

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 30 June 1955		2. LOCATION Pantelleria Island, Mediterranean		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 <u>morning</u> GMT <u>Unk</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 16 min +		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE unk	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Obj, oblong, emitted a strong light. Appeared to "fall" fr sky then stood wavering and gradually became smaller and smaller				11. COMMENTS Not much info in orginial rpt. Insufficient data for evaluation.	

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"A radio message of the Dutch tanker "Gadria" was received at Amsterdam on 30 June 55 according to which the Captain, the first officer and the radio operator observed during morning hours, a cigar-shaped body in about 7,000 meters altitude over the Mediterranean Sea. This body emitted a strong light, at first fell from the sky, then stood slightly wavering at the mentioned altitude for about 16 minutes, and finally became smaller and smaller until it disappeared entirely. This phenomenon was observed by other tankers, and appeared in the vicinity of Pantelleria Island."

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United States Air Force Mar 30, 1965
Unidentified Flying Object Division
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs -

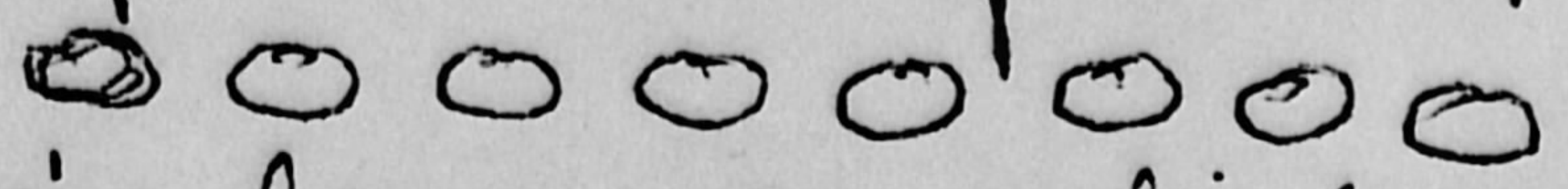
I am writing about U.F.O.'s and belatedly, I was wondering if there was anything similar reported to the Air Force U.F.O. division, at around the time. It's occurred to my memory, since the date, when I read of other reports.

I was living at a hotel at Hoopston, Ill., on the C & E2 railroad 100 miles south of Chicago, during the summer of 1955. I had dined late, after reading, at 11 p.m., and was getting air & walking the sidewalk between hotel and railroad, looking at constellations as I know some of them from amateur telescope experience.

Looked at Scorpius, was

in July, no date recalled
and noticed nothing unusual
and was turned to look at
others, and turned to look
back, and there were three
yellow-white lights in a
group. I wondered, at the
time looked like bright stars
but they seemed to swoop down-
wards slowly, and towards
me, over the railroad right of
way in the south. They came
fast from a tremendous height
and the lights were of star-
like smallness & intensity.

The city limit of the town
is 8 blocks south and they
leveled off just before there and
went very slowly north, to-
wards me, then the two on
the east went out, I never
saw or heard them again,
but the remaining one came
north a little ways and
made a long sweeping turn
to the west, it couldn't have
been over a mile, or less, away.

As it turned, about 8 orange oval lights came into view and the yellow-white light wasn't visible, just these 8 ovals of a red hot poker brightness, like this, . It was noiseless, on a balmy sharp seeing mtd 1130 p.m., C.D.S.T., and extremely slow then. At say a mile, I guessed the row of lights was 75 or 100 feet long, and going 20 or 30 miles an hour. When it swung west, the orange lights couldn't be seen, and the intense yellow-white light became visible, and I watched it by that light for the 15 minutes it took to get out of sight in the west, at its passing altitude of, I've guessed, of 1000 feet.

The changes of speed and odd appearing in less than 3 minutes at first doesn't seem like a cabin airplane, & no wing cut off the row of orange

lights, it had no helicopter
blade noise, no engine noise.
It came down at the begin-
ing, like a slow meteor in a
steepish 45° slant, straight
towards my direction. None of
the three had aircraft wing,
tail, or body lights, but the
yellow-white light, of about the
brightness of Jupiter was a front
light. I have normal hearing
and later took railroad med-
ical tests for employment and
my eyes were 20/20 a month
later and reflexes normal. I
passed a Santa Fe Telegraph
operator medical exam and
was rejected for too heavy on
another.

This story is plain odd
About 3 weeks after the above
a sister, who lives in a country
home 1 1/2 miles from the hotel I
mentioned, had loaned me 2
paperbacks on flying saucers
after I related the odd light
thing to her. One was ~~about~~

~~10:15~~ book. Was reading one of them from 9 p.m. on in my hotel room one warm evening around the 1st of August in 1955, and when I came to the chapter on green fireballs, I read 2 or 3 pages, suddenly got tense, hot, & very fidgety, couldn't stand to read anymore, and got up to walk around the room for a couple minutes. My clock said 1015 p.m. I read more & went to bed sometime later, all ok.

Next noon I called this sister on phone about mail or something. She said say, I saw a green fireball last night. I recalled and asked what time it was. She said at 1015 p.m. at window, when she went there to go to bed. She said went slowly from north-east to horizon trees in south-west, size of moon, leaving a murky misty short trail.

I reported it to The American Meteor Society, they acknowledged it. But the coincidence was.

uncanny. She says in 14 years on the 10 acre country home she has seen 3, has clear horizons and observes with an 8 inch reflecting telescope & knows about the heavens, was an aurora observer for the D.G.U. at least one year.

I have never seen one, but a curious occurrence at a rail or road signal tower near Gary Ind., at 3 a.m. after hours, being busy at desk and interlocking that tapered off, I turned the swivel chair sideways to the desk, the only tower light a pantograph white fluorescent light. As the chair got turned suddenly in a phone pole guy wire there appeared a blue-green ball for a second or two no noise, no shock, no smell. The wire was 15 feet from me and was dumbfounded. I turned on a 300 watt floodlight and looked around, as near as could tell the fireball originated at a

cable-dividing ceramic insulator.

The next account was a terrible experience. It happened at about Dec 20, 1952 on a 10 acre farm which has a 6 room 1 story ranch style red brick bungalow, cement floors, Haydite block inside walls fireproof green shingle roof. I had visited my sister 2 months; she is still living there and can verify this. Her name is Mrs. C.E. Tencken, Route 3, Hopkinton, Ill., has a telephone.

This morning about 9 a.m. she was washing breakfast dishes and I was taking it easy in an easy chair, near a newly erected Xmas tree. Weather was 20° low grey clouds, almost windless.

It got very dark out & I pressed against a 12 foot picture window with 18 inch metal frame panels, a dark cloud was coming from the northwest. I said to her some kind of weather coming & had dislodged a bubble type lighted tree candle, was

adjusting it, when an object I sensed was diving at an angle of 50 or 60 degrees whistled screamingly in a dozen tones, seemed to be going to hit the house. It got so loud was terrifying, and I threw myself almost on floor, whirling around to protect myself and heard my sister yell out in panic. It broke into discordant howl as seemed to level & pass over, the window frames banged and almost crashed in, and the cement floor shook under feet, I heard the ceiling joists bang like jolted inches and there were 3 or 4 concussive explosions and the thing disappeared quickly the shrill hollow whistles seemed to go east rising slightly. It came from the west. You might say a yet, I've heard them close but was only 5 seconds start to finish.

My sister yelled "what was that," scared badly & I replied a flying saucer or an earthquake maybe an exploding meteor. I ran outside to look around and tuned in news on radio all day but heard nothing of any odd occurrence. Her husband works 2 miles away

a chief auditor in a factory office. He drove home at noon and he heard nothing, and nothing in local newspaper of unusual occurrence.

It snowed 50¢ size snowflakes within seconds, the noise & jarring, windless, enough to powder the ground, and turned lightly cloudy again. It was a close passage & no jet would dive out of maybe a 3000 foot ceiling and as I wrote the Meteor Society, it seemed from the duration was going many thousands of miles an hour. I noticed that the electric lights were pulsing slightly dimmer in about 10 second pulses 5 minutes before the scare.

The Meteor Society - I used to chart meteors for it when in high school; I am now 53, wrote that they checked their records for a week before and after that in definite date and found nothing of any large meteor in Illinois and they contacted a sky phenomena outfit, it had 5 letters

in it, a U.S. agency and they had no record of anything unusual.

I believe it was real, as it shook floors & rafters and frightened, and windows banged heavily 5 or 6 times. But the time it took to start and finish is absurd for a jet, and delusions or whatever don't shake sturdy brick & cement houses.

I don't believe in saucers or spaceships, & we saw nothing, no smell or light, no bang from sky like sonic booms but I & us experienced it.

I've not read of a wonder UFO report, if it was.

Yours truly

~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
~~XXXXXXXXXX St.~~
Kankakee, Ill.

P.S. Reading press of 30 UFO reports last year, one of maneuvers of a broom and an ear of corn. Is it possible to receive any description of the occurrence, briefly & no names?

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AISOP Subject: Monthly UFOB Summary, June 1955

Investigative Effort (con't)

	INVESTIGATIVE UNIT	LOCATION OF SIGHTING	CONCLUSION
4 June	1. Flight 1-C	Parker, Arizona	Probably Astronomical <i>Jupiter</i>
14 June	2. Flight 2-D	Bryan AFB, Texas	Probably Balloon
22 June	3. Flight 2-D	Dallas, Texas	Not Concluded <i>20 June A/C</i>
25 June	4. Flight 1-A	Poulsbo, Washington	Probably Balloon
	5. Flight 3-H	Washington D.C.	Probably Balloon

Will call Wright, Air

b. In addition to the above, one (1) limited follow-up investigation is being conducted by Headquarters, 4602d AISS, by means of ATIC Form 164 (U.S. Air Force Technical Information Sheet). The above forms were sent to the observers of a UFOB sighting at Holt, Florida.

*Other UNRECORDED LEFT
26 June*

UFO STATISTICS (Continued)

4. UFO Reports From Foreign Countries

	Number	Percentage
a. Balloon - - - - -	7	30.4%
b. Aircraft - - - - -	4	17.4%
c. Astronomical - - - - -	3	13.1%
d. Other - - - - -	2	8.4%
e. Insufficient Data - - - - -	6	26.1%
f. Unknown - - - - -	1	4.4%
Total	23	

Foreign UFO sightings are generally difficult or impossible to thoroughly investigate, or evaluate towards some firm conclusion. They should not, therefore, be considered in any statistical breakdown, which primarily concerns itself with sightings within the continental USA.

5. UFO Sightings Reported Directly to AFIC by General Correspondence, (From (Not AF Sources, General Public - Category IV Reports) 1 Jun 55 - 31 May 56

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>LOCATION OF SIGHTING</u>	<u>CONCLUSION OR EVALUATION</u>
<u>June 1955</u>	South Bend, Indiana	Other
	Cincinnati, Ohio	Insufficient Data
	Wichita, Kansas	Balloon
	Dayton, Ohio	Balloon
	Dayton, Ohio	Probably Aircraft
	Havertown, Pennsylvania	Balloon
	Dayton, Ohio	Insufficient Data
	Long Beach, California	Unknown
<u>July 1955</u>	Paris, Illinois	Astronomical
	Dayton, Ohio	Possibly Astronomical
	Dayton, Ohio	Possibly Balloon
	Cincinnati, Ohio	Possibly Balloon
	Ochlocknee, Georgia	Balloon
<u>Aug. 1955</u>	Nicholsville, Kentucky	Aircraft
	Cincinnati, Ohio	Possibly Balloon
	Dayton, Ohio	Probably Astronomical
	Sonora, New Mexico	Balloon
	Park Ridge, Illinois	Balloon
	Cimarron, New Mexico	Other
	Dayton, Ohio	Astronomical
	Stroudsburg, Illinois	Astronomical
	Cincinnati, Ohio	Balloon
	Rio, Illinois	Unknown
	Bedford, Virginia	Aircraft
	Dayton, Ohio	Possibly Balloon
	Temple, Texas	Aircraft
	Lake Village, Indiana	Astronomical

NO CASE

INFO ONLY

Summary

KANKAKEE, ILL.

ALDRICH

Mrs Hunt/SAFOICC/72842/29 Jun 65

30 Jun 65

Dear Mr. ~~XXXXXX~~

This is in reply to your letter concerning unidentified flying objects.

The investigation of unidentified flying objects reported in the skies over the United States is the responsibility of the Air Force. The name of this project is Blue Book. A copy of the report on this project is attached for your information.

In 15 years of investigating over 9000 reports of unidentified flying objects, the evidence has proved almost conclusively that reported aerial phenomena have been objects either created and sent aloft by man, generated by atmospheric conditions, or caused by celestial bodies or the residue of meteoric activity.

There has never been any evidence that UFOs reported to the Air Force represented extraterrestrial vehicles. No such object reported to the Air Force has given any indication of a threat to the United States nor has any evidence been presented that any unidentified flying object exhibited characteristics beyond the scope of current technical or scientific knowledge.

We are unable to evaluate your report due to the great time lapse.

Sincerely,

JOHN F. STAMMING

Lt Colonel, USAF

Chief, Blue Book Project

Headquarters, USAF

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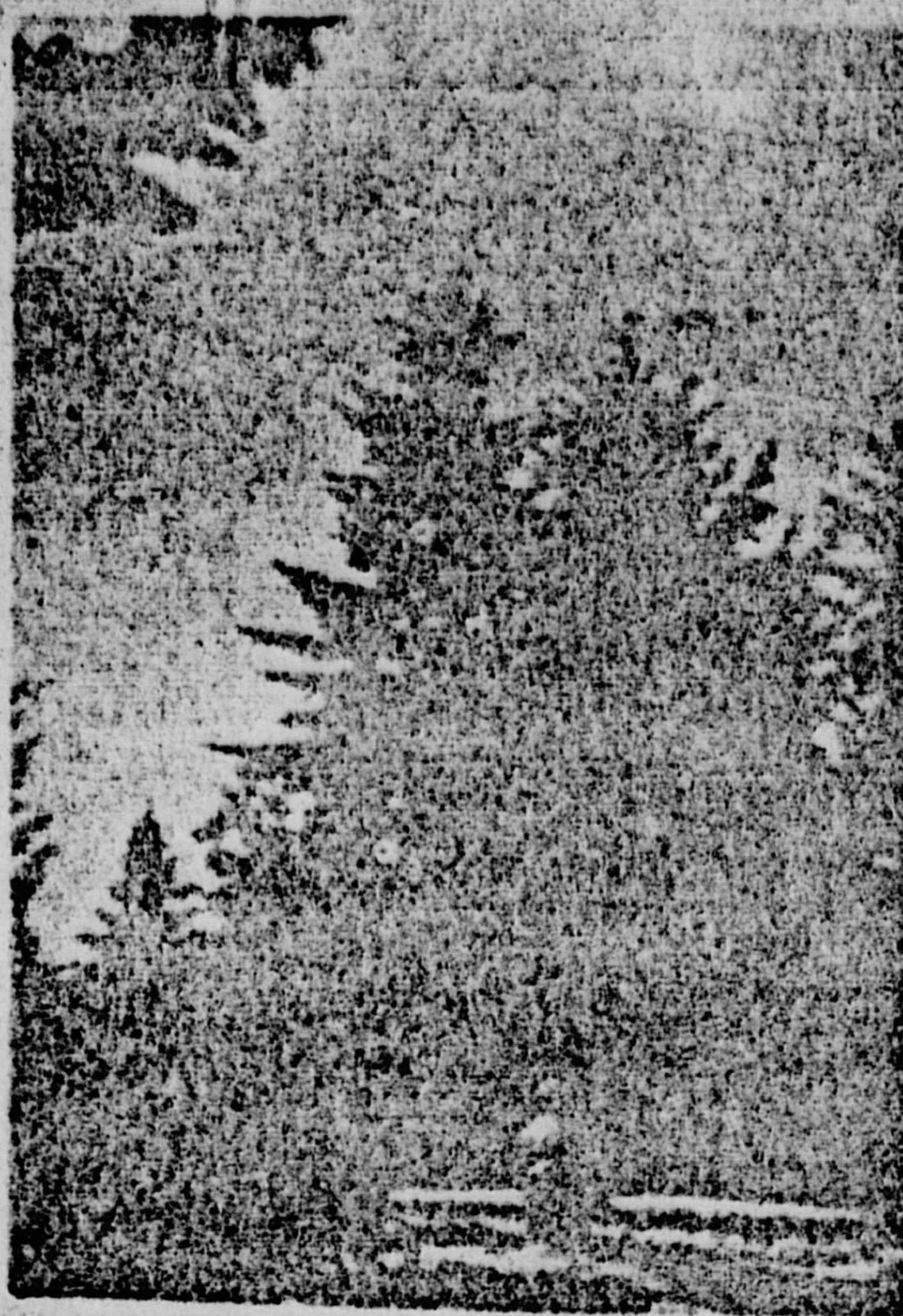
Blue Book Report

Mr. R. W. Aldrich

100 E. Jeffery Street

Kankakee, Illinois

SOURCE: IAPH - SEP 63



Formation of six UFOs over Stadt-
park, Hamburg, Germany, in the
summer of 1955. 9 objects were
originally sighted. 99

NO CASE (IF INFORMATION ONLY)

SOURCE: CRIFO Newsletter, 3 Feb 56

15 Jun 55
Adelaide, Australia

FIREBALL FINDS RANGE, WRECKS WORKSHOP

Case 128: Adelaide, Australia, June 15, 1955. PAR does this idiom, but let's face it, something's screwy! In a special report prepared by the Australian Astronomical Society, June 1955, we learn more about the ubiquity and character of the fireball. The report reads as follows: "There seems little doubt that the mysterious explosion that totally wrecked a shop in the Adelaide suburb of Flinders Park at 2:20 a.m. on June 15 was caused by a meteorite. The shop measuring 15' x 20' had its walls blown out, roof blown off and contents destroyed. Authorities have ruled out normal causes. Investigating the site before the dangerous walls and roof had been demolished, the secretary found no marks that could have been attributable to a meteorite striking the building. Later, a search was made as several tons of brick and mortar rubble was removed, much of it shattered by the fire that followed the explosion. But, no trace of anything meteoric was found or could be seen. From the large amount of debris present, however, it was possible that the meteorite shattered into small fragments upon impact. Evidence favoring the meteorite theory was given by an eyewitness account by a neighbor who stated that before the explosion she had seen a bright fireball flash across the sky in that direction. . . . The direction of the fall of the fireball described by the witness agrees with the apparent entry of the meteorite into the building as it was evident from the way the masonry fell. . . . Ed: The report also stated, ". . . the earth was passing through a Scorpius meteor stream on the date concerned." While we are aware of the fact that the fireball in question may have been a wayward Scorpiid, we wonder what "meteor stream" can be blamed for the "meteor" that crashed into the home of Mrs. Hewlett-Hodges of Sylacauga, Alabama, November 30, 1954. Too often, the writer believes, it is convenient for astronomers to blame meteor for anomalies in the sky such as in the Adelaide case, or the "meteoric" explosion causing a gaping crater near Logan, Utah, May 1, 1954. See Case 21. See also CRIFO News-

Vol. II, No. 2 for the story of fireball concentrations over Sweden, 1944-45. In dealing the Adelaide case, we note the following incident from the Swedish report: ". . . Some reported that they have seen the homes crash. The strangest report came from central Sweden where a newly built barn collapsed this afternoon without visible cause. Shortly after the collapse flying bombs had been seen. Then there was a sharp crack and the barn fell. . . ."

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⁴ Credit, Fred Stone, Pres. of The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society.

⁵ See CRIFO Newsletter, Feb. 4, 1955.

1 - 15 JULY 1955 SIGHTINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
July 1	Hollywood, California Sacramento, California	[REDACTED] Military (AIR VIS & GD RADAR)	Other (UNRELIABLE RPT) Balloon
5	Newfoundland	Military Air (Vis) Ground (RADAR)	1. Astro (Venus) 2. Anomalous Propagation
5	Georgetown, Massachusetts	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
5	St. Marlboo, Massachusetts	[REDACTED]	Astro (SATURN)
5	Manhasset, New York	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
5	Charleston, Maine	Military	Insufficient Data
6	Gulliver, Michigan	[REDACTED]	Balloon
7	Baltimore, Maryland	Multi (PHYSICAL S)	Other (SOAP BUBBLES)
7-12	Pendbrook, Pennsylvania	[REDACTED]	Other (UNRELIABLE RPT)
8	Augusta, Maine	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
8	Tampa, Florida (CASE MISSING)	Military	Insufficient Data
8	Mira Loma, California	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
8	Hollywood, California	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
8	Arlington, California	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
9	Newport Beach, California	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
11	Toulab, France (CASE MISSING)	Military Air	Balloon
11	Big Foot, Texas	[REDACTED]	Balloon
11	Charlesto, - Greenville, Maine	[REDACTED] (Multi)	Aircraft (MILITARY OPR)
11	Stockton, California	Multi (Mil & Civ)	Astro (METEOR)
	Bakersfield, California	Military Air	
11	China Lake NAS, California	Military (RADAR)	Balloon w/Package
12	Steward AFB, Newark Valley, New York	Mil & Civ	Balloon
12	Trent, Michigan	Multi	Aircraft
12	LaCanada, California	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
12	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Astro (METEOR SHOWER)
13	La Habra, California	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
13	Long Beach, California	[REDACTED]	
	Glen Avon, California	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
14	Orlando, Florida	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
14	Madrid, Spain	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
14	Orlando, Miami, Palm Beach, Florida	Multi	Astro (METEOR)
14	Palm Beach, Florida	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
15	Gulf of Mexico (Off New Orleans)	[REDACTED]	Balloon

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
July	Paterson, New Jersey	CSI Bulletin	