

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 6 January 1955		2. LOCATION Bradenton, Florida		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☒ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2000 EST GMT 07/0100Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military (3)			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Light emitted from dark object at approximately 800-100 feet altitude. During 10 second observation two other blinding flashes were emitted from object. Object was intensely bright.				11. COMMENTS Possible meteor.	

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B/L, DO #7, MacDill AFB, Tampa 8, Florida, 24-0-, Subj: Unidentified Flying Object

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HEADQUARTERS 5TH DISTRICT OSI (IG), Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 25 January 1955

TO: Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

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Robert P. Johnson, Jr.
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7th OSI DISTRICT (IG) USAF
MacDill AFB, Tampa 8, Fla.

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TO: Commander
MacDill AFB, Florida
ATTN: Provost Marshal

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2. At approximately 2045 hours, 6 January 1955, this office was telephonically informed by A/3C KEITH BRAKINS, of the 305th Tactical Hospital Group, MacDill AFB, Florida, that he and two other airmen, A/3C DON ROBERTS and A/3C CLYDE THORPE, also of the 305th Tactical Hospital Group, had observed an object in the air, south of Bradenton, Florida, which they were unable to identify. BRAKINS reported that, on 6 January 1955, at approximately 2000 hours, as he and the other two airmen were driving north on U.S. Highway #41, two to three miles south of Bradenton, Florida, one of the other airmen called his attention to a light emitted from a dark object which appeared to be at an altitude of 800 to 1000 feet, approximately 1500 feet west of the highway on which they were driving. BRAKINS added that during the ten seconds in which this dark object was visible, two other blinding flashes of light were emitted from it. He explained that the object itself was black and, in size, he estimated that a nickel held at arm's length would have covered the circular object. He further explained that the light emitted by this object was so intense as to illuminate the entire area, the automobile, and the highway, and that it reminded him of the illumination of a photoflash bulb or shortcircuiting high-tension lines. BRAKINS further stated that the atmosphere was clear, that the moon was bright, and that stars were also visible, but that this object was, in his opinion, no star and certainly was not the moon. BRAKINS also advised that he had made a similar report to the Florida Highway Patrol, near Bradenton, Florida, immediately following the sighting of the unidentified object.

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3. This information was furnished verbally to Lt Colonel WILLIAM H. BATES, Adjutant, 809th Air Base Group, MacMill AFB, Florida, on 6 January 1955.

cc: Dir OSI

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(Thru DO #5)

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