

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 15 May 1952		2. LOCATION Washington D. C.		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2135 EDT GMT 0325Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical (METER) ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Naval officers and 3 other people			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING None--Balloons launched in area at 0300 Z, but object was too fast unless balloon was very low. Color: Yellowish*gold Shape: Oval		11. COMMENTS Object would have been 5-6' diameter Covered 60° 70° of sky and disappeared at 20°-30°. Maneuvers: Straight and level METER			

CSAF ITEM 5 [REDACTED]

TO ATIAA-2C RUPPELT

FROM AFOIN-2B3 FOURNET

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FOLLOWING REPORT RECEIVED BY D/I DUTY OFFICER
BY PHONE 2130 HRS LOCAL 15 MAY 52:

ENS [REDACTED] USN, REPORTED SIGHTING
SAUCER-LIKE OBJECT AT 2135 HRS LOCAL 15
MAY, PRESUMABLY OVER WASHINGTON AREA. COLOR
GOLDISH-ORANGE, NO APPEARANCE OF EXHAUST,
SIZE AND ALTITUDE UNKNOWN, SHAPE CIRCULAR AND
APPEARED "SAUCER-LIKE IN THICKNESS". OBJECT
TRAVELLING DUE SOUTH IN LEVEL FLIGHT AND VANISHED
FROM SIGHT PRIOR TO REACHING HORIZON. OBSERVED
FOR ABOUT 15 SECONDS MAXIMUM. SPEED COULD NOT
BE ESTIMATED BUT "EXTREMELY FAST". STATE HE
AND 3 OTHER OBSERVERS WITH HIM WERE CERTAIN
IT WAS NOT SEARCHLIGHT REFLECTION ON CLOUDS
OR OVERCAST.

[REDACTED] RESIDES [REDACTED], WASHINGTON,

[REDACTED] OTHER PEOPLE STATE TO BE

WITH HIM AT TIME OF SIGHTING WERE ENS [REDACTED]

MISS [REDACTED] AND MISS [REDACTED] TRIED TO

CONTACT [REDACTED] BY PHONE FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS

BUT COULD NOT LOCATE HIM. WEATHER FOR GENERAL

AREA AT 2130 LOCAL WAS THIN BROKEN OVERCAST

AT 22,000 FEET, VIS 15 MILES. PLS ADVISE IF

FURTHER ACTION REQUIRED.

END CSAF ITEM [REDACTED]

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TT 124
16 May 52

RESTRICTED

ACTION

DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS
DOD DIR 5200.10

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CSAF ITEM [REDACTED]

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TT-126
21 May 52
CSAF ITEM 7
ATIAA

TO ATIAA-2C RUPPELT FROM AFOIN-2B3 FOURNET
REF CSAF ITEM 5 TT 124 AND AMC ITEM 1 TT 125

HAVE CONTACTED ENS [REDACTED] AND ENS [REDACTED]
BY PHONE AND MISS [REDACTED] IN PERSON
FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL AND CLARIFYING INFO
OBTAINED:

ENS [REDACTED] REITERATES PREVIOUS DATA
SUBMITTED EXCEPT ESTIMATE OF DURATION OF
OBSERVATION WHICH HE NOW BELIEVES TO BE
ABOUT 10 SECONDS INSTEAD OF 15 OBSERVED
THROUGH ARC OF 60 TO 70 DEGREES. COULD NOT
ESTIMATE SIZE ACCURATELY. SAUCER IMPRESSION
BASED ON OVAL RATHER THAN CIRCULAR APPEARANCE
AS THOUGH DISC SEEN TILTED. ADDITIONAL IM-
PRESSION OF SPINNING MOTION. DESCRIBED AS
SOFT GLOW OF GOLDISH-ORANGE COLOR BUT
DEFINITELY NOT METEOR, A/C LANDING LIGHT,
LIGHTED BALLOON, ETC., WITH WHICH HE IS
FAMILIAR. [HE EMPHASIZES THAT OBJECT JUST
VANISHED WHILE STILL ABOUT 20 TO 30 DEGRESS
ABOVE HORIZON.]

ENS [REDACTED] L DESCRIBES OBJECT AS AMORPHOUS
LIGHT OF SOFT YELLOWISH-GOLD GLOW TRAVELLING

ACTION

A T I A A

SLOWLY AT LOW ALTITUDE IN STRAIGHT PATH WITH
NO SOUND. FIRST OBSERVED ABOVE HOUSE,
KEPT IT UNDER OBSERVATION FOR ABOUT 6 SECONDS
DURING WHICH IT TRAVERSED ABOUT 30 DEGREE
ARC, AND LOST IT BEHIND TREES. TRAVELLED
IN GENERAL SW DIRECTION. APPEARED TO BE
VAGUE OBLONG SHAPE WITH ESTIMATED 4 TO 5
FOOT DIAMETER IF AT ASSUMED ALTITUDE OF
ABOUT 60 FT. STATES IT DEFINITELY WAS NOT
A/C LANDING LIGHT. DESCRIBES WEATHER AS
FAIRLY CLEAR AND COULD SEE MANY STARS.
NO MOON AT TIME OF OBSERVATION.

MISS [REDACTED] COULD OFFER NO DEFINITE INFO
EXCEPT THAT COLOR APPEARED TO BE BLUISH-
WHITE AND SHAPE APPEARED OVAL AS FOR DISC
TILTED SLIGHTLY.

ALL OBSERVERS RESIDE SAME BUILDING AT ADDRESS
GIVEN PREVIOUSLY, WHICH IS IN GEORGETOWN
AREA OF NW WASHINGTON. OBSERVATION MADE FROM
THIS LOCALITY. [REDACTED] WAS ON ROOF AND
[REDACTED] WAS ON GROUND, HENCE PARTIALLY
ACCOUNTING FOR DIFFERENCES IN LENGTH OF
OBSERVATION AND MANNER OF DISAPPEARANCE.
FULL NAMES AND PARTICULARS OF FOUR OBSERVERS:

[REDACTED] ENS, USN [REDACTED] ENS,

USN [REDACTED] CIVILIAN EMPLOYEE

IN D/I HQ USAF [REDACTED] WAF ASSIGNED

HQ USAF.

DOWNGRADED AT 8 YEAR INTERVALS;
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.
DOD DIR 5200.10

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ENH CSAT MEM [REDACTED]

EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 7

DATE: 15 May 52

TIME (Local): 2135

LOCATION: Washington, D. C.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 6-10 Seconds

SOUND: Unknown

SPEED: Slow and/or extremely fast

ALTITUDE: Low

HEADING: S

SOURCE: Two ensigns USN and others.

ACTION OR COMMENTS: None

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Goldish-orange, saucer-like object gave impression of spinning motion. Two observers at different levels, i.e., one at street level while other at roof level, hence variations in observation. [REDACTED]