

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 May 1955		2. LOCATION Malvern, Pennsylvania		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 21/0415Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military, USN			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 sec to 1½ minute		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE South to NNW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Intermittent bright light traveling at a speed estimated at over one thousand (1000) MPH, emitting no sound, except when first sighted a thunder type sound was noted. During the flight path from south to north-north-west a bright light was observed about every twenty degrees of arc from the observer and no lights between these points. Owing to the dark sky no object was visible.				11. COMMENTS Due to elapsed time of over ½ month between date of sighting & date of initial rpt to this hq and improbability of value of further investigation, none authorized. Possible that observer sighted an a/c, possibly jet, crossing sky at high rate of speed w/its running lights flashing on and off.	

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Encl: (1) Copy of ltr from CDR William H. HILANDS, USN dtd 24 May 1955, same subject

1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded via speedletter inasmuch as the observation was made on 20 May 1955 but the information was not received by the District Intelligence Officer, Fourth Naval District until 31 May 1955.

2. COMEASTSEAFRON INSTRUCTION 3820.2 dated 16 July 1954 refers.

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COPY TO

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ADDRESS: District Intelligence Officer,
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 P.O. Box 100, U. S. Naval Base,
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NAVAL AIR MATERIAL CENTER
PHILADELPHIA 12, PA.

24 May 1955

From: CDR William H. HILANDS, USN
To: District Intelligence Officer
P. O. Box 100, U. S. Naval Base
Philadelphia 12, Pa.

Subj: Unidentified flying objects; reporting of

Ref: (a) COMFOUR Instruction 3820.1A of 19 Nov 1952

1. In compliance with reference (a) the following is reported:

a. Intermittent bright light traveling at a speed estimated at over one thousand miles per hour emitting no sound, except when first sighted a thunder-type sound was heard. Approached from southwest, made slight turn and disappeared in a north-northeast direction. A bright light was observed about every twenty degrees of arc from the observer and no lights between these points. The light, when on, seemed to grow less intense two, three, or four times. Time the light was observed -- each time was two to five seconds. Owing to the dark sky no object was visible.

b. Observed at 2215 DST, 20 May 1955 from thirty seconds to a minute and a half.

c. Observed visually from the ground.

d. Observed three miles northwest of Malvern, Pa. Object approached from direction of Exton, Pa., at altitude of approximately 7000 to 10,000 ft. and passed overhead and then turned slightly towards a northerly heading and disappeared in a north-northeast heading.

e. Observed by CDR W. H. Hilands, USN. Twenty years Naval aviator experience.

f. Weather -- clear dark sky with stars visible in all areas, except in area passed Exton where a light low cloud condition existed.

g. None.

h. None.

i. None.

j. None noted.

/s/ W. H. HILANDS

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UFOB INDEX CARD

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