

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 17 Dec 1952		2. LOCATION Ithaca, New York		CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0757 HRS EST GMT 17/12/52		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	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Mil		☐ Was Astronomical ☒ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 Sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE W	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Observed a light resembling a jet exhaust. Obj was greenish - blue with an orange trail.				11. COMMENTS	

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3650TH MILITARY TRAINING WING
SAMPSON AIR FORCE BASE
Geneva, New York

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SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects Letters

TO: Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: ATIAA-2c
Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

1. Three unrelated letters of widely different dates have been recieved by this headquarters as a result of publicity in national media.
2. None of the observations give the impression of significant accuracy, nor were any of them received in time to make an electrical message of intended value.
3. Each letter was acknowledged briefly upon receipt answering questions which were asked.
4. Copies of the letters, in the form recieved, as well as adaptations on AF Form 112 are forwarded in compliance with AFL 200-5, 29 April 1952.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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1. Ltr fr Mr [REDACTED] (15 May 52)
2. Ltr fr [REDACTED] (29 Nov 52)
3. Ltr fr Lt [REDACTED] (17 Dec 52)
4. AF Form 112 on Ltr (15 May 52)
5. AF Form 112 on Ltr (29 Nov 52)
6. AF Form 112 on Ltr (17 Dec 52)

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Major, USAF
Asst Adjutant

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On the 17th of December, 1952 at 0757 hours at the campus of Cornell University, Ithaca, New York the following aerial phenomenon was observed: a light resembling a jet exhaust, greenish-blue with an orange-red trail was moving in a westerly direction at a very high speed. It appeared to traverse 30 degrees of arc in approximately two seconds. High cirrus clouds estimated at more than 20,000 feet altitude were present. The light disappeared from view behind the leading edge of the cloud. No aircraft structure was visible. The light appeared to be elongated and traveling in a horizontal plane. Considering the altitude and arc traversed, the observers estimated the speed to be in excess of 700 miles per hour. The local civil defense authority was notified.

/s/ ~~_____~~
1st Lt. USAF
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Ithaca, N.Y.

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DONALD L. MYERS, 2d Lt., USAF
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COUNTRY	USA	REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT FLYOBRPT			
AREA REPORTED ON Campus of Cornell University		FROM (Agency) Wing Training and Operations Sampson AFB, N.Y.	
DATE OF REPORT 6 February 1953	DATE OF INFORMATION 17 December 1952	EVALUATION	
PREPARED BY (Officer) DONALD L. MYERS, LT., USAF		SOURCE Letter from 1st Lt. [REDACTED]	
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. This report contains information of the sighting of an aerial phenomenon from the campus of Cornell University at 0757, 17 December 1952. 2. Lt. [REDACTED] reported in letter form the observation of a light resembling a jet exhaust, greenish-blue with an orange trail which was moving in a westerly direction at a very high speed. It appeared to traverse 30 degrees of arc in approximately two seconds. High cirrus clouds estimated at more than 20,000 feet altitude were present. The light disappeared from view behind the leading edge of the cloud. No aircraft structure was visible. The light appeared to be elongated and traveling in a horizontal plane. Considering the altitude and arc traversed, the observers estimated the speed to be in excess of 700 miles per hour. 3. Further details concerning above information were unknown to source.			
APPROVED: <i>Reginald L. Anderson</i> for FRANK M. MADSEN JR., Lt Col., USAF Chief, Wing Training & Operations			
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