

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 18 July 53 18/2035Z	2. LOCATION Sheridan, Wyoming
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astronomical (METEOR) Meteors can be heard. Weather: 8,000 ft and 14,000 ft scattered 25,000 ft broken. CAA radio made report to Lowry AFB flight ops requesting Lowry obtain name of observer so questionnaire can be sent.
4. NUMBER OF 662674 One	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS A rancher sighted an extremely fast object going over head and making a "swishing" sound as it passed. Observer states object gone in an instant.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE NW to SE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

RETURN TO:	K243.6012-1 16-31 Jul 1953
Director Aerospace Studies Inst ATTN: Archives Branch Maxwell AFB, Alabama	

JOINT MESSAGEFORM

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FROM: (Originator)

COMDR ATIC

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211315Z JUL 53

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REFERS TO MESSAGE:

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TO:

COMDR CAA RADIO STATION SHERIDAN WYO

INFO:

FROM: AFOIN-ATIAE-7-18-E

Reurmsg dtd 182301Z Jul 53 regarding sighting of an unidentified flying object
18 Jul 53 at 1335 MST by a Sheridan rancher. Request you obtain, if possible,
name and address of subject observer so that a standard questionnaire may be sent.
In reply cite Project Blue Book.

COORDINATION:

AFOIN-ATIAE-5

Lt Olsson

DATE

21 July 53

ATIAE

Lt Col Johnston

DATE

21 July 53

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Col McDuffee

DATE

22 July 53

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DRAFTER'S NAME (Signature, when required)

Lt R.M. Olsson/jos

RELEASING OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

ROBERT C. BROWN, MAJ, USAF
ADJUTANT

SYMBOL

ATIAE-5

TELEPHONE

65365

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FM CAA RADIO STATION SHERIDAN WYO

TO JEPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASHINGTON 25 DC

JEDWP/AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

JEDEN/CG ADC ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLO

JEDFF/CCOMMANDER MATS ANDREWS AFB MARYLAND

JEPRS/HQ FLIGHT SERVICE 2300 NEWARK ST NW WASHINGTON 25 DC

ATTN ATIAA 2C

A. FLYOBPTS

1. COLOR SHAPE SIZE EXHAUST UNKNOWN PD

MADE A ROAR AND SWISHING SOUND IN PASSING QUITE HIGH OVERHEAD

APCHG AND DISAPPEARING IN AN INSTANT PD

2. SIGHTED AT 1335MST

3. NAKED EYE SIGHTING PD EXTREMELY FAST OBJECT TOO FAST TO

ASCERTAIN SHAPE OR COLOR PD TRAVELLING FROM NW TO SE

4. OBSERVED ON BEARING OF 252 DEGS 15 MILES FROM SHERIDAN WYO

5. OBSERVER A RANCHER AT SHERIDAN WYO PD EXPERIENCE AND RELIABILITY

UNKNOWN PD REPORT REC VIA CAA RADIO STA SHERIDAN WYO PD

6. WEATHER AT SHERIDAN WYO PD 1330MST EIGHT THOUSAND SCATTERED CMA

FOURTEEN THOUSAND SCATTERED TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND BROKEN CMA

TEMPERATURE 94 DEGS PD TWRG CU ALL QUADS PD

7. NO KNOWN METEOROLOGICAL ACTIVITY WHICH MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR SIGHTING

8. NO PHOTOGRAPHS OR FRAGMENTS REPORTED

9. NO INTERCEPTION REPORTED

10. NO KNOWN AIR TRAFFIC IN AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING

LOWRY FLIGHT SERVICE CENTER

18/2300Z JUL JWPLW

prob. meteor

1003330

20 July 1953

Wires to Stork:

13 Jul 53 Sheridan, Wyo.
13 Jul 53 Shaw AFB, S. C.
11 Jul 53 Forrest City, Ark.

18 - Very probably a meteor. Sending questionnaire. Ask your confirmation.

13 - Sending two questionnaires on this one since aerial and ground observation combined. Again this sounds like a ~~fast~~ ^{slow} meteor.

11 - Possibility here of upper air research balloon although our tracks on Moby Dick balloons show none in Arkansas for this date.

UAR activity starting from Carolina, area, however. Sending questionnaires to various observers involved. Time is wrong (0015Z) for local balloon release. Carrying this as unsolved.

Dear Dr. Hynek:

It has been sometime since we have received any comments on the sightings and are anxious to see your opinion on same. When do you expect to leave for your summer vacation? I am clearing base on 31 July but will hope to see you or at least call you before I leave. Am going to Washington on Wednesday and Thursday this week on Press Release and new AF regulation for this Project and to tie up my projects in general.

Capt Ruppelt is due back today and am anxious to see him, and as I think I have told you, he will be part-timing this project until my replacement arrives.

Best regards,

Bob Olason

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SHERIDAN WYO 23 1100AMM *Multi*

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WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

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ATTN AFOIN-ATIAE-7-18E. REFERENCE MESSAGE SITING UNIDENTIFIED

OBJECT WEST OF SHERIDAN WYOMING 18 JULY 53. NAME OBSERVOR

ERRONEOUSLY RECEIVED AS [REDACTED] VIA TELEPHONE. CORRECT NAME OF

OBSERVORS AND ADDRESS FOLLOW QUOTE MR [REDACTED], MR [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], BOTH OBSERVED OBJECT. MRS [REDACTED] REPORTED THE

SITING TO CAA SHERIDAN, WYOMING STATING SHE ONLY HEARD IT

PASS OVER. ADDRESS OF ALL THREE PARTIES CARE [REDACTED],

[REDACTED] WEST OF SHERIDAN, SHERIDAN WYOMING UNQUOTE

MERCHANT CAA

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