

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 15 May 1955		2. LOCATION Little Falls, New Jersey		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 15/1622Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 20-25 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE NNE to SSW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Shape similar to planet, Jupiter, but much brighter. Yellowish white. Over 500 mph speed. No sound.				11. COMMENTS Possible a/c.	

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

24 May 1955

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21-173

SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
Flying Object, Unidentified
15 May 1955, at Little Falls, New Jersey,
Seen by [REDACTED]

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. Transmitted herewith for your information and retention is one (1) copy of Report of Investigation by Special Agent FRANK W. AULD, District Office No. 2, file 24-421, dated 19 May 1955, concerning subject matter.

2. Your attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1, which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

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ROI DO #2 dtd 19 May 55

cc: Dir OSI w/o Incl

[Signature]
For and in the absence of
ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, JR.
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

When indicated by [REDACTED]
attached, the classification [REDACTED]
will be canceled [REDACTED]
in accordance with Par 25g
AFR 205-1

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. 24-421	DATE MAY 19 1955												
TITLE (Unclassified) Flying Object, Unidentified 15 May 1955, at Little Falls, New Jersey, Seen by [REDACTED]		REPORT MADE BY FRANK W. AULD, S/A	REPORT MADE AT DO #2, 111 East 16th St., New York 3, NY												
		PERIOD 16 May 1955	OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #2, 111 East 16th St., New York 3, NY												
		STATUS CLOSED													
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY															
REFERENCE Initial Report															
SYNOPSIS Unidentified flying object sighted at 2122 hours, 15 May 1955, by former pilot using telescope for celestial study at Little Falls, New Jersey. Object described as yellowish white light same shape but smaller in diameter than planet Jupiter, much brighter, noiseless without trail, in view for twenty (20) to twenty-five (25) seconds. Par 4C - AFR 205-8 Disclosure of Information. Disclosure of the nature, sources, or even the existence of such information, including that contained in intelligence reports, to persons involved or who should be so, or to other persons not authorized to have information may be made only when expressly authorized by the Director of Special Investigations (13), or higher authority.															
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2D OSI File 24-421
Flying Object, Unidentified

DETAILS:

1. This investigation was directed by the District Commander, 2d District OSI (IG) USAF, predicated upon information that an unidentified flying object was sighted in the vicinity of Little Falls, New Jersey, on 15 May 1955.

2. On 16 May 1955, [REDACTED], Little Falls, New Jersey, telephonically gave the following account concerning the unidentified flying object he had allegedly sighted at 2122 hours on 15 May 1955:

(1) Description of the object.

- (a) Shape: Same shape as planet Jupiter but much brighter
- (b) Size compared to a known object held in the hand at arms length: Smaller than the diameter of the planet Jupiter
- (c) Color: Yellowish white; yellow color more discernible through telescope
- (d) Number: One (1)
- (e) Formation: Negative
- (f) Discernible features: Only its excessive speed, estimated at over 500 miles per hour
- (g) Tail, trail or exhaust: None discernible
- (h) Sound: None
- (i) Other pertinent or unusual features: Negative

(2) Description of course of object.

(a) What first called the attention of observer to the object? [REDACTED] advised that as a hobby he has been making celestial observations for the past year and a half, utilizing a thirty (30) power telescope. On 15 May 1955, while viewing through the telescope, his son noticed an object moving in the sky and brought it to his attention. [REDACTED] then manned the telescope.

(b) Angle of elevation and azimuth of object when first observed: The object was sighted due west at an elevation of 35 degrees.

(c) Angle of elevation and azimuth of object upon disappearance: Not applicable

(d) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object: The object flew straight and level from NNE to SSW.

(e) Manner of disappearance of object: Disappeared over the horizon

(f) Length of time in sight: Twenty (20) to twenty-five (25) seconds.

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(3) Manner of observation.

- (a) Ground-visual
- (b) [REDACTED] used a mounted Jupiter (Japanese) thirty (30x) power erecting telescope
- (c) Negative

(4) Time and date of sighting

- (a) 151622Z May 1955
- (b) Light and conditions: Night

(5) Location of observer: At [REDACTED] residence, [REDACTED], Little Falls, New Jersey.

(6) Identifying information of observer: [REDACTED], age 32, [REDACTED] Little Falls, New Jersey; residence telephone is [REDACTED] Little Falls [REDACTED] is a job analyst for Hoffman-LaRoche, Inc., 340 Kingsland, Nutley, New Jersey; business telephone is [REDACTED], extension 625. He is a former pilot, and held the reserve rank of 1st Lieutenant with serial number [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] stated that this is the first flying object that he hasn't been able to identify as some sort of aircraft or another in his eighteen (18) months of celestial study.

(7) Weather and winds aloft conditions at time and place of sighting: Ceiling and visibility unlimited, negligible thin, high clouds noted.

3. The files of this district office failed to reflect any record of [REDACTED]

4. This report is classified ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 2ha, AFR 205-1. *R7C*

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