

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 30 October ²⁵ 30/2400Z	2. LOCATION Overton, Nevada
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION BALLOON
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	The vivid description and realistic drawing presented, indicate an apparent sighting of an upper air research balloon as it burst.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not reported	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual (BX)	Observer was looking for the comet through 7X50 binoculars when the object appeared as a brilliant silver sphere. First observer thought of the evening star, but was too far west of moon. Object appeared too high for an a/c. Object appeared relatively the same size as the crater in upper right of crescent of the moon. Object appeared to be a plume of white gaseous matter and appeared to shoot up. Observer looked away for a moment in order to show it to others who were watching also. When first observer looked again the sphere had vanished leaving a long silvery plume with a dark object at its base and far above it was an extremely fast moving, tiny looking dart moving thru the air at a high rate of speed moving in a southerly direction. The plume began to crumple and drop rapidly toward the earth.
7. COURSE South	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION (AFSC)
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO 45433



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: FDEW/UFO

DEC 21 1965

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting, Overton, Nevada

to: Hq USAF SAFOI-CC (Mrs Hunt)

Reference the attached letter from Mrs [REDACTED] requesting information on her unidentified observation. The following is a suggested reply:

Dear Mrs [REDACTED]

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In the past, observations of this nature have assisted in recovery of the instrument packages associated with these projects. We wish to thank you for presenting this observation to the Air Force.

FOR THE COMMANDER

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Eric T de Jonckheere", is written over the typed name.

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE, Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

(BALLOON)

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ORIGINATOR *H. Quintanilla, Jr*
TDEW/UFO Maj H Quintanilla, Jr

DATED *20 Dec 65*

TDEW *M.H. Perkins*

DATED *20 Dec 65*

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54:
TO DO

for review,
time forward as it
report of [redacted]
[redacted] Overton, Nevada

I feel "foolish" for trying to report this...it perhaps is of no importance...but I would feel more foolish if it was important and I had not done so!

Saturday afternoon / Oct 31, 1965 between four and four thirty...don't know exact time I was looking for the comet, with "7:50" field glasses almost full extension, and happened to pick up a brilliant silver sphere...first thought it was "evening star" (Venus??) but remembered star was to west of moon. This object was much higher than a "Venus band" jet.

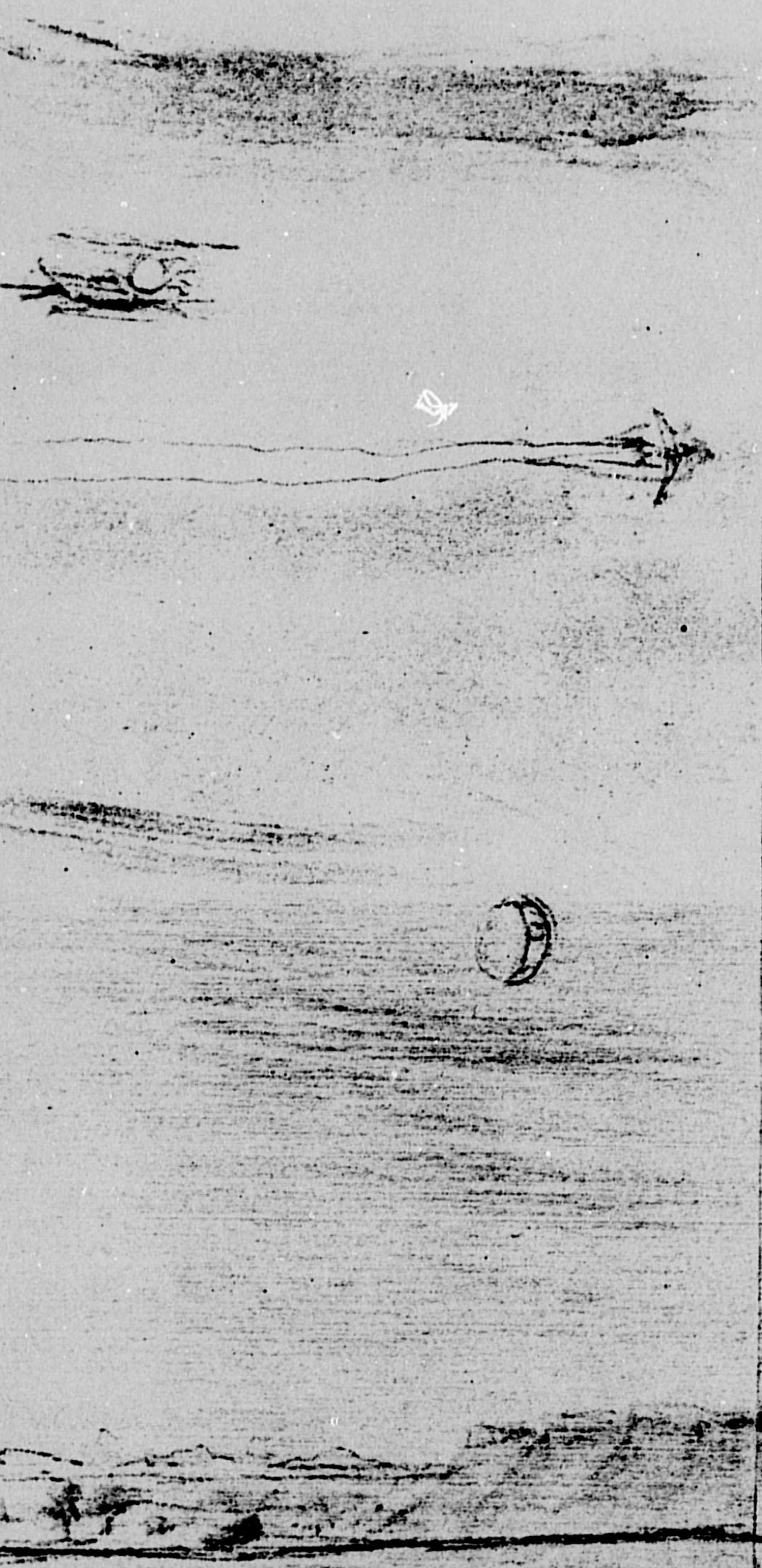
It appeared "relatively" the same size as the crater in upper right of crescent of moon. Just after the jet passed from horizon of glasses, what appeared to be a plume of white gaseous matter seemed to shoot up at least five or six times the breadth of the sphere above it to the right of it, then to "switch" wildly around. I took my eyes away to check on relative positions in order to show it to others who were watching and when I picked it up again the sphere had vanished leaving a long silvery plume with a dark object at its base...and VERY FAR ABOVE it was an extremely fast moving, tiny looking "dart" flashing thru the air faster than one could move an arm, moving in a southerly direction. The "plume" began to crumple and drop rapidly toward the earth (I presume) and vanished. ^{high in air - not below horizon} A few moments later a very SLOW MOVING

Jet, headed east, moved across the horizon between us and the area where the sphere had appeared. *much larger - much higher than any "weather balloon" I've ever seen.*

My first impression of the dark object below the "plume" was that it was a "man" and the plume a "chute"...He feared that some one had evacuated the slow jet but I believe the object was mechanical in nature and much too large to be a human being. Seemed to have "too many legs". Sphere must have been huge...seemed as far out as "Venus" satellite. [redacted]

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HOLD SKETCH OVERHEAD
FOR CORRECT PERSPECTIVE
SILVER SPHERE



'VEGAS toward J²⁷ (NE)

LOOKING SOUTHWARD

"quarter"
MOON - NOTE CRATER SIZE

MTS IN ARIZONA
CUBRPOIN

MORMON MESA WEST
OF CUBRPOIN

DOTTED LINE SHOWS
DEGREES OF OSCILLATION



"PLUME"



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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: OI

29 November 1965

SUBJECT: UFO Report

TO: Foreign Technology Division (FTD)
AFSC
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Attached is a UFO report. According to our Command Post records no Nellis aircraft were in the Overton area at that time on 30 October.

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