

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 8 March 1955		2. LOCATION Charlestown, West Virginia		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 _____ GMT 08/2146Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3-5 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round, brighter than sun on aluminum. Seemed to have flat side, no edges noticeable. No sound.				11. COMMENTS Insufficient data for evaluation. Possible balloon which was released in area at time of sighting or possible a/c.	

1 Witness

IN INFORMATION

2. Area
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4. File

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JEDPW/COMDR ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

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UNCLASSIFIED/ OPR 444-3 PD INT -55 PD UFG FOLLOWING RPT IS SUB-

MITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 2 -2 PAR 7D

1. AROUND

2. BRUCER HELD AT ARMS LENGTH

3. BRIGHTER THAN SUN ON ALUMINUM

4. ONE

5. NONE

6. SEEMED TO HAVE FLAT SIDE NO EDGES NOTICEABLE

7. NONE

8. NONE

9. FUZZY APPEARANCE ON BOTH SIDES WHEN FIRST NOTICED

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2. THIRTY DEGREES

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4. NONE

5. CURVED TO AVOID HITTING CLOUD

6. THREE TO FIVE SECONDS

7. A GROUND VISUAL WHILE DRIVING AUTO

8. NONE

In 1955 of about a dozen photos of UFOs two in particular stood out among the rest. On March 8 an amateur astronomer friend of mine, Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, also an active UFO researcher, photographed a round luminous object near the edge of the Moon from Broadway, Virginia.

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10. A 38/2146Z

11. DUSK

12. 38 DEGREES 58 MINUTES NORTH 81 DEGREES 35 MINUTES WEST

13. [REDACTED] AGE 41 [REDACTED] SOUTH CHARLESTON 3 W. VA. MINISTER

14. A CLEAR BRIGHT SUN EXCELLANT VISIBILITY

15. SOUTH 130 DEGREES 12 5020-33. 10000-40. 6000-50. 20000-60 30000-2

45000-100

16. OVERCAST AT 3000 FOOT

17. 15 MILE PLUS

18. BREAKS IN OVERCAST

19. NONE

20. NONE

21. NONE

22. CAN NOT BE DETERMINED

23. INTELLIGENCE OFFICER CAPT LEO R. SCOLLS: OBSERVER APPEARS TO BE

SINCERE AND TRUSTWORTHY. DOES NOT WANT PUBLICITY. CHECK WITH LOCAL

WEATHER STATION SHOWS BALLOON RELEASED AT 21. Z HEADED SOUTH.

CANNOT EVALUATE LIGHTING WITHOUT GIVING PERSONAL OPINION.

24. NONE

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26. 1500Z NAB JEDBW

UFOB INDEX CARD

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7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Three to five (3-5) seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One (1)		9. COURSE Stationary	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One (1) round, very bright object, the size of a softball held at arms length, was noticed in the sky at a distance estimated at three-five miles. The object appeared "fuzzy" at times and seems to have no distinct edges at any time. Observer states the object swerved to miss a cloud. Time of day: dusk.				11. COMMENTS Due to the brevity of the sighting and the improbability of further investigation yielding significant data, no investigation authorized by this organization (4602d AISS). The sighted object has all the characteristics of a balloon. A check with the local weather station revealed that a balloon was released at 08/2100Z Mar 55, forty-six (46) minutes prior to the sighting. Resolved: Possibly Balloon	