PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
29 July 1954

2. LOCATION
Atlantic City, New Jersey

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local Varied
GMT

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar
☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
Civilian

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
Varied 1½hr

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
1

9. COURSE

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
Approximately 300 persons saw a round shiny object hovering in the sky for a long period of time. No significant performance characteristics were noticed.

11. COMMENTS
A check of the balloon launchings and tracks revealed a balloon was launched on 27 July 1954in N.H. It was over the Atlantic City area on 29 July 54.

12. CONCLUSIONS
☒ Was Balloon Experimental
☐ Probably Balloon
☐ Possibly Balloon

☐ Was Aircraft
☐ Probably Aircraft
☐ Possibly Aircraft

☐ Was Astronomical
☐ Probably Astronomical
☐ Possibly Astronomical

☐ Other
☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
☐ Unknown

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ATIAE5/Capt Hardin/rc/69216

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, POLICY AND MANAGEMENT GROUP
DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: (U) Unidentified Flying Object

1. This office did not receive an official report of the attached unidentified flying object account; however, information on hand indicates that this was definitely an experimental balloon.

2. The balloon (MIT-160 GU) was launched on 27 July 1954 in the vicinity of Manchester, New Hampshire. It circled inland, then out to sea, then inland again and was over Atlantic City area on 29 July 1954. It descended on 30 July 1954 near Chestertown, Maryland.

3. Attached for your convenience is the original Weather Plotting Chart furnished us by the Free Balloon Information Center, Denver, Colorado.

2 Incls
1. Memo Routing Slip dtd 13 Oct 54 w/incls
2. Weather Plotting Chart

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CWO, USAF
Asst. Adj

COORDINATION:

ATIAE5 C. A. Hardin DATE 10/28/54
Capt. C. A. Hardin

ATIAE W. C. Johnston DATE 1 Nov
Lt. Col. W. C. Johnston

ATIA R. W. McDuffee DATE 1 Nov
Col. R. W. McDuffee

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29/ Atlantic City N.J. 6

29 October 1954

SUMMARY OF ATLANTIC CITY CASE

On 25 October 54, a memo was received in ATIAE-5 from the AF Press Desk, Washington. Attached to the memo were several Atlantic City Newspaper Clippings dated 30 July 1954, relating a UFO report. The object had been seen by approximately 300 persons in the Atlantic City area on 29 July 1954.

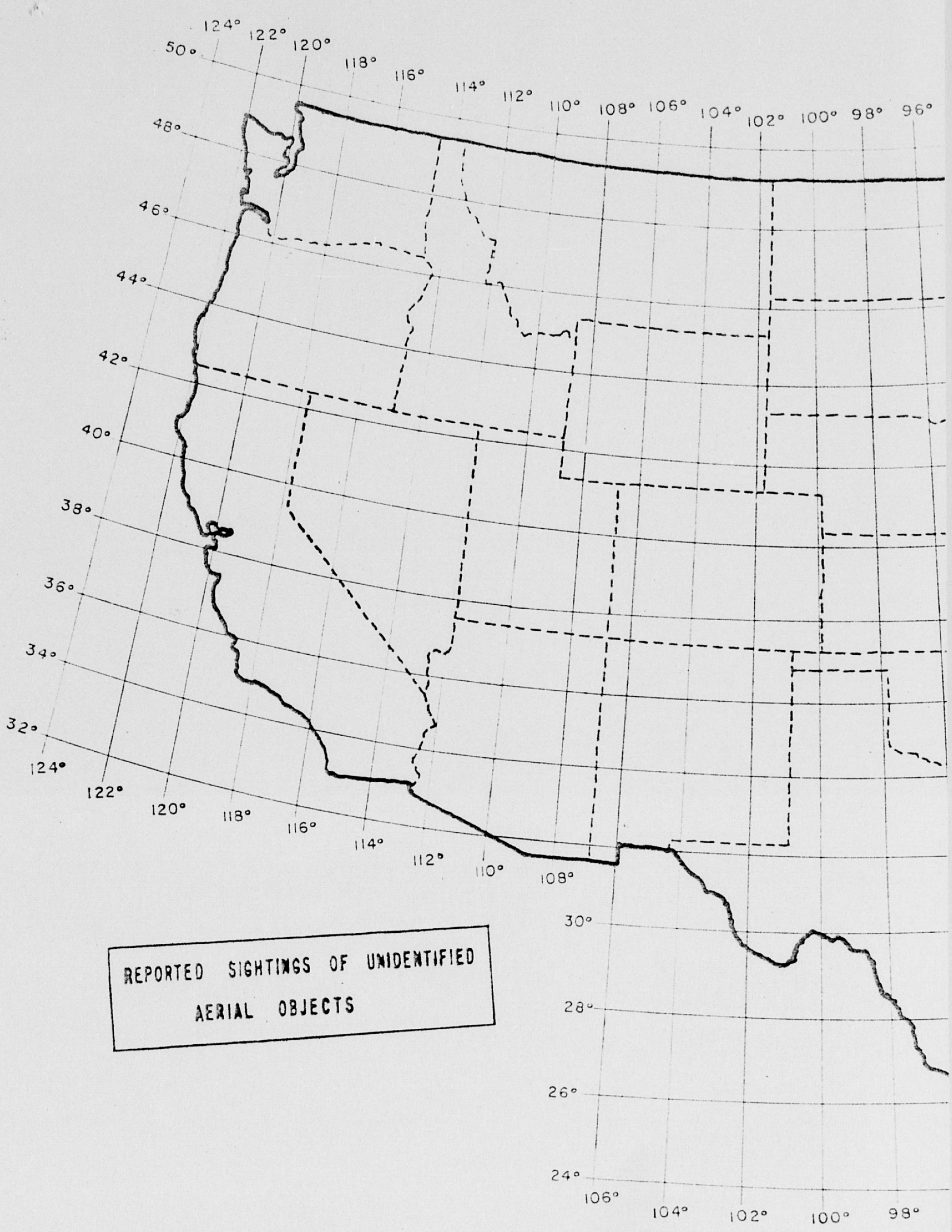
There were no significant characteristics concerning the description or performance of the object, and quite a number of persons had reported the object "hovered" over the area for 1½ hours.

The above description, "hovered," immediately indicated the possibility of a balloon. The file on balloon launchings and tracks was referred to for possible launchings made on/about the 26, 27 or 28 July 54.

An experimental balloon was launched on 27 July 54 in the vicinity of Manchester, New Hampshire. Refer to attached map which depicts the approximate flight path of the balloon.

A. W. Dubpeed
T/Sgt USAF

1 Nov 54



REPORTED SIGHTINGS OF UNIDENTIFIED AERIAL OBJECTS

STORM - 27 JULY 5

APPROXIMATE FLT PATH OF BALLOON LAUNCHED 28/0014 JUL 64 FROM

INFORMATION OBTAINED FR USAF AIR WEATHER SERVICE.