

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 10 July 1954		2. LOCATION Somerset, Penna		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>CONTRAIL</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>2055</u> GMT <u>11/0155Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual BX ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE CIVILIAN			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 Seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Short vapor trail over western horizon. Golden in sunlight, with a brilliant object at the south end of the trail. Observed through BX. Disintegrated very rapidly. No object at end of this trail. Moved BX southward, saw a brilliant golden object or light. No sound. Object seen estimated over 10 miles distance. Trail size of thread at arms length.				11. COMMENTS Evaluated as a contrail	

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In 1947, I gave Wright Field my theory that there were "saucer" belts or areas. I noted that both coasts were favored, and the section stretching from the north western states, through Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio into West Virginia. Pennsylvania, for some reason, is not favored with many sightings, and, when they do occur, appear to be SINGLE objects. Have you noticed this, and am I correct?

Pittsburgh 6, Penn'a

10 July 1954

Sirs :-

Although I am cognizant of the fact that it will do no good to send you the following possible U.F.O. sighting, since Menzel has hypnotized you gentlemen into thinking all and everything, no matter how intelligently maneuvered, are MIRAGES, I, never the less, am disposed to waste several minutes of my time and a three cent stamp in presenting the following :

Time: Approximately 8:55 P.M. D.S.T.. Place: Approximately 6 miles north of Somerset, Pa. (sighting point). Weather: very clear, sky cloudless, sun just set. As we were driving north of Somerset, I chanced to see a short vapor trail high over western horizon. Golden in the sunlight, with a brilliant object at the south end of the trail. Immediately got out of car and trained 7 X 50 Zeiss binoculars on trail. This took about 15 seconds from first moment of sighting. The vapor trail, through the glasses had practically disappeared (fig. 2). I was amazed at the rapidity of disintegration. No object was at the end of this trail. Then, as I moved the glasses southward, I saw a brilliant, golden object or light far to the south of the by now disappeared "trail"; as I looked, this bright object, WITHOUT TRAIL, faded out, and the scene was clear of trail or object. No sound of jet. Object POSSIBLY over 10 miles distant. Trail, size of thread at arm's length, very fine, but very clearly defined in the first few seconds. I have seen jets in the sunset, and their brilliant, golden trails, but I have never seen a trail disappear so suddenly, with the object, WITHOUT TRAIL, far removed from it.

Thank heaven for news commentator, Frank Edwards, who is public-minded enough to present us, several times a week, with U.F.O. sightings. How else can serious aerial researchers like myself learn of current sightings? I think it disgraceful that one or more groups should feel that they hold a "monopoly" on sky objects. It is downright PUTRILE, gentlemen.

Very truly yours,

Fig. 1.

Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.

