

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 8 Jul 55		2. LOCATION Mira Loma, California		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 09/0545Z (N)		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 45 seconds (?)		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS			
		9. COURSE W			
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round, white, looked like meteor. Appeared suddenly, then faded out.				11. COMMENTS With exception of time element may obj appears to be meteor. Case evaluated as Meteor.	

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AISS-UFOB-202-55

1. DATE 8 July 1955		2. LOCATION Mira Loma, California		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical <i>Meteor</i> ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 09/0545Z June 1955		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Forty-five seconds (45)		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One (1)		9. COURSE Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One (1) round, white object, the size of a silver dollar held at arms length, appeared suddenly and then faded out. The object appeared to be very high. 144723				11. COMMENTS INVESTIGATION AUTHORIZED Due to the similarity of description and time of sighting with AISS-UFOB-203 and AISS-UFOB-204, an investigation was authorized by this headquarters. Upon receipt of AF Form 112 results are to be filled in on this card.	

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AREA REPORTED ON LOS ANGELES & RIVERSIDE COUNTIES, CALIF.		FROM (Agency) Flight 1-C, 4602D AISS	
DATE OF REPORT 20 July 1955	DATE OF INFORMATION 9 July 1955	EVALUATION	
PREPARED BY (Officer) PATRICK O. SHERE, Captain, USAF		SOURCE See contents below	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) TT Msgs, 669th ACWRON, Port Hueneme, Calif. dtd 102100Z, 102115Z, & 102130Z			
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)			

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- PART TWO: Description of sighting by Larry C. Spears, Arlington Ground Observer Post, Arlington (EJCD 3055), California.
- PART THREE: Description of sighting by Albert Delong, Hollywood Ground Observer Post, Hollywood (EJBE 3806), California.
- PART FOUR: Supplementary Investigative Efforts.
- PART FIVE: Comments of Preparing Officer.

II. SUMMARY: This report contains information and possible conclusions about three sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects on the night of 9 July 1955. The information was obtained from the observers of the sightings and from an investigation conducted to determine their possible cause.

III. INVESTIGATOR: M/Sgt. RICHARD A. HOLM AFSC: 20570 AF16046203

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I. SOURCE:

Address: [REDACTED], Mira Loma, California.

Age: 25 yrs.

Occupation: Reliefman in a canning factory and odd shift ground observer.

Education: Completed High School and a Radio-Electronics Course in a Technical School.

Qualifications: Member of the Ground Observer Corps.

II. RELIABILITY: Poor. In a personal interview Mr. [REDACTED] displayed a lack of understanding of speed and distance. He seemed to be rather hesitant and unsure of himself although he was relaxed during the interview.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: Source was on duty at the Glen Avon Ground Observer Post at the time of sighting which was 090545Z July 1955. The night was dark, dry and clear, with many stars out but no moon nor wind. The single object appeared very bright like an automobile headlight a few feet away.

A. The object did not appear to make any erratic movements, nor change shape or flicker.

B. The object appeared to be solid and did not move behind anything but source was not sure if it moved in front of anything while being observed without any visual aids.

C. Source insisted that he could see the earth's curvature, and described the object's flight path as a flat horizontal plane above the earth's curvature. (source did not wear glasses).

D. Source's opinion of object's size changed from his original estimated size of a half-dollar to that of a quarter held in the hand at arms length. It continued on out of observers' range of vision at approximately 40° from the horizon. This elevation was maintained during the complete sighting.

E. Source stated that at one time before he had reported a star to be an unidentified flying object but was fairly certain that the object he saw on 9 July 1955 was not a star.

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Inclosure #1, Part One, Report #1C-UFOB-10-55. Statement of

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While looking in a Southeasterly direction, I saw an object which appeared to be a meteor, but in the thirty-five (35) seconds of which it was observed, it traveled on a horizontal plain. I considered this to be unusual.

I reported this to the Filter Center, Pasadena, California (EJBE 5705) immediately. Object was brilliant white and seemed to have a slight tail which while traveling changed colors from white to red to a hazy light blue. It covered a four mile span in thirty (30) seconds - approximately 4,800 miles per hour. I lost sight of object in the extreme Southwest.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE REPORTS:

1. A check with 6th Weather Group, Det 7, Norton AFB, San Bernardino, California, the Long Beach and Riverside, California, weather stations contained the following information:

- a. A temperature inversion of five (5) degrees Centigrade existed at this time between the altitudes of 1800 feet and 4700 feet. The temperature at 1800 feet was 15 degrees C. and the temperature at 4700 feet was 20 degrees C.
- b. Winds aloft are indicated below:

ALTITUDE (in feet)	WIND DIRECTION (In degrees)	WIND SPEED (In knots)
5,000	270	10
10,000	270	15
15,000	250	20
20,000	250	30
25,000	240	40
30,000	260	45
35,000	250	50
40,000	250	45
45,000	240	40
50,000	240	35

2. Dr. BOWEN, Chief Astronomer of the Mt. Wilson Observatory was interviewed to check on the possibility of meteors in the Hollywood and Riverside areas. Dr. Bowen explained that all of their observers are inside the observatories and the field of vision of their equipment is extremely limited. Therefore, the possibility of sighting such objects would be highly improbable. There were no sightings of meteors at any time during the night of 9 July 1955 from Mt. Wilson or Palomar Observatories, nor could any astronomical conclusions explain the three reported sightings in question.
3. George BEATTLE, Professor of Astronomy, San Bernardino Valley College, was interviewed to determine the possible conclusions of the sightings in this report. He could offer no help as the information, in his opinion, was contradictory and unreliable in all three sightings with this exception: the moon was rising during the time period of these three sightings and a possible optical phenomena might explain the sighting reported by Mr. DUNN.

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COMMENTS OF THE PREPARING OFFICER:

1. It is the opinion of the Preparing Officer that the reliability of the observers in these three sightings varied from "poor" to "fair" and that these were three separate and distinct sightings. No clear-cut conclusions can be made about any one of the three sightings because there were only single observer sightings of each of the objects in question.
2. The following possibilities are given: Sighting referred to in Part One is a possible optical phenomena (refer to paragraphs a and b below). The sightings referred to in Parts Two and Three are possible meteorites (refer to paragraph c below).
 - a. The fact that a five (5) degree temperature inversion did exist during the time of the sightings, (refer to paragraph 1 of Part Four of this report) can account for possible optical phenomena.
 - b. The moon rise during this period could have caused reflections and adds to the theory of an optical phenomena.
 - c. The time span of the observations cited in Parts Two and Three can be correlated with the length of time during which a meteor is normally observed, thus lending weight to the possibility that these observations were of meteors.

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Capt USAF
Officer in Charge

COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

1. Concur with the opinion of the Preparing Officer that the three (3) sightings described above are separate and distinct sightings, with conclusions of each as indicated below:
 - a. Sighting by Ernest L. Dunn, Glen Avon Ground Observer Post, Riverside, California: Possibly optical phenomena.
 - b. Sighting by Larry C. Spears, Arlington Ground Observer Post, Arlington, California: Possibly astronomical.
 - c. Sighting by Albert DeLong, Hollywood Ground Observer Post, Hollywood, California: Possibly astronomical.

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