

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 29 October 1962	2. LOCATION Cora, Wyoming		12. CONCLUSIONS <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 29/2400Z	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 1½ hours	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE west/rising	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Obj observed after observation of a/c to be at estimated 17,000 feet rising & drifting to position overhead at estimated elevation of 40,000 feet. Observation prior to sunset. Obj had light. Lander 42.48N 108.43W Cora 43.10N 109.40W		11. COMMENTS Balloon release Radiosonde fm Lander Wyoming, 55 miles to E & slightly to the S of Cora at interval of one hour prior to sighting. Also release Rawinsonde balloons ½ hour prior to sighting. Either of these would be in position to be observed with any wind velocity indicated by the distance traveled in 1½ hours. Prevailing winds are to the East & the flight toward the west would be unusual & occurring rarely, accounting for the fact that the observer considered this unusual. All characteristics of balloon present.	

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REFERENCES AFR 200-2/Complete

PLACE & DATE ACQ. Salt Lake City, Utah

EVALUATION B-2

FROM Sec & Law Enforcement Div, HAFB, Ut.

SOURCE Below named.

PREPARED BY Howard W. Lucas, & TSgt

SUMMARY At 1715Z hours, 2 November 1962 a report of an UFO sighting was received from Theodore L. Tatten [Redacted] of the [Redacted] Ranch, Cora, Wyoming, 43° 10" North - 109° 40" West, whose local address is [Redacted] Salt Lake City, Utah. [Redacted] reported that while at the G. P. Ranch, located on Green River Lake, and looking out of a large picture window of the ranch house, he sighted a brilliantly lighted object at approximately 2400Z hours on 29 October 1962 while looking directly up Green River Canyon. He sighted an object that was highly illuminated, at an altitude of approximately 12,000 feet. Object remained semi-motionless for a period of approximately 5 minutes. Object started to disappear for a minute or minute and one half, then appeared to grow brighter and come closer to where he was sitting, until the object was within a half mile of where Decker was observing the object... At this point he could make out the outline of a conventional type aircraft with all landing lights on. The object disappeared over the ranch property and down the course of the Green River.

Very shortly after this at an altitude of approximately 16,000 to 17,000 feet, Decker sighted an object more brilliantly illuminated than the previous object. For a period of time, 15 to 20 minutes, it stayed motionless, then started to gain altitude very slowly and drift toward the ranch. The object was observed for approximately 1 1/2 hours. When last noticed the altitude of the object was approximately 40,000 feet and directly over him. At this time they retired for the evening and next morning the object was gone.

1. At 1715Z hours, 2 November 1962, [Redacted], reported the sighting of two objects on 29 October 1962 at 2400Z hours at the G. P. Bar Ranch, Cora, Wyoming. The first object was sighted coming up Green River Canyon, making a turn and coming back and disappeared down Green River Canyon. Altitude of the object was approximately 12,000 feet and was identified as a conventional type aircraft, the size of a Navy RD-4 transport. The aircraft was brightly illuminated, as if all landing lights were on.

2. Object No. 2 was seen as the first object disappeared. This object was 6,000 to 7,000 feet higher and more brightly illuminated. It stayed motionless for a period of 15 to 20 minutes, then started to gain altitude very slowly until it was approximately 40,000 feet high, and drifted toward the ranch house in a north westerly direction.

3. At 1830Z hours, 2 November 1962, Mr. [Redacted], was interviewed at [Redacted] Salt Lake City, Utah. Following information was received during the interview, and answers to questions are prefaced by paragraph number of items of information requested in paragraph 14, AFR 200-2, dated 20 July 1962.

14a(1) Shape - No. 1, conventional type aircraft.
No. 2, oblong, no visible fins.

14a(2) Size - No. 1, size of a R4-D Navy transport.
No. 2, size of quarter of full moon.

14a(3) Color - Both objects brightly illuminated, could not discern any color.

14a(4) Number - Two.

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- 14a(5) Formation - No. 1 lower than No. 2 - no formation.
- 14a(6) Discernible Features - None except bright illumination.
- 14a(7) Tail, Trail, or Exhaust - Could see none.
- 14a(8) Sound - None observed, was inside of house.
- 14a(9) Pertinent Features - No. 1 wings and fuselage of conventional aircraft. No. 2 oblong in shape with pearlescent haze around object. Both objects highly illuminated.
- 14b(1) What Called Attention to Objects: Was looking out of large window at ranch house and noticed bright illumination of objects.
- 14b(2) Angle, Elevation & Azimuth. Object No. 1 at 12,000 feet came up Green River Canyon, made a sweeping turn and disappeared down the Canyon. Object No. 2 was at 18,000 feet, raised slowly to 40,000 feet and moved in a north-westerly direction and was in sight for one and one half hours.
- 14b(3) Angle, Elevation and Azimuth at time of Disappearance: Object No. 1 disappeared at 12,000 feet down Green River Canyon. Object No. 2 moved slowly in a north-westerly direction and rose to 40,000 feet. Did not see object leave area.
- 14b(4) Flight Path and Manuevers: Object No. 1 came up Green River Canyon, made a sweeping turn and disappeared down the Canyon. Object No. 2 seemed motionless for approximately 20 minutes, then started to raise and move in a north-westerly direction very slowly. Observed object for 1 1/2 hours and retired for the evening. Next morning object was gone.
- 14b(5) How Did Objects Disappear: Object No. 1 disappeared down Green River Canyon. Object No. 2. Did not see it disappear.
- 14b(6) How Long Objects Visible: Object No. 1 was in sight for approximately 5 minutes. Object No. 2 was visible for 1 1/2 hours.
- 14c(1) Manner of Observation: Field glasses and naked eye.
- 14c(2) Optical Aids: 8 power field glasses.
- 14c(3) Airborne Sighting: None.
- 14d(1) Time and Date of Sighting: 2400Z hours, 29 October 1962.
- 14d(2) Light Conditions: Dusk, no stars visible, at first sighting.
- 14e(1) Location of Observer: Inside [REDACTED] (house), shore of Green River Lake, located north of Cora, Wyoming.
- 14f Information on Observer: [REDACTED] appeared to be a stable person, age 44, gave consistant report on sighting. Was a Security Officer in US Navy, presently self employed. Leases and manages G. P. Bar Ranch, Cora, Wyoming.
- 14g(1) Weather and Winds: [REDACTED] stated the weather was clear with no winds.
- 14g(2) Weather and Winds-Hill AFB Weather Station reported weather in vicinity of sighting was clear, winds east southeast 5 knots at all levels.
- 14g(3) Ceiling - Unlimited.
- 14g(4) Visibility: 60 miles.
- 14g(5) Cloud Cover - None.
- 14g(6) Thunderstorm - None reported.
- 14g(7) Temperature - 57.2; Dew Point 3.0.

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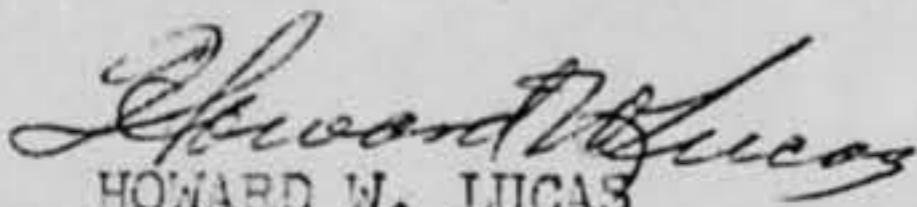
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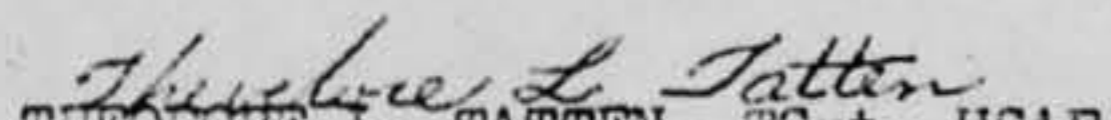
- 14h Unusual Activity or Condition: None.
- 14i Interception or Identification: None.
- 14j Air Traffic and Balloon Releases: Unknown.

14k Preparing Officer: Howard W. Lucas, GS-7 and TSgt Theodore L. Tatten, are investigators, Security and Law Enforcement Division, Hill Air Force Base, Utah. Preliminary analysis indicates observer is a logical and mature person. He is convinced that object No. 1 was a conventional aircraft with full landing lights on. Object No. 2 could not be identified. He consistently described the objects as to bright illumination and movement. The observer was the only reported witness to this sighting. There are no known manufacturers of experimental aircraft in the area, and no known missile firings are being conducted other than static tests. With the submission of this report, it is believed that all local efforts to identify the objects have been exhausted.

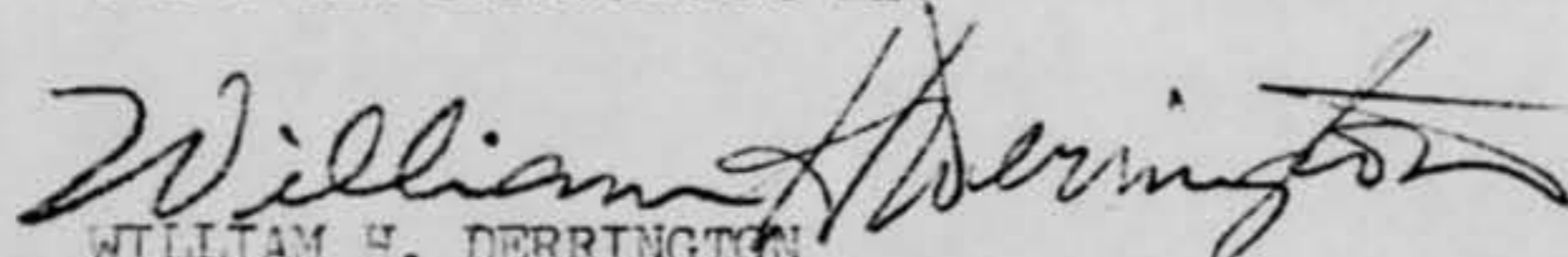
Investigators Note: Although the observer believes that the Object No. 1 mentioned in this report was a conventional type aircraft, information is furnished with regard to this object inasmuch as the object seemed to have some connection with Object No. 2, which is unidentified.



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UFO SIGHTING
Greenever Canyon, Wyoming
29 October 1962

Observers: Mr. [REDACTED] age 44
[REDACTED] & [REDACTED]
Cora(1?), Wyoming Salt Lake City, Utah

Mr. [REDACTED] manages and leases the [REDACTED] owned
by his father. The [REDACTED] is a [REDACTED] h operating
primarily in the summer months.

Mr. [REDACTED] age 66
[REDACTED] & [REDACTED] (?)
Cora(1?), Wyoming [REDACTED]

Location: [REDACTED] Canyon, about 200 air miles from Casper, Wyoming.

Time: Shortly after 1700. Observer looked at watch at 5:30
and estimated that the object had appeared about 15
minutes previously. Dusk, not yet dark but not light
enough for clear visibility.

Course: Object #1: First observed about 12 miles up Greenever
Canyon. It turned (fm up to down), came down Greenever
Canyon to a position over Greenever Lake, moved down
Greenever River in Greenever Valley. It appeared in the
southeast and moved northwest down the Greenever River.
Object #2: Elevation first at 16000 to 17000 feet
then ascended very slowly to estimated altitude of
40,000 feet as the light became smaller. Object appeared
in the east and traveled west.

The observers were in a home situated [REDACTED].
They were looking directly up [REDACTED] Canyon through a large window.
The object was highly illuminated and estimated to be about 12 miles
up the canyon. The altitude was estimated to be between 11,000 and
12,000 feet. The object remained semi-stationary for a period of ab
about five minutes and then started to disappear for an estimated
period of about one to one and a half minutes. It then appeared to
grow brighter and come nearer to where the observers were located.
Viewing the object through field glasses (power eight), it was
impossible to see any object other than the light until the object
was within an approximate distance of about a half mile. At that
time, the observer was able to see a faint silhouette. As the
object approached the outline of a conventional aircraft, fuselage
and wings, was discernable. The aircraft apparently was burning
all landing lights. There was no sound (observers were indoors), no
trail, tail or exhaust. At last sighting through the field glasses,
the object appeared to be the size of an R4-D transport (as used by
the Navy in the last war). The total time of the sighting was ten
minutes and the object seemed to be traveling from Southeast to North-
west.

Very shortly after the first object disappeared over the ranch property and down the course of the Grenever River, a second object at an altitude of about 16,000 to 17,000 feet was sighted further to the East about five ground miles down the canyon. This second object was more brilliantly illuminated than the first object and it was surrounded by a pearlescent haze. The haze was about twice the width of the object and surrounded the object on the edges. The object remained more or less stationary for a period of about 15 to 20 minutes, then started to gain in altitude (too slowly for any known aircraft, said observers) and very slowly drift toward the observers. At that time it was nearly dark and it was not possible to identify anything other than the lights of the second object. The light was not orange enough or red enough to be a flame. The object appeared as a mass of bright light, possibly oval in shape, but at no time did the observers see any form. At the highest altitude of the object, both observers agreed, it was approximately the size of a quarter full moon and the haze was similar to that sometimes seen around the moon. The light of the object was compared to a phosphorescent glow rather than that of an electric light. There was no sound, trail, tail or exhaust. Total time of sighting was one to one and a half hours and the object traveled toward the west. The observers retired before the object was out of sight, and was not visible the following morning.

Attention was first drawn to the objects because at the time of their appearance, it was not yet time for stars to be visible. The sky was cloudless.

Observers reported the first object to be below the highest point of a near-by mountain range and the second object about 7,000 to 8,000 feet above the highest point (14,000 feet).

The second object was not the color or shape of any star and the observers are convinced that the object was man-made (but contending that it rose too slowly for any known aircraft). They realize the presence of an air base in Casper, Wyoming and attribute the sighting of the first object to this fact as jets have been known to transverse the area. The observers expressed the fact that the time of day could impair identification of the object and that the object was sighted near a flight path. There is no record of any unusual aerial phenomena in the area.