

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 10 May 54 11/0420Z	2. LOCATION Reading, Pennsylvania
3. SOURCE civilian	10. CONCLUSION POSSIBLY AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Glowing white object. <u>Roaring noise.</u> Manuverd slowly in circle Noise became louder as object moved toward moon.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground visual	
7. COURSE West	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☐ No	

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FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, MARYLAND

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24 May 1954

SUBJECT: Letter of [REDACTED]

TO: Commanding General
Stewart Air Force Base
Newburgh, New York

Forwarded for your information is the attached letter reporting an unidentified aerial object.

FOR THE ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF, C2:

George L. Walker

1 Incl:
Ltr, [REDACTED],
subject as above, dtd
11 May 1954.

GEORGE L. WALKER
Colonel GS
Executive Officer

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HEADQUARTERS
4700TH AIR BASE GROUP
STEWART AIR FORCE BASE
NEWBURGH, NEW YORK

OPRS/CBV/cg

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Aerial Object (UFOB)

TO: Director of Intelligence
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D.C.

1. Inclosed for your information is a copy of letter from Headquarters, 2d Army, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, subject: Letter of [REDACTED], dated 24 May 1954 and a copy of a letter from Mr. [REDACTED] dated 11 May 1954 in which Mr. [REDACTED] reports an unidentified aerial object. Also inclosed is a copy of a letter from the Staff Operations Officer of this headquarters to Mr. [REDACTED] concerning this subject, dated 3 June 1954.

2. A formal report can not be made in accordance with AFR 200-2 dated 26 August 1954 inasmuch as this headquarters does not have sufficient information to follow the format prescribed in that regulation.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Sherby A. Larsen

SHERBY A. LARSEN
2d Lt., USAF
Asst Adjutant

3 Incls

1. Cy ltr fr Hq 2d Army dtd 24 May 54
2. Cy ltr fr S [REDACTED] dtd 11 May 1954
3. Cy ltr fr Staff Oprs Off, Hq 4700th ABGp, Stewart AFB, to [REDACTED] dtd 3 Jun 54

Info cy w/incls to:

Comdr, ADC, Ent AFB, Colo Springs, Colo
Comdr, Air TechIntel Cen, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
Comdr, EADF, Stewart AFB, Newburgh, NY

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[REDACTED]
Mt. Penn, Reading, Pa.
May 11, 1954

Commanding Officer
U. S. Army Reserve Training Center
12th and Bern St.
Reading, Pa.

Dear Sir:

Monday evening at 11:20 p.m. I came home from work, and, as usual, I put the car away in our garage behind our house. As I shut the doors on the garage, I heard a roaring noise up in the sky. I looked up in the sky and saw a glowing white object, slowly maneuvering around in a circle above me. Then suddenly the roar became louder, and the object started moving rapidly toward the moon, which at the time was in a westward position. Seeing it was moving away from me, I very quickly summoned my mother, who, in turn, also saw the brilliantly glowing object moving past the moon. Staying only a few seconds, she hurriedly went upstairs and awakened my father. He also came quickly, but all he saw was the bright object, which at this time looked exactly like a star. I then went into the house and called the Reading Eagle-Times office and asked whether any one else had seen a strange looking object up in the sky. They said they had reports like that every week, that I shouldn't get excited, that it was probably a jet plane.

I am a boy 17 years of age and of very sound mind. I've seen jets fly before, and I know that a jet could not be maneuvered like the object in the sky. Secondly, why would a jet plane be glowing so brilliantly as this object was? Planes always have white or colored lights on their wing tips. I will not say what I saw was a flying saucer. But! what I saw was no ordinary plane, jet or any other kind of man-made air-borne object. I will also say, though, that the object was really there.

Please believe everything I have told you; this is no hoax, or made up story for publicity.

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Commanding Officer

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May 11, 1954

Please do some investigating of the matter, or supply me, in detailed form, written answers to all my questions. I will anxiously await your answer.

Yours truly,

[REDACTED]

P. S. I am also sending copies of this letter to Mrs. [REDACTED] the head of the Civil Defense of Berks County, and Captain [REDACTED] Commanding Officer of the USNMRTC.

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HEADQUARTERS
4700TH AIR BASE GROUP
STEWART AIR FORCE BASE
NEWBURGH, NEW YORK
OPERATIONS STAFF OFFICE

OPRS/CBV/cg

3 June 1954

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Mt. Penn
Reading, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

In reply to your letter of May 11, 1954, I wish to commend you for your interest as well as your proper thinking in notifying military authorities concerning the alleged unidentified object you saw in the sky.

I have no doubts of your being sound of mind, and I shall try to answer your questions concerning the above-mentioned subject. As to whether the object was from another planet, I would say the answer is "no". Jet aircraft do not make violent movements such as the object you saw. However, it is very possible that what you saw was a radar weather balloon or some other weather device used in recording winds aloft and other data that is so necessary in maintaining the global all-weather Air Force that we have in being today. I noticed on my map that your home town of Reading, Pennsylvania is in close proximity to Allentown, Pennsylvania, where the Civil Aeronautics Authority has a weather station. Also, I might add that weather balloons have been known to travel in excess of 200 miles. Due to the terrain features around Reading, Pennsylvania, it is very possible that one of this type of balloon could rise or fall due to up-drafts and down-drafts in the air.

I would like to say in closing that I do not believe you saw a flying saucer-- however, I again wish to commend you for your alertness. I hope I have given you a reasonable answer to your questions.

Very truly yours,

s/t CLARK B. VAN DEUSEN
Major, USAF
Operations Staff Officer

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