

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 27 Jul 61	2. LOCATION Gardnerville, Nevada		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0100 GMT 270800Z	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 1 1/2 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE S	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other, Prob A/c flare <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Jet a/c with appearance of fuel burning and dropping.		11. COMMENTS Initial sighting to attract attention of observers probable a/c flare. After sighting flare, a/c was seen and heard and flight path described by observers. Flare sighting was only part out of ordinary to observers.	

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FOR USAF AFCIN, OSAF SAFIS. UFO. ONE OBJECT SIZE AND CONFIGURATION OF A SINGLE-ENGINE JET AIRCRAFT, TRAILING FIRE AND LARTE SPARKS WHICH GAVE THE APPEARANCE OF FUEL BURNING AND DROPPING. OBSERVER STATED TWO OBJECTST DROPPED, A SECOND OR TWO APART, WHICH ALTHOUGH NO PARACHUTES WERE SIGHTED, GAVE THE APPEARTNCE OF PERSONNEL ABANDONING THE VEHICLE. OBJECT WAS SEEN PLUS OR MINUS THREE MINUTES OF 0800 ZULU ,27 JULY 1961, ON A SOUTHERLY HEADING SOUTH OF LAKE TAHOE, CALIFORNIA ARE, OBJECT WHCH WAS OBSERVERREDE FOR APPROXIMATELY ONE AND ONE HALF MINUTES APPEARED TO BE ON GLIDE PATH THEN ROSE SLIGHTLY AND ARCHED DOWN AND OUT OF SIGHT BEHIND

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[REDACTED] STATED HE WAS TRAINED IN COMBAT INTELLIGENCE REPORTING AND FURTHER STATED PERSONNEL OF ANACONDA MINING CO OF LEVIATHAN MINE, AS WELL AS [REDACTED] OF THE WELLS CARGO COMPANY, WITNESSED A SIMILAR PHENOMENON. INITIAL REPORT WAS RELAYED TO THIS ORGANIZATION BY SGT FURLONG OF THE CARSON CITY, NEVADA, POLICE. AT 0800 ZULU, VICINITY OF SIGHTING WEATHER WAS CLEAR AND VISIBILITY FIFTEEN PLUS, SURFACE WINDS VARIABLE THREE TO FIVE, TEMPERATURE 67 DEGREES F., INVERSION CONDITION FROM SURFACE TO 1500 FEET., CLOUD COVER 12,000 FT SCATTERED LESS THAN ONE TENTH COVER OF MIDDLE CLOUD; WINDS ALOFT 6,000 FT 240/8; 10,000 FT 170/10; FT 250/20; 20,000 FT 240/22; 30,000 FT 230/16; 50,000 FT 230/16; 80,000 FT UNK. RENO AIR DEFENSE SECTOR WAS CONTACTED FOR POSSIBLE REPORT

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OF SIGHTINGS, NO UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS SIGHTED. RENO FAA CONTACTED AIRCRAFT. DUE TO LACK OF SUBSTANTIATING REPORTS FROM OTHER LOCALITIES AND PROXIMITY OF MOUNTAIN HIGHWAYS, LIGHTS FROM VEHICULAR TRAVEL REFLECTING UPON CLOUDS, COUPLED WITH INVERSION PHENOMENA, SUGGESTS AN OPTICAL ILLUSION MAY HAVE BEEN CREATED.

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TO: STEAD AFB NEV *RTWZNL*

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3635 FLYINGWG/YOUR UNCL MSG O 322 G DTD 27 JULY 61. WHAT WAS THE ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH OF THE OBJECT WHEN FIRST OBSERVED? WERE THE WITNESSES IN A CAR AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING? IF SO, WAS THE OBJECT OBSERVED THROUGH A WINDOW GLASS? IN WHAT DIRECTION WERE THE WITNESSES MOVING, IF IN A CAR, WHEN THE OBJECT CAME INTO VIEW? REQUEST YOUR ORG CONTACT ONE OR TWO OF THE OTHER WITNESSES TO OBTAIN THEIR IMPRESSIONS OF THE SIGHTING, REF PAR 15 AFR 200-2 DTD 14 SEP 59, AND FORWARD TO FTD ATTN: TD-E.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

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