

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 17 December 1954		2. LOCATION Frenchman's Bajou, Arkansas		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other <u>Spon Combustion</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>2340CST</u> GMT <u>18/0540Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Source sighted logs on his farm smoldering. Upon examination, source thought burnt path and smoldering of logs caused by meteorite.				11. COMMENTS 440 4602d unit at Grandview AFB, conducted thorough field investigation of sight on 17 Dec 54. Smoldering caused by spontaneous combustion in old logs packed tightly and serving as a dike on farm of source. Case closed.	

17 Dec 1954
1530 Hrs
ATIAE-5

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A Mr. [REDACTED], Frenchman's Boyer, Arkansas, phoned Joiner, Ark at 2340 Hrs, 35 miles from Memphis, Tenn and reported to Col. Norman Rogers, Memphis Depot, that a meteorite had come down on his farm, entered the ground and was still smoking.

Col. Rogers called Col. O'Hern who in turn called me.

I placed a call to HQ 4602nd to have the nearest unit investigate. also requested they let us have a short preliminary report as soon as possible. Further requested that if it could be identified as a meteorite not to ~~xxx~~ send it; however, to send it if it is some material which they could not identify.

Inform Col. O'Hern when you get ~~xxx~~ anything definite. Hardin

1030 Hrs, 20 Dec 54

Sgt. Drepperd received a call from Capt. Bellowant, Flt Commander, 4602d Det at Grandview AFB, Missouri. Capt. Bellowant reported that he and members of his detachment flew down to Mr. S [REDACTED] farm on Friday Night, 17 Dec 54.

Mr. [REDACTED] has a 1600 acre farm on which he grows rice and cotton. The rice field is separated from the cotton field by a man made dike consisting of many logs. Upon close inspection of the logs, it was evident that spontaneous combustion had taken place and some of the logs were smoldering. From the appearance of the logs, it looked like they had been on fire for quite a while and by the time it was noticed by the owner, it looked like a burnt path of some object.

A teletype report will be forwarded to ATIC by Capt. Bellowant which will contain complete ~~xxx~~ details.

Drepperd

ACTION

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(UNCLASSIFIED) AISE2 376 PD ATTN ATIAE-5 WFOR REPT OF POSS METEORITE

BY NR ~~SECRET~~ AT FRENCHMAN'S RAJON CNV AFV (GEORGE TJCT 4929) 17 DEC

74 INVIS BY THIS V SAME DATE PRODUCED NEG RESULTS RE A SMOLDERING FIRE

AND CRATER ALONG RYKE WAS CAUSED BY SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION FO LOGS BAKED

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