

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 11 & 12 Aug 55		2. LOCATION Beloit, Wisconsin		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Meteors ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP knot 1. 11/0905Z 2. 12/0417Z GMT 3. 13/0220Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE civilian and GOC			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 - 2 seconds each		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS four or more observed singly		9. COURSE See description	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Four round objs, estimated as being three times size of basketball held at arms length, bright white and bright red varying. Seen at varying distances, seemed to be spinning, and sounded like electric motor. & Course: S to N, N to S, steady course. Noise increased and objs faded. Seen thru binoculars and with naked eye by GOC and mayor, chief of police, and another observer.				11. COMMENTS Perseid shower. (Meteors)	

ACTION

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WPOT YMA 95HRA 27

HR H002

RR JEDEN JEDBW JEDWP JEPHQ JEPNB

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R 120750Z

FM COMDR 755TH AC&W SQ WILLIAMS BAY WISC

TO JEDEN/COMDR ATC ENT AFB COLO

JEDBW/COMDR 30TH AD DEF WRAFS BELLEVILLE MICH

JEDWP/COMDR AIR TECH INTEL CEN WRIGHT PAT AFB OHIO

JEPNB/COMDR EADF STEWART AFB NEWBURG NY

BT

/U N C L A S S I F I E D/WBOOT 2830 PD UFOB CMA ATTN DIR OF INTEL

CMA THE FOL INFO IS SUBMITTED UNDER THE PROV OF PAR 7(D) AFR 200-2

DTD 12 AUG 1954 PD

D.

(1).

- (A) ROUND
- (B). ABOUT THREE TIMES SIZE OF BASKETBALL
- (C). BRIGHT WHITE VARYING IN COLOR TO BRIGHT RED
- (D). FOUR
- (E). VARYING DISTANCES

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(5). 4230 NORTH 8855 WEST

(6).

(A). CIVILIAN CMA [REDACTED] AGED 42 CMA [REDACTED]

CMA MARGO ILL

(7). WEATHER CLEAR

(A) CLEAR

(B) 6000 FT 300 DEG AT 20 KTS CMA 10000 FT 300 DEG AT 20 KTS CMA

16000 FT 330 DEG AT 30 KTS CMA 20000 FT 300 DEG AT 30 KTS CMA

30000 FT 300 DEG AT 40 KTS CMA 45000 FT 290 DEG AT 40 KTS CMA

50000 AND 80000 FT NOT AVAIL

(C). UNLIMITED

(D). UNLIMITED

(E). NONE

(F). NONE

(8). NO

(9). NONE

(1). NONE

(11). RICHARD HURWITZ 1LT CMA SENIOR DIRECTOR CMA POSSIBLE CAUSE CAN

NOT BE DETERMINED

(12). NONE

BT

12/0845Z AUG RJEDHR

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(F) NONE REPORTED

(G). SAME AS (B) ABOVE

(H). SOUNDED LIKE ELECTRIC MOTOR

(I). SEEMED TO BE SPINNING

(2). NORTH TO SOUTH

(A). ILLUMINATION IN SKY

(B). AZIMUTH 240 3 MILES

(C). UNKNOWN

(D). NORTH TO SOUTH AND SOUTH TO NORTH SPINNING AND HOLDING STEADY
COURSE

(E) COLOR CHANGED TO BRIGHT RED CMA NOISE INCREASED AND OBJECT
FADED

(F). FIFTY MINUTES

(3). VISUAL

(A). GROUND VISUAL

(B). NAKED EYE

(C) N/A

(4). 11 AUG 0905Z TO 0955Z

(A). 110905Z

(B). NIGHT

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HR H003

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DE RJEDHR H6

R 120950Z

FM COHDR 755TH AC&W SQ WILLIAMS BAY WISC

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJEDBW/COMDR 30TH AD DEF WRAFS BELLEVILLE MICH

RJEDWP/COMDR AIR TECH INTEL CEN WRIGHT PAT AFB OHIO

RJEPHQ/DIR OF INTEL HQS USAF WASH DC

RJEPNB/COMDR EADF STEWART AFB NEWBURG NY

RJEDHR/COMDR 4706TH DEF WG OHARE INTL ARPT PARK RIDGE ILL

BT

/U N C L A S S I F I E D/WBOOT 2834 PD OFOB CMA ATTN DIR OF INTELL-
IGENCE CMA THE FOL INFO IS SUBMITTED UNDER THE PROV OF PAR 7(D) AFR
200-2 DTD 12 AUG 1954 PD

D.

(1)

(A) ROUND

(B) ABOUT THREE TIMES THE SIZE OF A BASKETBALL

(C) BRIGHT WHITE VARYING IN COLOR TO BRIGHT RED

(D) FOUR

(E) CARSING DISTANCES

(F) NONE REPORTED

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(G) SAME AS (B) ABOVE

(H) SOUNDED LIKE ELECTRIC MOTOR

(I) SEEMED TO BE SPINNING

(2) NORTH TO SOUTH

(A) ILLUMINATION IN SKY

(B) AZIMUTH 245-26 MILES

(C) UNKNOWN

(E) NORTH TO SOUTH AND SOUTH TO NORTH CMA SPINNING AND HOLDING
STEADY COURSE

(3) COLOR CHANGED TO BRIGHT RED CMA NOISE INCREASED AND OBJECT
FADED

(F) 120417Z UNTIL PRESENT TIME

(3)

(A) GROUND VISUAL

(B) NAKED EYE AND BINOCULAR

(C) N/A

(4) 12 AUG 0417Z UNTIL PRESENT TIME STILL BEING SPOTTED INTER

(A) 120417Z

(B) NIGHT

(5) 4255 NORTH 8835 WEST

(6)

(A) CIGILIAN CMA MR [REDACTED] CMA BELOIT WISC
CMA GOC SUPVR PD

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(B) THREE OTHER PERSONS BELEIVED TO BE MAYOR AND CHIEF OF POLICE
OF BELOIT AND ONE OTHER PERSON CMA NONE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED PD

(7) WEATHER CLEAR

(A) CLEAR

7B) ~~6000~~ FT ~~360~~ DEG AT ~~10~~ KTS CMA ~~10000~~ FT ~~300~~ DEG AT ~~30~~ KTS
CMA ~~16000~~ FT ~~330~~ DEG AT ~~30~~ KTS CMA ~~20000~~ FT AT ~~330~~ DEG AT
~~30~~; KTS INA ~~30000~~ FT ~~300~~Q DEG AT ~~20~~ KTS CMA ~~45000~~ FT ~~290~~ DEG
AT ~~40~~ KTS CMA ~~50000~~ AND ~~80000~~ FT NOT AVAIL

(C) UNLIMITED

7D) UNLIMITED

(E) NONE

(F) NONE

(8) NO

(9)Q NONE

(10) NONE

(11) ~~REDACTED~~ CMA 21LT CMA SENIOR DIRECTOR CMA POSSIDLE

CAUSE CANNOT BE DETERMINED

(12) NONE

REMARKS CMA OBJECT WAS LEAVING VAPOR TRAIL PASSING OVER PLACE OF
SIGHTING EVERY TWO MINUTES PD

BT

12/10 16Z AUG RJEDHR

RC22

RR RJEDEN RJEDBW RJEDWP RJEPHQ RJEPNE

DE RJEDHR NZ1

R 132100Z

FM COMDR 755TH AC&W SQ WILLIAMS BAY WISC

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJEDBW/COMDR 30TH AD DEF WRAFS BELLEVILLE MICH

RJEDWP/COMDR AIR TECH INTEL CEN WRIGHT PAT AFB OHIO

RJEPHQ/DIR OF INTEL HQS USAF WASH DC

RJEPNE/COMDR EADF STEWART AFB NEWBURG NY

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U N C L A S S I F I E D/WBOOT 2856 PD UFOB CMA ATTN DIR OF INTELL
CMA THE FOL INFO IS SUBM UNDER THE PROV OF PAR 7 (D) AFR 245-2 DATED
12 AUG 1954 PD

D.

(1)

(A) ROUND

(B) SIZE OF BASEBALL

(C) BRIGHT RED

(D) ONE

(E) NA

(F) NONE RECEIVED

Witness

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(B) NA

(7)

(A) CLEAR WITH SLIGHT BREEZE

(B) SURFACE 360 DEGREES AT 9 KNOTS, 5000 FT 290 DEG AT 10 KNTS,
10000 FT 260 DEG AT 10 KNOTS, 16000 FT 330 DEG AT 10 KNOTS, 20000
FT 320 DEG 20 KNOTS, 30000 FT 280 DEG AT 30 KNOTS, 50000 FT 300 DEG
AT 40 KNOTS, 80000 FT NOT AVAILABLE PD

(C) UNLIMITED

(D) UNLIMITED

(5) NONE

(F) NONE

(8) TWO COMBAT QUALIFIED PILOTS, LT STUDEDAKER AND LT BURNS FROM
E S2 FIS AT OHARE AFB ILL PD REPORT METEORS WHILE FLYING IN SOUTHERN
SC AND NORTHERN ILLINOIS PD

(9) NA

(10) NONE

(11) PAUL F DEWASME 1/LT SENIOR DIRECTOR, PER REPORT OF ABOVE
TIONED PILOTS: POSSIBLE METEORS PD

(12) NONE

035Z AUG RJEDHR

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(G) A SHORT TAIL

(H) NONE

(I) NONE

(2)

(A) SIGHTED WHILE LOOKING FOR AIRCRAFT BY GOC OBSERVER

(B) 45 DEGREES

(C) NOT REPORTED

(D) DROM NORTH TO SOUTH AND BACK FROM SOUTH TO NORTH

(E) STILL APPEARING AT 0450Z 13 AUG

(F) TWO AND ONE-HALF HRS

(3)

(A) GROUND-VISUAL

(B) NAKED EYE

(C) NA

(4)

(A) 13 AUG 0220Z

(B) DARK-NIGHT

(5) GEOREF GRID AN 5730 CMA NEAR BELOIT WISC

(6)

(A) CIVILIAN MRS [REDACTED] WISC-

AGE 37 OCCUPATION NOT KNOWN

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SUBJECT UFOB		
AREA REPORTED ON Beloit, Wisconsin & Morengo, Illinois, USA	FROM (Agency) Flight 3-A, 4602D AISS	
DATE OF REPORT 18 August 1955	DATE OF INFORMATION 8 Aug 1955; 11-12 Aug 1955	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) RONALD E. LIEF, 2d Lt., USAF	SOURCE Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED]	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) TT MSG D/WBOOT, 2834, 755th - AC & W SQ. Williams Bay, Wisconsin & TT MSG DI 4843, 30th ADIV Belleville, Michigan		
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.)		
I. CONTENTS: PART ONE: Description of sighting by Mrs. [REDACTED] PART TWO: Description of sighting by Mr. [REDACTED] PART THREE: Description of sighting by Mr. [REDACTED] PART FOUR: Description of sighting by Mr. [REDACTED] PART FIVE: Supplementary Investigative Efforts PART SIX: Comments of Preparing Officer II. SUMMARY: The following is the report of the Preliminary Investigation made of the UFOB'S reported in the Beloit, Wisconsin area (Georef GJAN 5830) 120400Z August 1955 and in the Morengo, Illinois area (Georef GJBN 2415) 081000Z August 1955. III. INVESTIGATOR: M/SGT STANLEY B. MONTZ AF 6933672		
<i>Library Indexed Codes</i> <i>RR</i> <i>Ronald E. Lief</i> RONALD E. LIEF 2nd Lt., USAF Officer In Charge		
APPROVED: <i>John M. White Jr.</i> JOHN M WHITE JR Colonel, USAF Commander		
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I. SOURCE: Mrs. [REDACTED]

Address [REDACTED], Beloit, Wisconsin

Age: 36

Occupation: House wife

Education: One and one half ($1\frac{1}{2}$) years of High School

Qualifications: GOC Observer from 12 May 1955 to date, with total of 248 hrs observer duty.

II. RELIABILITY: Source was unable to estimate distances accurately by sight. Would not even attempt to sketch drawing of sighting. The source did not appear to have background experience which would aid in reporting a UFOB.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: Source was on duty at Ground Observer Corp post located in Summit Park, Beloit, Wisconsin. At 120220Z August 1955, an object the size of a baseball held at arms length, bright white to bright red in color resembling a bright star flashed across the sky, traveling in a north to south direction at great speed. Similar star like objects appeared throughout a five hour period at intervals of two to three minutes. Direction of travel was north to south, and south to north, length of time visible varied from portion of a second to the maximum two seconds. There was no regularity in the appearing of the objects in regard to where they appeared on sky, the time between objects or length of time visible.

The objects could not be sighted with binoculars due to the great speed of travel and very short duration of visibility.

The GOC observation platform is located so as to permit excellent view of the sky to the north, east and south, vision to the west is obstructed by a wall.

The first object was sighted in the north. The weather was clear and dry with slight breeze blowing, and temperature was in the low seventies (70).

The sighting was reported to Mr. [REDACTED] GOC Supervisor and GOC Filter Center.

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I. SOURCE: Mr. James A. Armstrong

Address: 764 West Grand St., Beloit, Wisconsin

Age: 50

Occupation: Auto mechanic

Education: One year of College

Qualifications: GOC observer from 26 May 1955 to date, with 27 hrs of observer duty.

II. RELIABILITY: Source would not make any direct statements concerning his personal observations, only that he saw the same thing his wife reported, in the identical manner she did. Interview did not substantiate this source as being experienced or desiring to add any information relating to the sighting.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING: Source observed the sightings only after being awakened at his home and going to the GOC post. Bright star-like objects appearing at various heights above the horizon, traveling at great speeds in a north to south or south to north direction, color from a bright white to a bright red with no sound heard.

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I. SOURCE: Mr. Harold W. Varney

Address: 835 Bluff St., Beloit, Wisconsin

Age: 41

Occupation: High School Graduate

Qualifications: Three years GOC experience; present position of GOC Supervisor.

II. RELIABILITY: Source changed his original opinion about the sighting, after serious thought, and some layman type research on the subject to satisfy personal curiosity, to the fact that the bodies were "falling stars" or meteorite activity entering the earth's atmosphere.

He indicated that his first opinion, that objects were UFOB, had been influenced by the reporting GOC observer. The statements offered by the source are believed accurate and in keeping with his education and experience, as a GOC Supervisor.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF THE SIGHTINGS: No observation of the sighting was made while en route from the source's home to GOC post and he could not note the sightings for twenty minutes after arriving at the GOC observer platform. The GOC observer reporting the sighting aided Mr. Varney and finally the objects were sighted. The star-like objects, varying in size from the size of a baseball to a quarter held at arms length, appeared at various points in the sky, seemingly in the path of the "Milky Way", and would be visible for extremely short periods; less than it took the source to complete a breathing cycle. Direction of travel seemed to be limited to the length of the path of the "Milky Way", either north to south or south to north.

It was also noted by the source that the path of the "Milky Way" seemed to change direction slightly during the hours of observation of sightings. The star-like objects seemed to appear irregularly at intervals of two to five minutes.

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I. SOURCE: Mr. [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED], Morengo, Illinois

Age: 42

Occupation: Rendering Service (self employed)

Education: High School Graduate

Qualifications: None

II. RELIABILITY: Source was cooperative, but limited the discussion to twelve minutes due to having to meet a farmer concerning a gravel hauling job. Source had been given a ribbing, about having made the report of the sightings, by the local towns people and seems to have lost much of the apparent original enthusiasm of reporting the sighting.

Source's answers to questions concerning the incident were of a light passing nature with an accompanying smile and usually laughter. Since there was a six day period between the actual sighting and the interview, source was not quick to answer and made general overall statements, rather than clear to the point answers.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF THE SIGHTINGS: At about 0405 hours, Central Daylight Saving Time, on the morning of 8 August 1955, source was awakened by a noise similar to the drone of an electric motor, and saw a brighter than usual sky thru the south-east windows of the first floor bedroom of his home. The source arose to investigate further, and noticed four bright round objects in formation in the lower south-eastern portion of the sky. Binoculars were used to view objects and showed the objects appeared to be spinning. One object was about three feet in diameter, the other three much smaller, less than a quarter of the size of the larger object.

The objects seem to have the illuminating color of a fire-fly or lightning bug and as the objects would "tilt" the under side would appear more orange or flame like in color. The objects would seem to stand still for awhile then move quite rapidly then slow down and stand still again. Direction of travel was to the south-east. There seemed to be a change of color and a sort of exhaust or vapor trail made when the objects moved.

Mr. Miller's wife also saw the objects but only added the statement "It was a wierd sight" to the information on the sight. The Night Chief of Police, city of Morengo, Illinois, was called to Mr. Miller's home and was reported to have seen the objects prior to their disappearing into the daylight. The police officer could not see the objects through the binoculars because of the bi-focal lenses of his eye glasses.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. The Planetarium Adler & Astronomical Museum, 900 E. Achsah Bond, Chicago, Illinois, phone Wabash 21428, was contacted in regards to meteor activity on or about 11 August 1955.

Mr. Schlesinger, director of the Planetarium reported that the Perseid Meteor Shower occurs during the month of August, reaching a maximum of activity on the 12th of August. The meteor shower path is along the "Milky Way" axis and if viewed from a clear area the number of meteors that could be observed is approximately one per minute.

Mr. Schlesinger offered the following opinions when told the details of the sightings. The Beloit, Wisconsin, sighting was undoubtedly the Perseid Meteor Shower. It is highly probable the Marengo, Illinois, sighting was jet aircraft as viewed in the effect of the high then scattered clouds and the sun rays at day break at 30,000 feet altitude.

2. Captain H. W. Nelson, Operations Officer, 42d Ftr. Int. Sq., 501st AB Group, O'Hare International Airport, Park Ridge, Illinois, reported jet type fighter aircraft (F-86-D) of his organization flying in the area visible to Marengo, Illinois, during the early morning of 8 August 1955.

3. The 755th AC & W Sq., Williams Bay, Wisconsin, sender of original TT message, was contacted. They give a negative report on possible cause of any of the sightings on the nights of 8, 9, 11 and 12 August 1955.

4. The 18th Weather Detachment, 12th Weather Squadron, Major McClurg, Officer in Charge, was contacted. The weather report for the morning of 8 August 1955 for Rockford, Illinois, (20 miles west of the Marengo, Illinois, sighting) was; visibility from midnight to four (4) AM est., clear and 15 miles; at four to five AM est., clear and 12 miles at 6:30 est, thin high scattered clouds at 30,000 feet. The opinion was stated that the thin high scattered clouds were probably there during most of the night, but not picked up and reported until after day light.

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COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER:

1. The TT message, D/WBOOT, 2834, from the 775th AC & W Sq., Williams Bay, Wisconsin, upon which this investigation was based was a combination of information of two different UFOB sightings, in two different locations at two different times of the month, thereby greatly confusing the investigator initially.
2. An attempt was made to contact both the Mayor and Chief of Police of Beloit. However, when approached, the Chief of Police stated that he knew nothing of the sighting, and also that Beloit has no Mayor.
3. In regard to the Beloit sighting, in accordance with my own studies of astronomy and the many times I have observed similar meteorite activities, and in accordance with Mr. Schlesinger's experience and information about the Perseid Meteor Shower, I am inclined to agree with both him and Mr. Varney, that the Beloit sighting was part of the Meteor Shower.
4. In view of the weather conditions on the morning of 8 August (thin scattered clouds at 30,000 feet) and the known fact that aircraft of the 42nd FIS were participating in early morning flights at the time of the sighting; plus the fact that Mr. Miller had just awakened and was reluctant to make any concrete statements, I assume what he saw was a jet type aircraft plus its reflections in the clouds.

Ronald E. Lief

RONALD E. LIEF
2nd Lt., USAF
Officer in Charge

COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

1. Concur with the opinion of the Preparing Officer that the Beloit, Wisconsin, sighting was generated by astronomical activity, i.e., the annual August meteor showers.
2. Concur with the opinion of the Preparing Officer that the sighting by Mr. [REDACTED] at Morengo, Illinois, was possibly caused by jet aircraft known to be operating in the vicinity.

JML

August, 1955 — [REDACTED] attorney,
and his family spotted an object while driv-
ing along U. S. 270 south of Laverne.

August, 1955 — [REDACTED] attorney,
and his family spotted an object while driv-
ing along U. S. 270 south of Laverne.