PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 7 Apr 52	2. LOCATION Walnut, Miss.		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☒ Probably Astronomical METEOR ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local Day break GMT	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE CID Agent		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION several seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Greenish color. large fireball. Arched maneuvers.		11. COMMENTS Thought it was going to hit so stopped car and got out. Other similar reports in area.	

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From: 516th Troop Carrier Wing
Memphis Municipal Airport
Memphis, Tenn.

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Report of unidentified flying object by Mr. [redacted], CID agent, Naval Air Station, Millington, Tenn., reports he and daughter [redacted] [redacted]sighted Unconventional Flying Object while enroute from Ripley, Miss., to Millington. Observers driving Northwest on Highway 72 about two miles from Walnut, Miss. Object sighted at daybreak on morning of 7 April 1952. Object appeared to be very bright with "brilliance of big arc light". Object was many times brighter than aircraft beacon nearby. Traveling too fast to estimate speed. Distance unestimated but object appeared to be smaller than full moon. Object appeared solid. Thinking object was meteor about to crash, observer stopped, and cut off engine. Observers expected crash but object disappeared behind pine trees. Object made no sound, left no trail or exhaust. 516th Wing Comments: Daughter confirmed report. She is employed (garbled) Commissioner Leslie Nicholson, Memphis. Both sources appear reliable, veracity appears unquestionable to this interviewer. Report released by INS described "fireball" sighted, Macom, Mo., about 350 airline miles NNW Memphis early morning 7 April 1952. Considering position of this sighting two objects possibly could have been one and same.

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OF UNIDENTIFIED FLY OBJ CLN MR C C SMITH CMA CID AGT CMA HAS CMA

MILLINGTON CMA TENN PD CMA REPTS HE AND DAUGHTER [redacted] SIGHTED

UNCONVENTIONAL FLY OBJ WHILE E/R FM RIPLEY CMA MISS PD CMA TO MILLINGTON

PD OBSRS DVG NW ON HWY SEVENTY DASH TWO ABOUT TEN MILES FM WALNUT CMA

MISS PD OBJ SIGHTED DAYBREAK MORNING 7 APR 52 PD OBJ APPEARED VERY BRIGHT

WITH QUOTE BRILLIANCE BIG ARC LIGHT UNQUOTE PD OBJ MANY TIMES BRIGHTER

ACFT BEACON NEARBY PD OBJ TVLD TOO FAST EST SPEED PD DIS UNEST BUT OBJ

APPEARED SMALLER THAN FULL MOON PD OBJ APPEARED SOLID PD THINKING OBJ WAS

METEOR ABOUT CRASH CMA OBSRS STOPPED CMA CUT ENG PD OBSRS EXPECTED

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CRASH BUT OBJ DISAPPEARED BEHIND PINE TREES PD OBJ MADE NO SOUND CMA LEFT NO TRAIL OR EXHAUST PD 516 WINT COMMENTS CLN DAUGHTER CFMD REPT PD SHE EMPL U PD SPD COMMISSIONER LESLIE NICHOLSON CMA MEMPHIS PD BOTH SOURCES APPEAR RELIABLE CMA VERACITY APPEARS UNQUESTIONABLE THIS INTERVIEWER PD REPT RELSD INS DESCRIBES QUOTE FIREBALL UNQUOTE SIGHTED MACON CMA MISSOURI CMA ABOUT 350 AIR MILES NNW MEMPHIS EARLY MORNING 7 APRIL 52 PD CONSIDERING POSITION THIS SIGHTING TWO OBJS POSSIBLY COULD HAVE BEEN ONE AND SAME PD

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PAREN IN A FEW SECONDS PAREN PD OBSR LOCD HER HOTEL APT LOOKING OUT LARGE WINDOW N OVER CITY PD DIS OBJ TWO TO FOUR MILES PD WEA FAIR CMA WARM PD DAWN JUST BEGINNING TO BREAK PD WINT COMMENTS CLN SOURCE APPEARS RELIABLE CMA HOWEVER CMA SHE EXPRESSED MUCH INTEREST IN RECENT NEWS ARTICLES RE UNIDENTIFIED FLY OBJS PD SOURCE ADAMANT DURING QUESTIONING CMA IS WIFE BUSINESS EXEC PD HER AGE THIRTY DASH EIGHT PD SHE WEARS GLASSES WHILE READING PD

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COUNTRY	REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
USA-MATS	IR-166-52	

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object over Memphis, Tennessee	
AREA REPORTED ON: Tennessee	FROM (Agency): Intelligence Division, Hq MATS, Andrews AF Base, Washington 25, D. C.
DATE OF REPORT: 14 April 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION: 7 April 1952 / EVALUATION: F-6
PREPARED BY (Officer): Charles J. Powley, Captain, USAF	SOURCE: Mrs. [redacted], Parkview Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee - Tel. 36-2927
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)	

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

1. Source reports that she sighted an unidentified flying object at 0445C, 7 April 1952, west of the Parkview Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee. Additional information follows:

a. Number - one
b. Shape - basket
c. Size - not estimated
d. Color - not reported
e. Speed - unknown
f. Maneuverability -- not maneuvering
g. Heading - Northwest
h. Altitude -- unknown
i. Sound - no sound
j. Exhaust trail - Ring size with bluish light, trailing fire from top

2. The weather at the time of sighting was clear with visibility of 12 miles.

3. At 0841C, 7 April 1952, the Memphis Air Route Traffic Control Center, Memphis, Tennessee, advised the Maxwell Flight Control Center that they had received the above report of a flying object.

4. The controller at Memphis Air Route Traffic Control Center telephoned Mrs. Munger and verified the report. She seemed very sincere in describing the object but could offer no additional information.

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
Memphis, Tennessee	516th Troop Carrier Wg. Intelligence

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
21 April 1952	7 April 1952	F-3

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
Julius J. Laurenzi, Captain, USAF	Mrs Ray H. Menger, Parkview Hotel, Memphis

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

TWX: 516 TCW - WINT - 4 - 82

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

At 0445 hours 7 April 1952, Mrs. [redacted]r of Parkview Hotel, Memphis, claims to have seen an unidentified flying object traveling N-NW over the heart of the city at a speed "many times that of commercial aircraft" often seen in the same vicinity. Although distance was undetermined, observer estimated a distance of two to four miles. It appeared larger than a full moon and larger than aircraft at a similar distance. The altitude appeared to be that of commercial aircraft routes coming in to Memphis during bad weather (1000 to 1500 feet).

The object sighted was shaped "like a cotton basket", and had a blue-white brilliance with a reddish glow near the top. It made no sound and left no exhaust or vapor trail. It appeared to arc slightly in its trajectory.

The weather was clear and warm and the morning of the sighting the observer was sitting before a large picture window looking north over the city as dawn was just beginning to break. She reported having arisen early to see her husband off on a business trip.

The source of the information is 38 years old and wears glasses while reading. She is the wife of a business executive and by all indications, reliable and rational.

It is highly probable that this observer sighted some unconventional material object.

Comments: Mrs. [redacted] remained adamant during questioning. However, she expressed a great deal of interest in other sightings and had read recent publicity regarding same. Two reports at nearly the same time lend credibility to this report. Mrs. [redacted]r did not have knowledge of the other sightings (re: report No. 2-52 516th Troop Carrier Wing Intelligence).

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United States of America	3-52	949413

AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT
Unidentified Flying Objects

AREA REPORTED ON	FROM (Agency)
Walnut, Miss.	516th Troop Carrier Wing Intelligence

DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
21 April 1952	7 April 1952	A-3

PREPARED BY (Officer)	SOURCE
Julius J. Laurenzi, Capt., USAF	Mr. C. C. Smith and Audrey Smith

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
TWX: 516 TCW-WINT-F-81

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

Mr. [redacted] and daughter, [redacted] report sighting an unconventional flying object while on route from Ripley, Miss., to Millington, Tenn., while driving NW on Highway 72 approaching Walnut, Miss.

Object was sighted just at daybreak on the morning of 7 April 1952. The object appeared very bright with a "brilliance of a big arc light", and had a greenish cast. It was many times brighter than an aircraft beacon nearby. Although the object was traveling too fast to estimate speed, it stayed in sight long enough to stop the car and observe it indicating that it was a great distance away. The distance is unestimated, but the object appeared smaller than a full moon. It appeared to be solid.

Thinking it was a meteor about to crash, the observers pulled to a stop and cut engine. The observers expected a crash which did not come. The object was still visible when pine trees beside the road obstructed their vision. Exact shape of the object was undetermined because of its brilliance. It made no sound and left no vapor trail or exhaust.

Because of the vivid descriptions given, it is possible the observers sighted a material flying object.

COMMENTS: Mr. [redacted] is a CID agent at Naval Air Station, Millington, Tenn. His daughter is an employee of U. S. Commissioner Leslie Nicholson of Memphis. Both appear reliable, and their veracity appeared unquestionable.

A report released by International News Service describes a "fireball" sighted at Macon, Mo., some 350 air miles N-NW of Memphis during the early morning of 7 April 1952. Considering the position of this sighting the objects could possibly been one and the same. A third report, reference Report No. 2-52, 516 TCW INT, appears to fit in the same flight pattern of the above reported object.

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT #__6__

DATE: 7 Apr 52

TIME (Local): Daybreak

LOCATION: Walnut, Miss.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: Several Seconds.

SOUND: Unknown

SPEED: High

ALTITUDE: Appeared low

HEADING: Unknown

SOURCE: CIC Agent

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Probably large meteor or fireball. Several reports of Similar object from Missouri and Tennessee.

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Sources observed large white object "streaking" through the sky. No trail observed. [redacted]

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT #7

DATE: 7 Apr 52

TIME (Local): 0445 CST

LOCATION: Memphis, Tenn.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: Few Seconds

SOUND: ~~XXXX XXXXX XXXXXXXXXX XXX~~ Unknown

SPEED: Many times commercial aircraft

ALTITUDE: Unknown

HEADING: NNW

SOURCE: Civilian

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Similar to fire ball or meteor.

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Dazzling blue-white object with reddish glow near top and shaped like cotton basket. Was much larger than a/c at same distance. [redacted]

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