

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 12 Dec 52	2. LOCATION LONDON, ENGLAND	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probable Balloon ☒ Possible Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probable Aircraft ☐ Possible Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probable Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other ☒ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 12/0300	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Unknown	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	9. COURSE
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Watermelon shaped, white light moved slow, very maneuverable as it came toward observer, then slid sideways. Altitude of object was approx 1000'. No air traffic at time of sighting.		11. COMMENTS Insuff Data

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London, England

12 December 1952

I. Description of Incident

An observer in London observed a watermelon-shaped object of white light estimated to be as high as 1,000 feet then disappearing behind some buildings. Object was slow moving and was sighted at 0300 for 3 minutes.

II. Discussion of Incident

This report is very brief. Nothing is known about the reliability of the observer, local air traffic, beacons on water towers, etc. Therefore, no real evaluation can be attempted although the description sounds like the landing light on an incoming plane.

III. Conclusion

Insufficient information.

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DIR INTEL HQ USAF
CG ENT AFB COLO SPRINGS COLO
CG SAC OFFUTT AFB

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FLY OB RPT. ATTN: ATIAA-2C. 1. SHAPED LIKE A WATERMELON HAD
DIBV WHITE LIGHT, SLOW MOVING, VERY MANEUVERABLE IT CAME TOWARDS
SIGHTER, THEN SLID SIDWAYS, (NOT BANKING), NOT TRAIL OR EXHAUST,
NO SOUND HEARD, DESAPPEARED FROM VIEW BEHIND HOUSES IN AREA.
ESTIMATED HIGHTH OF OBJECT 1000 FEET, ESTIMATED DISTANCE FROM
OBSERVER-2 MILES. 2. APPROXIMATELY 0300, 12 DEC 52. LENGTH OF
TIME OBSERVER 3 MINUTES. 3. VISUAL SIGHTING FROM GROUND.
4. LOCATION-RUISLIP, LONDON, ENG AND, 51 DEGREES 34 MINUTES
50 SECONDS NORTH-0 DEGREES 25 MINUTES 55 SECONDS WEST.
5. ALONE. 6. CLEAR, STARRY SKY, NO WINDS. 7. UNKNOWN.
8. NONE. 9. NONE. 10. NO AIR TRAFFIC AT TIME OF SIGHTING.

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FROM (Agency) 608th Air Base Group, McGuire AFB, Trenton, N J	REPORT NO. 18-5-53 R	PAGE 5 OF 5 PAGES
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- A. I am a mechanic.
- Q. How many years' service do you have?
- A. Eight years and eight months.
- Q. What has been your particular job since you have been in service?
- A. That of truck mechanic.

The following is a statement made by Airman [REDACTED] concerning the incident:

"At approximately 0030 hours on the morning of the 12th Dec I [REDACTED] was awakened by A/3c [REDACTED] to observe some strange object that were passing over our building. I got up to observe object before it disappeared out of sight."

/s/ [REDACTED]
608th ABG, McGuire AFB
Trenton, New Jersey

Statement by S/Cpt Washburn:

After interrogating the two airman who reported the unidentified object, I discovered that two jet aircraft from McGuire Air Force Base were airborne between the hours of 2227, 11 December 1952 and 0012, 12 December 1952. Both airman insisted, however, that the sighting occurred at exactly 0025 hours and 0030 hours.

I would regard Airman [REDACTED] as being a fairly reliable witness or observer, and would give his report a C-3 rating. I do not regard Airman [REDACTED]'s report as being as reliable as the one rendered by Airman [REDACTED]; but since both reports coincide I would also advise that his report be given a C-3 rating.

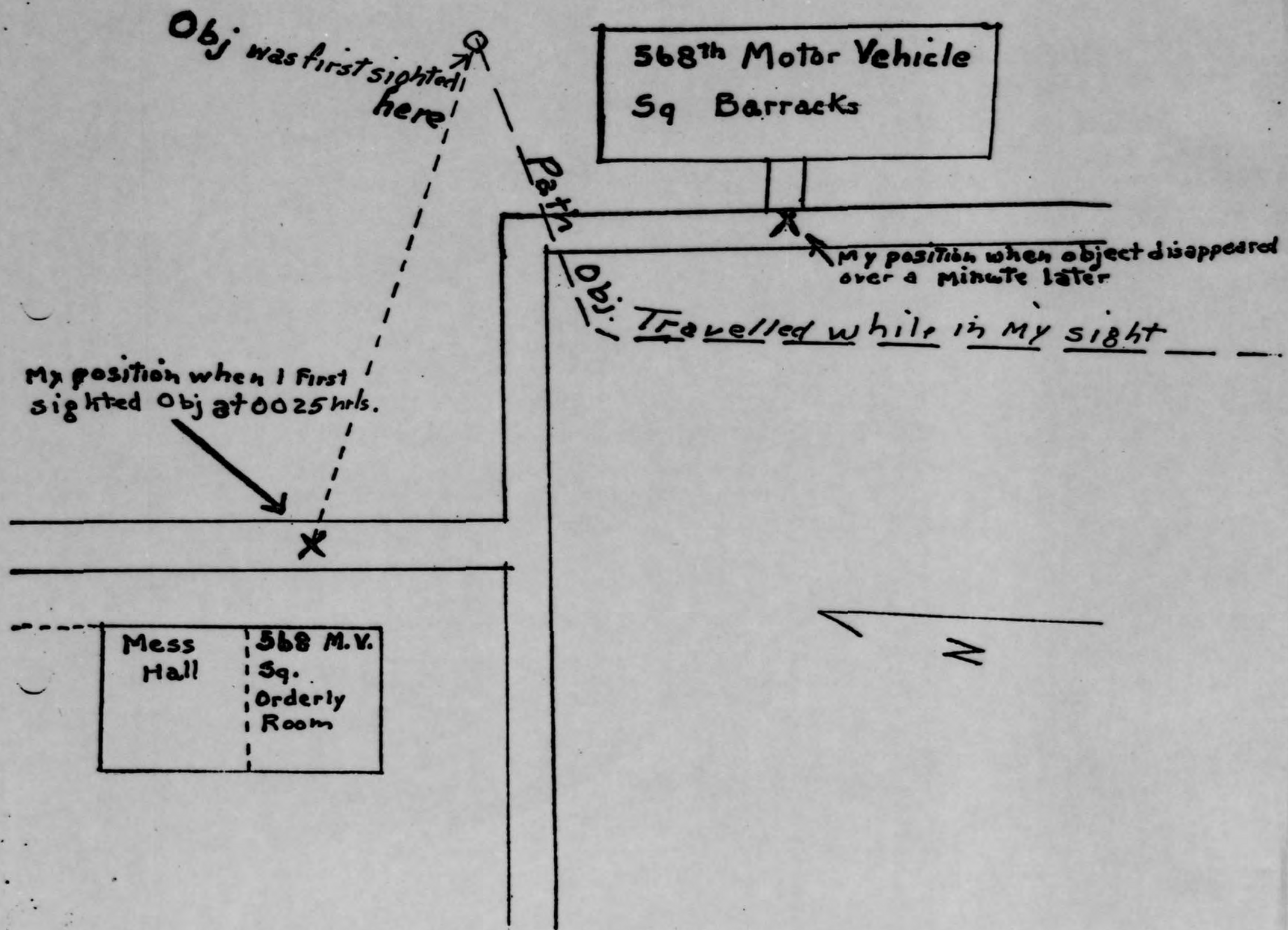
STATEMENT OF MAJOR JOSEPH C. JOHNSON, JR.:

I have coordinated with Sgt Washburn during all phases of this investigation and concur with his judgment as to the reliability of the observers.

Joseph C. Johnson, Jr.
JOSEPH C. JOHNSON, JR.
Major, USAF

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PATH OF OBJECT WAS ONCE
AGAIN FROM EAST TO WEST.

OBJECT SIGHTED AGAIN AT 0030 HOURS.
NOTICED OBJECT OUT OF ROOM WINDOW.
OBJECT WAS OBSERVED FOR APPROXIMATELY
FORTY TO FIFTY SECONDS BEFORE IT
DISAPPEARED. DISAPPEARANCE WAS
CAUSED BY OBJECT PASSING OVER
BUILDING WHILE OBSERVERS REMAINED
INSIDE

