

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 10 February 1955		2. LOCATION Bethesda, Maryland		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☒ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2203 hrs GMT 11/0303Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 1/2 to 2 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE stationary	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Saucer shaped illuminous object. Altitude of 150! Seen while driving auto. Color of moon, "a yellowish, radiant color," and had a flat top, with a Spherical bottom. Remained stationary for 30 seconds, then the bottom portion appeared to assume a funnel type shape, obj. seemed to diminish in size. Dark cloudy night. No moon or stars visible.				11. COMMENTS UNIDENTIFIED	

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4th District OSI-IG
Bolling Air Force Base
Washington 25, D.C.

24 FEB 1955

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SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
Unidentified Flying Object Observed in Vicinity
of Bethesda, Maryland on 10 February 1955
FLYOBRT

TO: Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to telephonic conversation between Lt. Colonel EUGENE MORITZ, Chief, ~~Sabotage and Espionage~~ Branch, Counter-Intelligence Division, your Directorate, and Mr. CHARLES A. SITHER, this office, regarding the above Subject on 16 February 1955.

2. At the request of Lt. Colonel MORITZ, Captain WILLIAM A. BROCKETT, 73572, U. S. Navy, Industrial Officer, Bureau of Ships, David Taylor Model Basin, Carderock, Maryland, was interviewed on 16 February 1955. He advised that Mr. [REDACTED], a civilian employee of the David Taylor Model Basin, had, on Friday, 11 February 1955, reported that he had seen an unidentified, saucer-shaped, luminous object while driving in his car at approximately 2200 hours the previous night.

3. Accordingly, on this same date, Mr. [REDACTED], who is employed as a [REDACTED] in the Metal Working Shop, Industrial Division, Bureau of Ships, Department of the Navy, David Taylor Model Basin, Carderock, Maryland, was interviewed at the above installation. He advised that at approximately 2203 hours, Thursday, 10 February 1955, while driving his car east on McArthur Boulevard, Bethesda, Maryland, between 75th or 76th Street and the entrance to Cabin John Gardens, a distance of approximately two (2) city blocks, he observed an luminous object shaped like a very small portion of the bottom of the moon, very slightly, if any, to the right of his car and at an altitude of approximately one hundred and fifty (150) feet. According to [REDACTED], this object appeared to be enormous in size, between three (3) to four (4) hundred yards in length and ten (10) to fifteen (15) feet high at its widest point. He stated that it was about the color of the moon, "a yellowish, radiant color", and had a flat top, parallel to the horizon, and a spherical bottom. [REDACTED] recalled that it remained

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in the above-described shape and position, apparently not moving, for approximately thirty (30) seconds. He stated that the bottom portion then appeared to assume a funnel type shape, approximately thirty (30) to fifty (50) feet in depth at its widest point, narrowing at the bottom, and the object seemed to diminish in size. Upon arriving at the entrance to the Cabin John Gardens, according to [REDACTED], he drove back to the place where he had first sighted the object and retraced his route. He stated that, at that time, the object was not visible. He said that he had observed the object for approximately one and one-half (1½) to two (2) minutes, and that his wife, [REDACTED], and his son, [REDACTED], ten years of age, were present in the car at the time of the incident and also observed the object. [REDACTED] recalled that it was a dark, cloudy night with no moon or stars visible, and that there were no other cars on the road at that particular time.

4. Mr. [REDACTED] also advised that he was an amateur "astrologer" for approximately seven (7) years until 1951, and that he has never previously seen an object of this size and shape. He could offer no logical explanation for the occurrence, and stated that he heard nothing which might resemble aircraft engine noises.

5. [REDACTED] gave his home address as [REDACTED], Maryland.

6. No further pertinent information concerning this matter was furnished by either [REDACTED] or Captain BROCKETT. No further action is contemplated by this District Office.

FOR THE DISTRICT COMMANDER:

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Chief
Counter Intelligence Division

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Air Tech. Intell. Ctr,
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