

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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| 1. DATE<br><b>21 January 1956</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  | 2. LOCATION<br><b>at sea 215 Mi SE of Bermuda</b>                                                                                                                                                     |  | 12. CONCLUSIONS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical (METEOR) |  |
| 3. DATE-TIME GROUP<br>Local _____<br>GMT <b>21/0804Z</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  | 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar<br><input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
| 5. PHOTOS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  | 6. SOURCE<br><b>Civ ships officer</b>                                                                                                                                                                 |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |
| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br><b>8 seconds</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br><b>one</b>                                                                                                                                                                    |  | 9. COURSE<br><b>North</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING<br><b>One object round, colored like a star. However, when object turned to North it had a tail which was like a red flame. Its length was about five times the diameter of object. Object traveled at high rate of speed and constant until it disappeared. No change in speed.</b> |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | 11. COMMENTS<br><b>Meteor sighting. Apparent change in course could be caused by passage of object into atmospheric conditions conducive to distortion, such as an inversion. Also burning appeared to be in two phases, initial glow and then burning with tail.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |

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From: District Intelligence Officer, SIXTH Naval District  
To: Director of Naval Intelligence

Subj: Unidentified Flying Object; Report of sighting of

Ref: (a) ONI Instruction 03820.19B (NIRM 2)  
(b) ONI Instruction 03820.17C (NIRM 18)

1. Personnel of this office determined, on boarding the Danish vessel DANFJORD on 25 January 1956, to effect coverage in accordance with references (a) and (b), that the ship's Second Mate, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, apparently reliable, had sighted an unidentified flying object on 21 January 1956 at 0804Z. The ship was at position, latitude 29°-40'N, longitude 62°-00'W, or approximately 210 miles southeast of Bermuda, on true course 252°, speed 13 knots at the time of the sighting. The moon had just gone down, the weather was clear with many stars visible, and visibility was at least 15 miles. The wind was off the port bow at 6 knots. There were no planes, ships, or other objects in the area.

2. When first sighted, the object was at a 260° azimuth at a position angle of 60° and falling and was thought to be a "falling star." When it reached a position angle of 20°, still at an azimuth of 260°, the object hovered for one or two seconds and was seen to be not a star or meteor conforming to natural flight. The object then made an abrupt right angle change of direction to the north, paralleling the horizon at position angle 20°, and disappeared about 4 seconds later at azimuth 342° (ship's starboard beam). While falling, the object appeared to be round and a light color like a star. No "tail" was seen. Its appearance did not change when the object hovered or stopped, or headed directly toward or away from the observer with no change in azimuth. When the object changed flight to a northerly direction, however, a long "tail" was clearly seen. This "tail" or trailing section, was red like a flame, and its length was about five times the diameter of the body of the object, which still appeared to be round and a light color like a star.

3. The observer hesitated to estimate the distance to the object at any time, but said that if he had to guess he would say that it was 20 miles

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away at the time it hovered. When the object departed in a northerly direction, there was no visible acceleration. That is to say, it had a very high rate of speed at the start and continued at this speed until it went out of sight or disappeared.

4. The Second Mate is a Danish citizen, about 35 years old, and has 15 years experience at sea. In describing the object, he likened its northern flight to a rocket, such as a V-2 type, which he said he had seen during World War II. He stated, however, that he had never seen a celestial or man-made object which could be compared to this object in performance or the ability to change its appearance from that of a falling star to that of a rocket.

5. The foregoing data, including figures, was taken from the log of the DANFJORD (DA) and is submitted to the Office of Naval Intelligence for information.

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To: Director of Intelligence, U. S. Air Force

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1. Enclosure (1) is forwarded for information.

2. The DIO, SIXTH Naval District has been advised that future reports of this nature should be forwarded directly to the nearest appropriate U. S. Air Force activity.

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