

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 3 Feb 51		2. LOCATION Calena, Ill		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT Not Given		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilians			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Given		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE N	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Shape like a "telephone Pole". Color was brilliant red. Size 300' long. Speed was not very fast. Alt not very high. P				11. COMMENTS Probably large meteor. Report says it was viewed over Wisconsin where it appeared to be blue.	

Discussed with Mr. [redacted]
astronomer. Believes it is
a fireball.

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New "Saucer" Reports Rise

"Telephone Pole" Flies Over City, People Say

GALENA, Ill., Feb. 4.—(UP)—Mayor Ray Logan said today he was flooded with calls from persons who claimed they saw a 300-foot long, brilliant red "telephone pole" fly over Galena last night.

And it was only a "typical Saturday night in Galena," the mayor said, meaning that the revelry wasn't so great that people were seeing things.

The report in this northern Illinois town near the Wisconsin border coincided with observations of a brilliant blue flash, believed caused by a meteor, over central Wisconsin.

Witnesses here said the pole was shaped something like a baseball bat and glided noiselessly along, not very high and not very fast.

Logan said "very reputable and responsible" persons first called him about the object, and that since he has received numerous reports from others here and in communities to the north.

"The descriptions given me were pretty much the same," Logan said. "I'm still getting calls."

The police department said that a half dozen motorists reported that they nearly had accidents when they saw the pole pass overhead.

Witnesses said the pole first appeared over a section known as Irish Hollow and was brilliant red in color.

Virginia Beadle, the local telephone operator, said she saw the object while on her way to work and it nearly scared her to death.

Later reports said the pole was green in color as it sailed northward, and Logan said he received reports from the north that it was blue over Wisconsin.

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