

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 22Apr 54/23/0250Z	2. LOCATION Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania
3. SOURCE civilian	10. CONCLUSION
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	WAS ASTRONOMICAL: METEOR
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15-20 seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground visual	Semi-oval with orange glow. Traveled straight course faster than a/c.
7. COURSE North	Wife referred to object as a meteor.
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☐ No	

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

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1. Set forth below in accordance with the authority in Air Force Regulation 200-2, 26 August 1953, is the report of investigation of an Unidentified Flying Object (UFOB) sighted near Olmsted Air Force Base on 22 April 1954.

2. On 22 April 1954 at approximately 2200 hours Mr. Paul Starr, the Aircraft Dispatcher on duty in the Flight Control Section at Olmsted Air Force Base, Middletown, Pennsylvania, received a telephone call from an individual who identified himself as Mr. [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] reported seeing an Unidentified Flying Object in flight over Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania at about 2150 hours.

3. At about 2230 hours on 22 April 1954, Mr. [REDACTED] called Mr. [REDACTED] Airway Operations Specialist on duty in the tower at the Harrisburg State Airport. Mr. [REDACTED] reported that he had made radio contact with a west bound United Airlines plane over the Lancaster range which is only a few miles from Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania at approximately 2150 hours, which it will be noted is about the same time Mr. [REDACTED] sighted an unidentified flying object.

4. On 23 April 1954, Mr. [REDACTED] was interviewed by a representative of the Inspector General's Office in connection with his knowledge of subject unidentified flying object. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that his wife was attracted by the presence of an unknown object in the sky near his home in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, on the evening of 22 April 1954 at approximately 10 o'clock. He observed what his wife referred to as a "meteor" and was impressed with the speed with which this unknown object moved through the sky. It was his impression that this object traversed the sky in a southerly to northerly direction and remained in the same plane at all times. He described this object as about the relative size of a grapefruit and slightly oval in configuration. As well as he can recall this air-borne phenomenon was within his view for approximately fifteen (15) to twenty (20) seconds and at no time did it emit any sound audible to him. [REDACTED] alleges that Mr. [REDACTED], a neighbor also saw subject unidentified flying object. (See attached statement of Mr. [REDACTED] for complete details.)

5. Estimate of informant's reliability - [REDACTED] stated to the investigating officer that he is interested in unidentified flying objects and has read many articles in popular magazines relative to "flying saucers."

Weather Report

Listed below is the weather report, at the time of subject sighting, furnished by Staff Sergeant Frank J. Henry, Detachment No. 1, 6th Weather Group, Base Weather Station, Olmsted Air Force Base, Middletown, Pennsylvania.

Sky Condition	-	Estimated, 9500 feet overcast
Visibility	-	10 miles
Sea Level Pressure	-	1020.3 Millibars
Temperature	-	68° Fahrenheit
Dew Point	-	33° Fahrenheit
Wind (direction and speed)	-	From southeast at 7 knots M.P.H.
Altimeter (inches of mercury)	-	30.13 inches

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SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting; (Short Title: UFOB)		
AREA REPORTED ON South Central Pennsylvania	FROM (Agency) Intelligence Office Security Indoctrination Division Olmsted Air Force Base, Middletown, Pa.	
DATE OF REPORT 28 April 1954	DATE OF INFORMATION 23 April 1954	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) Joseph A. Meehan, Jr. Security Indoctrination Officer	SOURCE Civilian Observer	
REMARKS (Control number, date, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFR 200-2, 28 Aug 53 AFR 200-2A, 2 Nov 53		

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.)

- On 22 April at approximately 2200 hours Mr. [redacted] who resides at [redacted] Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, notified Mr. [redacted] Aircraft Dispatcher, on duty with the Flight Control Section, Flight Operations Branch, Olmsted Air Force Base, Middletown, Pennsylvania, that he had observed an Unidentified Flying Object (UFOB) over Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, at about 2150 hours on this same date.
- Attached to and made a part of this report on AF Form 112 - Part II is additional information considered pertinent to subject sighting.
- The weather at the time of the observation was cloudy with a ceiling elevation of approximately seven thousand (7000') feet.
- This office is unable to provide a satisfactory explanation for the reported sighting. No further investigation by this office is anticipated at this time.

1 encl. Statement of: [redacted] 23 Apr 54

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Statement of, Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania

1. I am the foreman in charge of Box and Lumber Reclamation in the Material Facilities Division at Middletown Air Materiel Area, Middletown, Pennsylvania. I have worked at Olmsted Air Force Base as a civilian employee for approximately ten years.

2. On Thursday evening my wife [REDACTED] and a friend of mine, [REDACTED], were sitting on the back porch of my home when my wife exclaimed, "look at the meteor." This was approximately thirteen minutes to ten o'clock.

3. I looked into the sky in an easterly direction and saw a semi-oval object with an orange glow moving in a northerly direction. This object appeared to me to have come out of the southeast part of Pennsylvania.

4. I would judge that this object was approximately a mile and a half to two miles above the ground level. It seemed to me that it was at the same height as the broken clouds in the sky at that time. It looked like the size of a grapefruit.

5. This object definitely appeared to me to be moving faster than the speed of any commercial plane I had seen. It continued to move at the same speed at all times. It did not move in an arc formation and I would say it remained in the same plane at all times.

6. As well as I can remember I saw this object in the sky for about fifteen seconds. It finally disappeared from view when it went behind a tree in my back yard. It did not make any sound that I could hear. My wife and Mr. Lindemuth were watching with me at all times.

7. My wife and Mr. [REDACTED] accompanied me to the back yard where I thought we could get a better glimpse of this object.

8. It seemed to be a matter of only a few seconds, after we went into the yard, that I heard Mr. [REDACTED] remark, "there it goes." I was looking in the sky myself but did not see this object the second time. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that the object which he saw on the second occasion appeared to retrace the path it followed on the first sighting. He added that it was much brighter, seemed to move faster and shot upward into the sky out of sight when he saw it for the second time.

9. We all left my yard and went to a nearby parking lot where there were no lights to interfere with our vision. Once again I scanned the sky for a glimpse of the object which I described above. There was no trace of it.

Statement of, Mr. [REDACTED], Elizabethtown, Pa.

9. Just about this time while I was searching the sky I saw a light which I recognized as the spot-light used on conventional airplanes. After a few moments passed I observed the spot-light was affixed to a regular commercial type plane.

10. After a few minutes passed I returned to my home and called Olmsted Air Force Base. The telephone operator at Olmsted referred my call to Flight Operations.

11. I gave the individual who took my call in Flight Operations a preliminary report on what I had seen in the sky in Elizabethtown earlier in the evening.

12. A friend of mine, [REDACTED] who lives on [REDACTED] in Elizabethtown accompanied me to the Filter Center located at the [REDACTED] light, on the State Hospital property, in Elizabethtown. My purpose in going there was to inquire if any of the ground observers had seen what I have already described in this statement. The Filter Center was locked and no one was on duty.

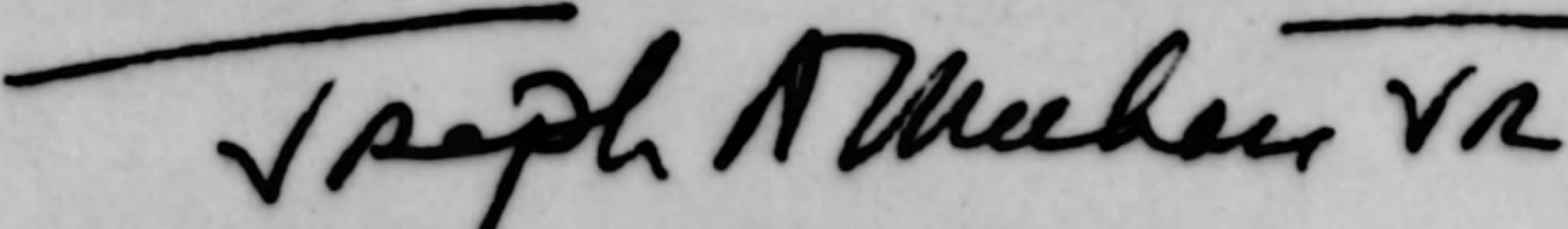
13. I returned home and my wife told me that someone from the Middletown Air Base had called and asked for me. At about eleven o'clock on this same evening someone from Flight Operations called me and asked a number of questions about the object I had reported some twenty to thirty minutes earlier. I gave this individual all the information that I had concerning the unidentified flying object which I saw on the night 22 April 1954.

14. This statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

23 April 1954

[REDACTED]

This statement was obtained and written by the undersigned investigating officer and read and signed in his presence by [REDACTED] on 23 April 1954, at Olmsted Air Force Base, Middletown, Pa. Copies of this statement are retained in the Intelligence Office files, the Inspector General's Office, Hq MAMH.


JOSEPH A. MEENAN, JR.
Investigating Officer

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UFOB

/1/ DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT

/A/ OVAL

/B/ ABOUT SIZE OF GRAPEFRUIT

/C/ ORANGE

/D/ ONE /1/

/E/ ONE ONLY

/F/ NONE

/G/ NONE

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/H/ NONE

/1/ SHORTLY AFTER UFOB HAD PASSED OVER ELIZABETHTOWN PA A COMMERCIAL AIRLINE FLEW OVER THIS AREA.

/2/ DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT

/A/ INFORMANT'S WIFE FIRST OBSERVED UFOB

/B/ UNKNOWN

/B/ UNKNOWN

/C/ APPROXIMATELY 45 DEGREE UPON DISAPPEARANCE

/D/ FROM S E AND SLIGHTLY TO THE N W

/E/ UFOB DISAPPEARED BEHIND A TREE

/F/ APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN /15/ SECONDS

/3/ MANNER OF OBSERVATION

/A/ GROUND - VISUAL

/B/ NONE

/C/ DOES NOT APPLY

/4/ TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

/A/ 0247Z

/B/ NINGT

/5/ LOCATIONS OF OBSERVERS

/A/ UFOB SEEN FROM HOME OF INFORMANT IN ELIZABRTHTOWN PA

/6/ IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBSERVERS

5000 FEET - NOT AVAILABLE

8000 FEET - NOT AVAILABLE

/C/ 7000 FT

/D/ GOOD

/E/ BROKEN CLOUDS 6/10 COVERAGE

/F/ NONE

/8/ LIGHTENING TO THE NORTH /NOT OBSERVED BY INFORMANT/

/9/ NONE

/10/ NOT FEASIBLE.

/11/ MR [REDACTED] IN THE CONTROL TOWER AT HARRISBURG STATE AIRPORT
REPORTED THAT A UNITED AIRCRAFT LINER DC4 NO. 705 PASSED OVER HARRISBURG
AT 2145 EST AT 4000 FEET AND THE LANCASTER RANGE AT APPROXIMATELY 2136
EST.

/12/ CHIEF SECURITY INDOCTRINATION DIVISION INSPECTOR GENERAL'S
OFFICE HQ MAAMA. POSSIBLE CAUSE OF SIGHTINGS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME.
YOUR ATTENTION IS INVITED TO THE CLOSE PROXIMITY OF THE TIME OF
SIGHTING UFOB AND TIME OF DC4 NO. 605 REPORTED OVER LANCASTER
RANGE WHICH IS VERY CLOSE TO ELIZABETHTOWN PA. INFORMANT WILL BE
INTERVIEWED FOR ADDITIONAL PERTINENT FACTS.

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2. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT

A BRIGHT ORANGE LIGHT PASSING FROM NORTH TO SOUTH

B STRAIGHT ACROSS SKY FIRST PASS ON SECOND PASS IT SHOT STRAIGHT UP IN THE AIR OR SKY AT A 45 DEGREE ANGLE

C DISAPPEARED IN SKY

D IN SIGHT FROM 15 TO 20 SECONDS

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

A GROUND VISION

B NOTHING USED AS MEANS OF IDENTIFYING OBJECT

C N/A

4. MANNER TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

A 22 APRIL 1954 2147Z

B NIGHT

5. ELIZABETHTOWN PENN 9 MILES SE OF OLMSTED AFB

6. [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WIFE [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] ELIZABETHTOWN PENN LUMBER RECLAMATION FOREMAN MDT AMC

[REDACTED] ELIZABETHTOWN PENN

7. NO FURTHER INFO AVAILABLE THIS CENTER

SIGNED OLMSTED FLIGHT SERVICE

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/A/ MR [REDACTED] INFORMANT

AGE APPROXIMATELY 43

[REDACTED]
ELIZABETHTOWN PENNSYLVANIA

OCCUPATION FOREMAN RECLAMATION OF LUMBER AT OAFB.

MRS M [REDACTED] WITNESS

AGE UNKNOWN

[REDACTED]
ELIZABETHTOWN PENNSYLVANIA

OCCUPATION HOUSEWIFE

MR [REDACTED] WITNESS

AGE UNKNOWN

[REDACTED]
ELIZABETHTOWN PENNSYLVANIA

OCCUPATION STORE OWNER - GENERAL MERCHANDISE

/B/ DOES NOT APPLY

/7/ WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING

/A/ BROKEN CLOUDS AT 7000 FT

/B/ 6000 FT - 200 DEGREES - 25 KNOTS

10000 FT - 250 DEGREES - 30 KNOTS

16000 FT - 250 DEGREES - 30 KNOTS

20000 FT - 270 DEGREES - 35 KNOTS

30000 FT - 270 DEGREES - 40 KNOTS

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JEDWP/COMDR AMC WPAFB OHIO

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UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECT

A OVAL

B SIZE OF GRAPEFRUIT

C ORANGE BLUE

D ONE

E ONLY ONE OBJECT

F G GLOW IN BACK LOOKED LIKE SOME KIND OF FORM NO TRAIL

H NO SOUND

I NONE