

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 24 May 1962	2. LOCATION Albuquerque, N. M.		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☒ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1722 GMT 25/0022	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual BX ☒ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military and Civilian		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION More than 2 hours	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE	☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING An object size of Venus was first seen in daytime by both ground and airborne witnesses. At sunset object appeared pink then dark during the hours of darkness. Object appeared to be mostly stationary but had a small amount of motion to the NE. Object was also observed on an air route surveillance radar.		11. COMMENTS Subsequent investigation of this case brought to light that a Wx balloon was launched in the area and remained practically stationary for the period of this sighting. Characteristics displayed match those of a balloon. Concluded that this object was probably a Wx balloon.	

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ACTION: CIN-17

INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3, DIA-7 (31)
SMB C 061

HQB280ZCWJA279

PP RJEZHQ

DE RJWFKD 2A

ZNR

P 250500Z

FM 4900 TH ABG KIRTLAND AFB NMEX

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJWFBH/332ND AIR DIV DEF CANNON AFB NMEX

RJEDSQ/FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIV WPAFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/HQ USAF WASH DC

RJEZHQ/SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE WASH DC

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UNCLAS SWBF 24-5-9 FOR TD-E, AFCIN, SAFIS

PRELIMINARY UFO REPORT IAW AFR 200-2 PAR 15

A. 1. ROUND

2. SIZE OF VENUS AS SEEN IN THE DAYTIME.

3. WHITE DURING DAY, PINK AT SUNSET, DARK AT NIGHT.

4. ONE

5. N/A

6. NONE

7. NONE

8. NONE

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9. NONE

B. 1. BRIGHTNESS AND STATIONARY POSITION AT HIGH ALT.

2. FROM ALBUQ. 20 TO 30 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON 050 DEGREES AT HIGH ALT
FROM LAS VEGAS NEW MEXICO, DIRECTLY OVERHEAD

3. SAME AS 2 ABOVE

4. MOSTLY STATIONARY BUT SLIGHT NORTH EAST
MOVEMENT DURING THE DAY, THEN RETURNING TO
THE ORIGINAL POSITION

5. PRESUMED TO HAVE BEEN IN POSITION AT DAWN
24 MAY 1962

6. OVER NINE HOURS

C. 1. GROUND VISUAL, GROUND ELECTRONIC. (AIR ROUTE
SURVALANCE TYPE)

2. BINOCULARY 7X30, USED BY LAS VEGAS AND
ST FE ARTCC PERSONNEL.

3. KC-135, ZEAL 15, 22M HEADING AND
SPEED UNK, HOME STATION, ROSWELL NEW MEX.
PILOT CAPT. A. A. PICINICH

D. 1. 2500221Z BY PILOT OF ZEAL 15, CONFIRMED BY
ABQ WATCH SUPERVISOR ARTCC, AND CHIEF

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FLIGHT SERVICE STATION LAS VEGAS NEW MEX.

D 2. DAY AND DUSK

E. AIRBORNE CLIMBING FROM ROSWELL TO LAS VEGAS
NEW MEXICO, ON TOP OF ABQ ARTCC BUILDING IN
ALBUQUERQUE, OUTSIDE FLT SERVICE BUILDING
AT LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO

F. 1. MR CODY, CHIEF FLT SERV LAS VEGAS NEW MEX
MR. ANDERSON WATCH SUPERVISOR ABQ ARTCC
CAPT PICINICH PILOT OF KC 135 ZEAL 15
ALL ESTIMATED TO BE VERY RELIABLE

G. OFFICIAL WEATHER UNAVAILABLE HOWEVER SKY
CONDITIONS CLEAR, VISIBILITY UNLIMITED WINDS
MILD, NO THUNDER STORMS IN THE AREA

H, I, J NONE

K? MAJ. VIRGIL O. HALL FSO KIRTLAND AFB. PRESENTLY
UNEXPLAINED

L. NONE

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12 MAY 26 02 22

TD#29

CZCSD024470NYC802

PP RJERSO

DE RJWFYD 60A

ZNY

P 252000Z

FM 49TH ARGE KIRTLAND AFB NMEX

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SMRF 25-5-10 FOR TD-3, AFGIN, SAVIS, REFERENCE

PRELIMINARY UFO REPORT DATED 25 MAY 62. DISREGARD

THIS REPORT. RELEASE OF BALLON FROM HOLLOWAN AIR

FORCE BASE ON 23 MAY IN MID AFTERNOON HAS BEEN

CONFIRMED.

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WDB