIRED.

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT (UFO) SIGHTING.

1. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

A. SHAPE- ROUND.

B. SIZE-HALF DOLLAR.

C. COLOR-FROM INTENSE WHITE TO DARK RED.

D. NUMBER - TWO.

E. FORMATION- NONE.

F. DETAILS- NONE.

G. EXHAUST- NONE.

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H. SOUND- ONE.

I. UNUSUAL FEATURES- FADED , BECAME BRIGHT, FADED.

2. COURSE OF OBJECT:

A. WOKE- UNEXPLAINABLE.

B. ~~25~~ DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON IN SOUTH WEST.

C. 30 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON IN WEST.

D. MOVED IN ARC NAYEWERS.

E. CLOUDS OBSCURED.

F. FIVE MINUTES.

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

A. GROUND VISUAL.

B. NO OPTICAL AIDS

4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

A. 0730 ZULU, ¹⁸ JULY 1962.

B. NIGHT.

5. THREE MILES SOUTH OF MINERAL WELLS, TEXAS, ON HIGHWAY
281.

6. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION.

[REDACTED] AGE: ³⁶ , [REDACTED] MINERAL
WELLS, TEXAS, MAINTENANCE INSTRUCTOR, HELICOPTER SCHOOL, CAMP
WOLTERS.

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7. WEATHER:

A. PARTIALLY CLOUDY.

B. WINDS: SOUTH- ^{67°} DEGREES AT FORT (4) KNOTS.

C. CEILING CLEAR.

D. VISIBILITY: GOOD.

E. CLOUD COVER: NONE.

F. THUNDERSTORMS: NONE.

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UFO ANALYSIS SHEET

Location 3 mi S. of Mineral Wells, Texas

Date 18 July 1960

Hour (Z) 0730Z

WX Partly cloudy, winds 170 deg at 4 knots

Description Round, size of half-dollar, intense white to dark red, Two objects, first seen 30 deg elev at SW, last seen 30 deg elev in west, max moved in arc maneuvers, disapp behind clouds, seen for 5 minutes

Direction of Motion North

Satellite: (AFCIN-4F3, Phone 69219) In sight too long to be a satellite

Astronomical Phenomena (Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc) Duration excessive for a meteor, speed too fast for planet

Radar Analysis (AFCIN-4E1) None

Natural Phenomena (Ball Lightning, etc) -----

Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc. Poss acft

Other Insuff data - 1 witness

Evaluation of Source Reliability Frob reliable

Analysis and Conclusions: The course of the object was consistent with the wind direction, suggesting the possibility of a balloon. Balloons are released from locations S,E, & N of sources location. However, they were scheduled to be released one hour prior to time of sighting, and in this time the balloons would have been at about 60,000 ft altitude, therefore it would not have been seen. There are a great many airports in this part of the state, and it is possible that the objects were acft from one of these many airports. Due to there being only one witness, this report is evaluated as insuff data.