PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 14 August 1957	**2. LOCATION** Los Angeles, California	**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 _____ GMT 15/0435Z	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	**6. SOURCE** Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION five seconds	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** three	**9. COURSE** E to W

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Three round yellow objects the size of a quarter at arm's length. Objects were in the formation of a triangle and flew from approximately East to West. Objects were seen through binoculars for five seconds.

11. COMMENTS

Description, indicates that this sighting was probably caused by aircraft. Speed & duration indicate possible meteor sighting. Object moved through 20 dgr arc in 5 seconds at extreme elevation yet disappeared into fog bank. Insufficient data for analysis due to conflicting information.

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FM COMDR 669TH ACWRON PORHUE CALIF

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLO

RJWPJB/COMDR 27TH ADIV NORTON AFB CALIF

INFO RJEDWP/COMDR AIR TECH INTEL CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEPHQ/DIR OF INTEL HQTRS USAF WASH 25 D C.

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Note

UNCLAS 6690PS 034-Y PD UFOB PD 1A. ROUND B. QUARTER C. YELLOW D. THREE E. TRIANGLE F. NONE G. NONE H. NONE I. NONE 2A. LOOKING AT STARS WITH BINOCULARS AND SAW IT MOVE THROUGH. B. 85 DEGREES ELEVATION 75 DEGREES AZIMUTH C. 75 DEGREES ELEVATION 270 DEGREES AZIMUTH D. STRAIGHT LINE E. IT WENT INTO FOG BANK F. FIVE SECONDS 3A. GROUND-VISUAL B. BINOCULARS C. GROUND SIGHTING ONLY 4A. 15 AUGUST 1957 0435Z B. NIGHT 5. BE 4101 HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA 6A. CIVILIAN R[redacted] AGE 33, [redacted], LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA, JET PILOT, PHONE [redacted] B. N/A 7A. NONE B. VARIABLE C. NONE D. 15 MILES E. NONE F. NONE 8. NONE 9. NONE, CHECKED WITH AMIS NO RESULTS. 10. PICKUP BY P-2 IN BE 1050

0935 - 8 = 0235 hrs

RADAR

Note: Binoculars used (7x50x?)

How can anyone estimate an object to be at 50,000 feet at night, when observed for only six seconds?!

Cruising speed of some aircraft

Compare observers estimates with P-2 estimates

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2 OBJECTS, 350 KNOTS AT MEASURED 43,000 FEET NOT IDENTIFIED. 11. EDWARD R MARTIN 1ST LT SENIOR DIRECTOR. COMMET: NO POSSIBLE EXPLANATION 12. NONE REMARKS: OBSERVER ESTIMATED SPEED AT 1200-1500 KNOTS, ALTITUDE 50,000 FEET. ALSO CLAIMED * GEIGER COUNTER HE HAD JUMPED UP 1000 PERCENT. DID NOT INDICATE METER READING.

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Comments:

1. Object went from NE (75°) to West (270°) in 5 seconds.
2. Observed with binoc which would magnify them greatly.
3. Observers reliability questioned re estimates of altitude and speed. Radar indicates only 2 objects traveling at 350 knots.

Prob. a/c

* Is he trying to relate a geiger reading from 50,000 feet?