

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 6 July 1956	2. LOCATION Arenda, Columbia		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 not reported	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 (not rec'd)	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not reported	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS multiple	9. COURSE fell on ground	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Newspaper article stating that objects fell from sky and were recovered in Arenda, Columbia, South America.		11. COMMENTS Letter dispatched to Attache in Bogata with request to recover objects if possible. Reply indicated that the pieces of metal had been turned over to the Columbean Security Police. Also there had been artillery firings in the area on date of rptd sighting & the possibility of objects being fm these shells was indicated. Objs not recovered, witnesses not located (could not be located).	

B/Ltr fr ATIC to OIN-1A1, dtd 23 Jul 56, subj: Request to Investigate
UFO Sighting - Sr. Ricardo L. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

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27 SEP 1956

Dept of the Air Force, Hq USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

TO: Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright Patterson Air
Force Base, Ohio.

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Mr.
Air Technical Intelligence Center,
Wright Patterson Air Force Base
(Dayton, Ohio). - U.S.A. -

Remite: Ricardo L. Torrijos de Peñafiel
Apartado Aéreo # 7505
Bogotá (Colombia). -

Platillos Voladores?

EXTRAÑO OBJETO HIZO EXPLOSION SOBRE EL CEMENTERIO DE ARANDA

Pasto, 6. - Las leyendas modernas sobre existencia de "Platillos Voladores", cobraron hoy gran actualidad. En efecto, un señor de apellido Luna, quien presta sus servicios en el cementerio de Nuestra Señora del Carmen, se presentó ayer a la Emisora Ecos de Pasto llevando extraños trozos metálicos, restos al parecer, de un artefacto bélico. Las partículas fueron recogidas en el camposanto, ubicado en Aranda, a eso de las 8 y 30 de la noche después de ser escuchadas ocho violentas y ensordecedoras explosiones. -

Dice el señor Luna que el espacio se cubrió con una espesa nube de humo azul tan intensamente brillante que tuvo que aplicarse en los ojos un pañuelo húmedo. -

Los restos hallados por el señor Luna fueron entregados al SIC a fin de establecer su origen. Las gentes de Aranda se hallan intrigadas con el extraño insuceso y esperan ansiosas conocer las causas del fenómeno. -

We are in receipt of a letter from Bogota, Colombia written in Spanish. In translating it, we found that this observer (Senor [redacted]) observed an object (fireball or meteorite?) which he described as a "saucer". The significant thing is that this object exploded in the air, and he now (claims) to have pieces in his possession.

Rather than disregard the letter, I intend to proceed with the following on the assumption that he may have a piece of a meteorite or other matter from outer space, which is definitely of interest to the USAF.

- a. Request the Ambassador or Air Attache interview the observer.
- b. Submit findings, opinions, etc., on a 112.
- c. Submit a specimen of the object with the report.

If its part of a tortilla can or ox cart wheel, we've lost nothing. If it is meteoric fragment or part of saucer) -- our gain!

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Bozota, Colombia

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SPOT TRANSLATION

From the newspaper "EL Intermedio" on July 7, 1956 - - -

Flying Saucers?

Strange object made an explosion over the Cemetery of Aranda. A man who works in the cemetery, whose name is Luna, brought pieces of metal which he picked up after a number of explosions. He said the object was like a blue cloud and so bright that he had to protect his eyes. The pieces which he found were handed over to the SIC.

AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO

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23 JUL 1956

AFOIN-4E

SUBJECT: Request to Investigate UFO Sighting - Sr. [REDACTED]

THRU: Director of Intelligence
Headquarters, USAF
ATTN: AFOIN-1A1
Washington 25, D. C.

TO: U. S. Air Attache
American Embassy
Bogota, Colombia

1. In accordance with provisions of AFR 200-2, dated 12 August 1954, request that the Air Attache, Bogota, Colombia initiate action to investigate incident submitted in letter from Sr. [REDACTED] and the results made known to the Air Technical Intelligence Center.

2. Further, request sample specimens of alleged object be obtained for analysis by this Center, if preliminary investigation indicates specimens cannot be identified either as to composition or as part of man-made objects. Meteoric fragments, assuming specimens to be such, are of interest to the Air Force and should be submitted as part of any report on this incident.

3. A review of a brief translation, copy attached, indicates that pieces of the object were turned over to an organization known as the SIC. This organization is unknown to this Center.

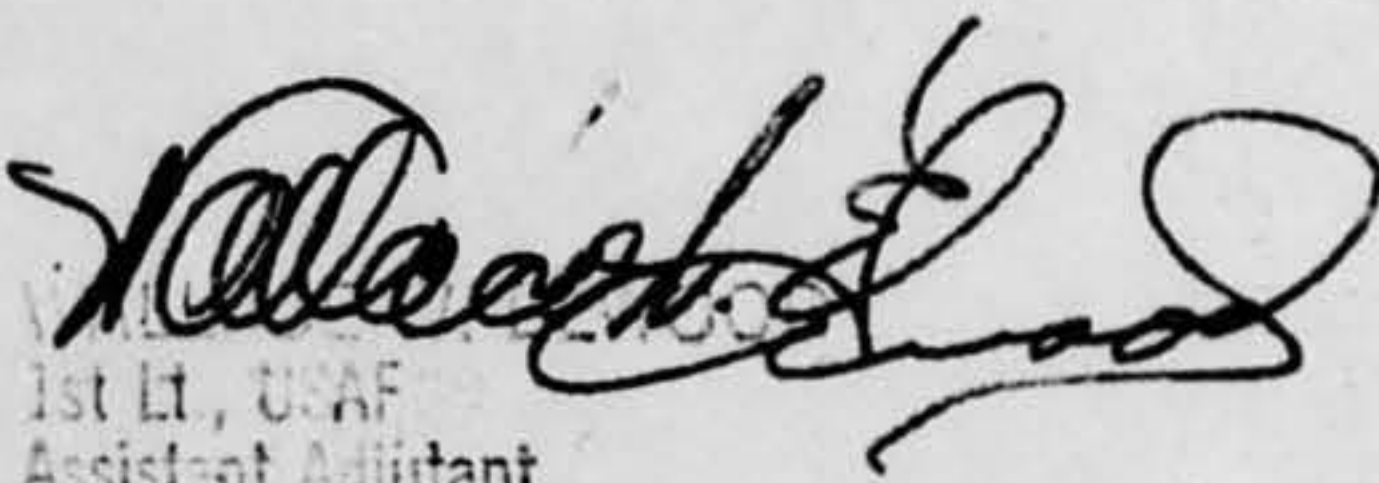
4. Sr. [REDACTED] address is as follows:

Apartado [REDACTED]
Bogota, Colombia

FOR THE COMMANDER

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1. Cy ltr fr Sr. [REDACTED]
2. Cy Spot Translation


1st Lt, USAF
Assistant Adjutant

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UFO Sighting - Sr. [REDACTED]

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Dept of the Air Force, Hq USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

TO: U. S. Air Attache, American Embassy, Bogota, Colombia

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OFFICE OF THE AIR ATTACHE, US Embassy, Bogotá, Colombia, 10 Sep 56

THRU: Director of Intelligence, Hq USAF, Attn: AFOIN-1A1, Wash, DC

TO: Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson
AFB, Ohio

1. Following information is offered in reply to basic communi-
cation:

a. Aranda is a small village near Pasto in Southwest Colombia, 3 days driving and approximately 2 hours flying time from Bogotá, with no commercial aviation scheduled. As the undersigned is not assigned an aircraft and the only officer assigned this office, it was impossible to make a personal visit to Aranda.

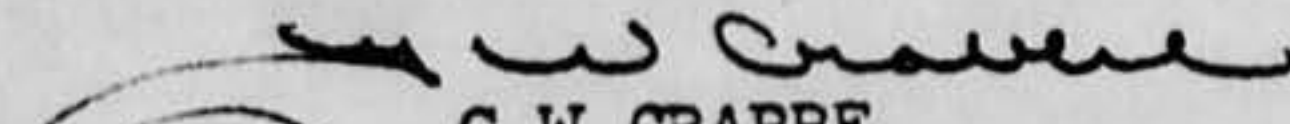
b. SIC is the abbreviation of the name of the National Colombian Security Police. Interview with the officers of SIC in Bogotá indicates no information is available to the Colombian Government concerning UFO sightings or meteoric fragments in the Aranda-Pasto area. Practice light artillery firing was accomplished by the Colombian Army Calvary Group stationed at Pasto in the vicinity of Pasto and Aranda for several days around 6 July.

c. It is believed that fragments mentioned in basic communi-
cation may possibly be fragments of 40mm or 20mm tracer used in the
practice firing. It is known from personal experience in viewing demon-
strations in mid-July in Bogotá that 40mm tracer ammunition was fired
directly over homes in Bogotá into a hillside without any consideration
for civilian safety in case of short rounds.

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23 Jul 56; subj: Request to Investigate UFO Sighting ...

d. Unable to locate Sr. [REDACTED] at the address
given. SIC has been requested to continue to inform this office of
any further information on the subject. Several articles have ap-
peared recently in Colombian newspapers jesting at observers' reports
of articles seen in the sky as figments of imagination.

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Colonel, USAF
Air Attaché