

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 27 Aug 61		2. LOCATION Osan, Korea		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☒ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2030 GMT - 271200Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE Varied	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round white objt size of pea. Appeared 45° elev, 160° az. Disappeared 75° elev, 200° az. Larger than stars.				11. COMMENTS Report contains very little info, but what there is give no reason to believe that objt was anything other than a/c which was in area. Absence of unknowns reported by radar units in area support this conclusion. There are many possible situations where movement of a/c could be mistaken by ground observers to be for example right angle turns; it all depends upon what plane the a/c is maneuvering in and its next relationship to observer.	

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CAME ACROSS THE SKY ITS FLIGHT PATH WAS NOT CONSTANTLY LUCNLPOR
WARD BUT APPEARED IRREGULAR IN BOTH SPEED AND DIRECTION. THE COLOR
OF THE OBJECT CHANGED FROM WHITE TO REDDISH COLOR. AT ONE POINT THE
OBJECT STOPPED, WAS VERY BRILLIANT IN COLOR AND AT GREAT ALTITUDE.
AFTER STAYING BASICALLY STATIONARY AND CONSTANT IN COLOR (WHITE) FOR
APPROXIMATELY 2 TO 3 MINUTES, THE OBJECT BEGAN TO RAISE IN 90 DEGREE
VERTICAL FLIGHT NOW CHANGING COLOR. AS THE OBJECT WAS RISING A JET
FIGHTER CAME OVER THE AREA APPROACHING THE BASE AT APPROXIMATELY
5000 FEET OR LESS. THE OBJECT THEN BEGAN FORWARD MOVEMENT AND THEN
CHANGED DIRECTION 90 DEGREES, THEN CONTINUED ITS ORIGINAL DIRECTION
TO THE EAST SOUTH EAST. ITS LIGHT AT THIS POINT WAS BRILLIANT BUT
HAD BECOME SMALL AS THE STARS. THE SPEED AT THIS POINT WAS DEFINITE
LY GREATER THAN ANY KNOWN AIRCRAFT. (5) OBJECT DISAPPEARED WITH
GREAT BURST OF SPEED. APPEARED TO BE CLIMBING AND FADED FROM SIGHT

HAZE AND SMOKE. (5) OVERCAST 10/10. (6) NONE. (7) 1.4 DEGREE C PER
1,000 FT NO INVERSIONS H NONE I NONE J. WEATHER BALLOON RELEASED
AT 1103Z BALLOON CONTAINED WHITE LIGHT WITH INTENSITY OF FLASH
LIGHT AT 1053Z ONE T33 WAS IN THE AREA. AT 1055 TWO F-102,S WERE
IN THE AREA. NO UNKNOWN CARRIED ON GCI RADAR IN LOCAL AREA AT THIS
TIME THERE WERE NO HELICOPTERS IN THE AREA AT THIS TIME. K. PRE
PARING OFFICER 1LT BRUCE E. SMITH CHIEF OPERATIONAL INTELLIGENCE
314TH AIR DIVISION BOTH OBSERVERS STATED THEY HAD NOT BEEN DRINK
ING PRIOR TO THE SIGHTING AND SEEMED TO BE LOGICAL AND RELIABLE IN
DIVIDUALS. THEIR OSI INVESTIGATIVE DUTIES AND TRAINING SHOULD QUALI
FY THEM AS COMPETENT OBSERVERS. THERE IS NO OTHER VISUAL OR ELECT
RONIC CORROBORATING EVIDENCE OF THIS OBJECT. AIR FORCE WEATHER
FORECASTERS INDICATED THAT NO METEOROLOGICAL ACTIVITY DURING THE
PERIOD WOULD HAVE CAUSED THE SIGHTING, ALTHOUGH THE CHANGING FROM
WHITE TO REDDISH COLOR COULD HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY THE SMOKE AND HAZE
IN THE AREA. THE CHIEF TOWER OPERATOR ON DUTY DID NOT SEE THE OB

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JECT BUT CONSIDERED QUITE LIKELY THAT THE SIGHTING COULD HAVE
BEEN CAUSED BY AN F-102 DOING EXTENSIVE FLYING AND MANEUVERS IN THE
LOCAL AREA WITH AFTER-BURNER. THERE WERE NO MISSILE FIRINGS OR
AERIAL TESTS IN THE AREA. A STRONG POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT A DIS
CREPANCY BETWEEN THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING OR THE RELEASE TIME OF
THE WEATHER BALLOON COUPRBGAVE OCCURRED, AND THIS WAS THE OBJECT
BEING OBSERVED. NO EXPLANATION EXISTS FOR THE REPORTED HIGH SPEED
OF THE OBJECT, EXCEPT ERROR ON THE PART OF THE OBSERVERS. 2. ON
18 SEP ANOTHER SIGHTING OF AN UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT WAS REPORTED BY THIS

REPORT WAS MADE TO SPA BILL H HAYES (ABOVE) AND FORWARDED TO THIS
OFFICER. INFORMATION IAW AFR 200-2 AS FOLLOWS: A. (1) ROUND (2)
PEA (3)
PIA) NON WHITE/ CREAM. (4) 1. (5) N/A. (6) NO. (7) NONE. (8)8 NONE
(9) NONE B. (1) MOVING LIGHT IN SKY. (2) 45 DEGREE ELEVATION 160
DEGREE AZIMUTH. (3) 75 DEGREE ELEVATION 200 DEGREE AZIMUTH (4)
BOTH OBSERVERS SAW AN OBJECT LARGER THAN THE STARS, MOVING TOWARD
THEM FROM EAST TO WEST FOR ABOUT 1 MINUTE. THE OBJECT THEN BEGAN
TO MAKE SHARP FAST MOVEMENTS SIDE TO SIDE AND VERTICALLY CONTINU
ING IN GENERALLY THE SAME DIRECTION. THE OBJECT THEN STOPPED,
HOVERED FOR A FEW YECONDS, THEN BEGAN TO MOVE IN A WIDE GRADUAL TURN
AND PROCEED SOUTH. AT Z S POINT THE OBJECT WAS LARGER THAN THE

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LARGEST STAR AND VERY BRIGHT, IT THEN BEGAN FADING IN BRIGHTNESS AND
EVENTUALLY DISAPPEARED. NOTHING UNUSUAL WAS OBSERVED REGARDING
ALTITUDE OR SPEED. OBSERVERS STATED THAT BCAUSE OF THE SHARP
VERTICAL AND RIGHT ANGLE MANEUVERS THE OBJEVT COULD NOT HAVE BEEN
AIRCRAFT, STAR OR COMET. ROTHFUSS STATED HE HAD WATCHED WEATHER
BALLOONS ASCENDING BEFORE AND DID NOT BELIEVE THIS COULD HAVE BEEN
A BALLOON. (5) GREW DIMMER GOING UP THRU CLOUDS, THEN FADED FROM
SIGHT. (6) 15 MINUTES

(1) E(1) GROUND-VISUAL. (2) NONE. (3) N/A. D.

(1) 1200Z 27 AUGUST 1961. (2) NIGHT. E. CS 260055, BLDG 238, OSAN

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AFKN RADION. RELIABILITY GOOD. G. (1) CLEAR PARTLY CLOUDY STARS IN

REPORT MADE: 0505, 8,000: 070/2, 10,000: 280/23, 16,000: 300/
SKY. (2) SURFACE: 0505, 8,000: 070/2, 10,000: 280/23, 16,000: 300/
17, 20,000: 290/31, 30,000: 280/40, 50,000: 270/36, 80,000: 090/10.
(3) NO CEILING (4) 10 MI (5) 4/10. (6) NONE (7) 2 DEGREE C. PER
1,000 FT FROM SURFACE TO 4,000 FT INVERSION 4,000 FT THRU 5500 FT
H. FUNNEL CLOUDS REPORTED IN AREA AT 1012Z SURFACE PRESSURE RISING
RAPIDLY. I. NONEM J. WEATHER BALLOON RELEASED AT 1103Z. SHOULD
NOT HAVE BEEN IN AREA DURING SIGHTING ONE F-89 IN AREA DURING
PERIOD SIGHTING. NO AIR FORCE HELICOPTERS IN AREA DURING PERIOD.

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