

ROB MERCER

10 JUN 59

RENO, NEV.

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 10 Jun 59	2. LOCATION Reno, Nevada		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 0815-0015-1615Z	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		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Military		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION approx 15 mins	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE stationary	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Motionless obj which seemed to be a reflection. No apparent shape, except possibly slightly wider than tall. Silver gray color. Disappeared instantaneously.		11. COMMENTS Probably a weather balloon which burst at high alt.	

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FM COMDR STEAD AFB NEI

TO RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB

RJWZSB/28 AIRDIV

RJEDSQ/AIR TECH INTEL CTR WPAFB

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ACTION: COFS (AFCIN), OSAF (SAFIS), ADC, 28 AIRDIV, AIR
 TECH INTEL CTR. INFO AISS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR
 200-2 FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED: PARA 15A (1)
 A REFLECTION WITH NO APPARAENT SHAPE EXCEPT POSSIBLE
 SLIGHTLY WIDER THAN IT WAS TALL. (2) APPROXIMATELY
 THE SIZE OF A QUARTER HELD IN THE HAND AT ARMS
 LENGTH. (3) SILVERY GREY DESCRIBED AS APPROXIMATELY
 THE SAME COLOR AS THE REFLECTION GIVEN OFF BY A
 SILVER ACFT. (4) ONE. (5) N/A (6) NONE GIVEN. (7) N/A.

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(8) NO SOUND DISCERNED. (9) N/A. PARA 15B. (1) MOTIONLESS REFLECTING OBJECT. (2) AS SEEN FROM HIS PARKED CAR APPROXIMATELY 45 TO 60 DEGREES UP FROM GROUND LEVEL AT AN ESTIMATED MAG HEADING OF 260 DEGREES. APPARENT ALTITUDE OF 6,000 TO 7,000 FT ABOVE THE NEARBY SIERRA MOUNTAIN RANGE. THIS RANGE HAS A 6,000 TO 9,000 PEAK LINE IN THIS AREA. ESTIMATED 30 TO 40 MILES FROM OBSERVER. (3) N/A. (4) N/A. (4) N/A. (5) INSTANTANEOUSLY. (6) ESTIMATED 15 MINUTES. PARA 15C (1) GROUND-VISUAL.

(2) NAKED EYE PLUS CORRECTIONAL EYEGLASSES. (3) N/A.
PARA 15D (1) ^{0015-LOCAL?} 0815Z 10 JUNE 59. (2) DAY. PARA 15E FIRST OBSERVED RENO NEVADA AT WELLS AND 4TH AVENUES HEADING WEST ALONG 4TH. OBSERVER STOPPED AND PARKED HIS CAR APPROXIMATELY AT EVANS AND 4TH. PARAF. TSGT [REDACTED] AF 18299410, 3635TH FLT LINE MAIN RON. HIS COMDR DESCRIBES SGT [REDACTED] AS AN EXCELLENT SUPERVISOR WHO WAS RELIABLE AND HAPPY IN HIS JOB. THE SGT IS MARRIED AND SEEMS TO BE RELIABLE AND STABLE. HIS KNOWLEDGE OF AIRCRAFT, BY VIRTUE OF HIS PAST EXPERIENCE AS CREW CHIEF AND PRESENT EXPERIENCE

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AS FLIGHT LINE MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR WOULD TEND TO ELIMINATE SOME POSSIBILITY OF THE OBJECT SEE N TO BE AN AIRCRAFT. PARA G(1) CLEAR DAY WITH UNLIMITED

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VISIBILITY. (2) 0800Z TEMP 79 DEGREES (ESTIMATE FOR TIME INDICATED) WINDS AT 5,000 FT 40 DEGREES AT 10 KNOTS: 10,000 FT 40 DEGREES AT 10 KNOTS: 18,000 FT 220 DEGREES AT 10 KNOTS: 25,000 FT 270 DEGREES AT 23 KNOTS: 35,000 FT 290 DEGREES AT 20 KNOTS: 50,000 FT 320 DEGREES AT 25 KNOTS; 60,000 FT 240 DEGREES AT 15 KNOTS. (3) N/A. (4) 30 PLUS MIESL. (5) 1/10 CIRRUS HIGH SCATTERED. (6) N/A. PARA H N/A. PARA I, N/A. PARA J. NO AIR TRAFFIC EITHER MILITARY OR CIVILIAN IN THE RENO AREA AT THE TIME OF OBSERVATION. PARA K. INTELLIGENCE OFFICER WING OPS 3635TH FLYTRAWG(ADV). FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS, THE OBJECT SEEN BY SGT [REDACTED] N MAY HAVE BEEN A LARGE WEATHER BALLOON. (1) RENO TOWER QUOTE UNOFFICIALLY UNQUOTE INDICATED THAT IT HAD RECEIVED REPORTS OF A LARGE BALLOON OVER THE RENO AREA LATE IN THE AFTERNOON OF 10 JUN 59. (2) THE OBJECT SIGHTED GAVE OFF A SILVERY GREY REFLECTION WITH APPARENTLY NO DEFINABLE

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SHAPE. (3) THE OBJECTS LACK OF APPARENT MOTION AND SUDDEN DISAPPEARANCE INDICATES A BALLOON AT HIGH ALTITUDE THAT SUDDENLY BURST. (4) THE RENO WEATHER SERVICE REPORTED THAT IT HAD RELEASED A WEATHER BALLOON AT 0708Z 10 JUNE 59.

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