

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 30 April 1956		2. LOCATION Tacoma, Washington		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 01/0633Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION three minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE E then N	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One slim object, 2" wide and 18" long with red light on each end, no wings. Heading east then turned north. Sound of piston engine(s).				11. COMMENTS Due to sound, duration, course, and color lights, this sighting was probably generated by a/c.	

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WPD146 YDC076 XYZ142 XMB072DMA072

OO RJEDEN RJEDWP RJEPHQ RJWPSE

DE RJWPDM 128A

O 010830Z

FM COMDR 25TH AIR DIV MCCHORD AFB WN

TO RJEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJEDWP/COMDR ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HDQS USAF

WASH 25 DC

RJWPSB/COMDR WADF HAMILTON AFB CALIF

BT

U N C L/25TH TAC E 3

1. A 1 SLIM

B 21/ WIDE 18" LONG

C RED LIGHT ON EACH END

D 1

E NONE

F NO WINGS

G NONE

H ASTON DRIVEN ENGINE POSSIBLY TWO

I NONE

1) 4E4
2) 4-4X2a
3) Jc

2. ~~A~~ ~~97,8~~

B 3DEG A21 320 DEG

C 3DEG A21 015DEG

D ENST TURNED NORTH

E OUT OF SIGHT

F 3 MIN

3. A VISUAL GROUND TO AIR

B NONE

C N/A

4. A 01 MAY 56 0633Z

B NIGHT

5. NC3315

2220 E 38TH ST TMCOMH WN

6. A

MR ~~REDACTED~~ INS

~~REDACTED~~
TACOMA WN

B SEEMED RELIABLE

7. A VERIALLE HIGH CLOUDS

NE UNLIMITED

B 135DEG 7 KNTS SURFACE

290DEG 25KNNTS 6.000

C BROKEN TO NW

REST CLEAR

D GOOD

E 1/6 COVERAGE

F NONE

8. NA

9. NA

10. NA

11. NA

12. NA

BT

01/0856Z MAY RJWPDM

No Case (Information Only)

2 April 1956
Coffeyville, Kansas

Apr. 2—Coffeyville, Kan.—R. H. Smith was awakened when his wife "became alarmed over the increasing velocity of the wind shortly after 8" p.m. Said he: "I went outside to check the clouds and to my astonishment saw this illuminated object gliding down toward a neighbor's home. There was no framework visible, but the lighted

body appeared somewhat shorter than the standard airplane with a wingspread of about 30 feet. It hovered over the Lee Fortenberry house, about 500 feet south of our home, at what I judged 300 feet altitude, then glided across the road to circle the Thurman Watson house before starting toward our home." Mr. Smith continued, "Before the object reached our place, however, it veered off and started to ascend again. Just then, Mrs. Smith came out to see what was keeping me and she also saw the object. For a few minutes, it appeared to send spots of light from it and then disappeared into the clouds." (Coffeyville Daily Journal, 4/3.)

No Case (Information Only)

4 April 1956
Durham, North Carolina

1956

.....On the night of April 4th, about 15 or 20 people in Durham, N. C., reported seeing "a silver-colored angel" flying north over the local U. S. Steel plant. One man said that he could see it flapping its wings..

No Case (Information Only)

4 April 1956
Florida

Apr. 4-Florida—"A mysterious explosion, or series of explosions, shook buildings over 60 miles of Florida West Coast tonight." Some windows were reported broken. Pilot in the Gulf of Mexico told of flashes of light in the sky. Phenomenon remains unexplained. (Associated Press, others, 4/4.)

No Case (Information Only)

6 April 1956
Brown's Gulch, Montana

1956

BRILLIANT OBJECT STARTLES MONTANA RESIDENTS: Five people living in the Brown's Gulch district of Montana reported that on the night of April 6th, at about 9-30 p.m., they saw an extremely bright object which seemed to be in the sky near their house. Mrs. Victoria Gabrielli, her son Victor Gabrielli, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mitchell and Mrs. Mary Baxanella were gathered in the Gabrielli residence watching television, with the house partially darkened, they said, when the phenomenon occurred. "It lit up the whole house," Mrs. Gabrielli said. "The television blacked out at the same time. We thought it was a crashing plane or some kind of explosion, but there was no noise. The television came on again in a few seconds." The Civil Aeronautics Administration offices at the local airport said no unusual objects in the sky had been logged or reported at its office that night, and that there were no plane crashes in the area.

No Case (Information Only)

7 April 1956
Tallahassee, Florida

APR. 7—Tallahassee, Fla. — Unidentified residents witnessed a "strange-shaped" light at 12:30 a.m. The UFO "at first appeared as a bright light," but "later looked more like a balloon." The object continued to apparently change shape. (Tallahassee Press-
Sent. 4/8.)

No Case (Information Only)

11 April 1956
Cumberland, Beach Canada

Apr. 11(?)—Cumberland Beach (near Orilla), Ontario(?), Canada
—Residents reported "mysterious lights have been seen in the sky near the beach. The lights were...orange in color and larger than a star. They remained almost stationary over the district for several minutes and then suddenly shot away at high speed." (Canadian Press, 4/11(or 12).)

No Case (Information Only)

11 April 1950
Baudette, Minnesota

Apr. 11—Baudette, Minn.—Pat Appel and Carolyn Clay, on duty during morning at GOC filter center, "observed a high flying white, apparently metallic object, moving in a general westerly direction at a high rate of speed. The unidentified object apparently had no wings nor visible means of propulsion. A report was made to the filter center at Benidji by the observers." (Baudette Region, 4/11.)

No Case (Information Only)

14 April 1956
Manomet, Massachusetts

On April 14 an Air Force woman, Miss Dorothy Currier of Otis Air Force Base in Massachusetts photographed a dome-topped saucer-shaped object, which had rotating lights, landing wheels, and made a humming sound, before many eyewitnesses over Manomet, Massachusetts.

On April 14, 1956 over Manomet, Massachusetts a dome-topped object with rotating lights and landing wheels was taken by Miss Dorothy Currier of the Air Force. She reported that the object was seen by a group of persons and that a "humming" sound was heard coming from the strange "flying saucer-shaped object."

No Case (Information Only)

22 April 1956
Coffeyville, Minnesota

Apr. 22—Coffeyville, Kan.—Richard Henry and the E. J. Mengels family spotted "a spinning disc, giving off a bright red glow" around 10:30 p.m. They "watched the strange object move slowly in the sky between their home and Coffeyville"—10 miles distant—"until it sank below the horizon about a half hour later. When first sighted," by Mr. Henry, "the disc appeared about 1½ feet long." (This latter subjective figure is difficult to interpret—Ed.) "Later," the account continued, "the red glow seemed to fade a little and the viewers reported seeing tiny lights appear on the object's surface." (Coffeyville Daily Journal, 4/23.)

No Case (Information Only)

25 April 1956
El Monte, California

APR. 25—El Monte, Calif.—R. M. Grace, of Covina, described a half-egg-shaped object which emitted no sound and "was a brilliant white." The UFO, first observed at 8:30 p.m., "appeared to be hovering about 1,000 feet above" him. "It had no riding lights," he said, "and that fact dismissed my first thought that it was a plane." Mr. Grace added the object finally "made an arc" and headed eastward. (El Monte Herald, 4/27.)

No Case (Information Only)

29 April 1956
Phoenix, Arizona

Apr. 29—Phoenix, Ariz.—Bud Pecaro, with his family, were driving from Los Angeles to Greenwich, Conn. Here is his story: "As we were starting out in the morning on the highway to Tempe, Arizona (between Phoenix and Tucson), my father remarked about an object in the sky to the right front of us. When I first looked I saw a long silver object with something seeming to shoot away from it and to the right of us. I immediately asked for the large pair of binoculars as I knew my smaller ones would be ineffective. When I looked I didn't have them in focus right away but I could tell that the object was a long cigar shape with a dark spot, or hole, in the center. I then handed the glasses to my father. After a while he said he saw what looked like a row of windows or ports that kept flashing light or flames along the side of the thing, and that while he was watching, something like a little meteor came shooting out of the bottom. About this same time I noticed that the thing seemed to flare up, after which it appeared to be farther away.

"Along the side of the highway were telephone poles, two in a row. This is important because the object seemed to follow the poles with each end touching—at least, for a sort time. Finally, after we were out of the traffic, we stopped along side of the road to get a better look at the object. By this time it had moved from the right to the left of the highway, and away from the telephone poles. It was now over some mountains in the distance and seemed to have gotten there rather quickly. I got one last good look at it through the binoculars before we and it moved away. It looked like a big ball point pen that was glowing on top and dark underneath. The sighting, in all, lasted ten minutes." (Mr. Pecaro estimates the object's length as 0.75 degree—Ed.) (On file.)

No Case (Information Only)

30 April 1956
East Mansfield, Massachusetts

Apr. 30—East Mansfield, Mass.—Mrs. Gilmore, 1176 East Street, described what appeared to be a "bonfire in the sky" at 8:15 p.m. She said, "It came whistling down" and "plummeted to the street, just a few feet from" her house. "A ball of fire, the size of a basketball," then "shot upwards as it hit the road, in a burst of orange flame." The newspaper account added, "Small fragments burned on the ground. They were brought into the Gilmore home, but as they cooled, they faded away, disappeared without a trace. In a few moments, there was nothing left...Only a strange burnt smell in gravel on the roadside where the fire burned." (Mansfield News-Times, 5/3.)

MAY 1956 SIGHTINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
May	Boston, Massachusetts	[REDACTED] (PHOTOS)	Photo Development Flaw
1	Baltimore, Maryland	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
1,2,3	Pueblo, Colorado	[REDACTED] Multi	Other (LIGHTS)
4	Marinette, Wisconsin	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
4	Oxford, Pennsylvania	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
6	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	[REDACTED]	Astro (CAPELLA)
6	Waupun, Wisconsin	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
6	Hollywood, California	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
6&13	Waterville, Morrisville, Vermont	Multi Wiltshire	Balloon
7	Canton, Alliance, Springfield, Ohio	Multi	Balloon
7	Crestview, Florida	[REDACTED]	Balloon
7	Rochester, Indiana	[REDACTED]	Other (GROUND LIGHT)
8	Aliquippa, Pennsylvania	Multi (VIS & RADAR)	Other (BIRDS)
9	Colorado Springs, Colorado	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
10	Wisconsin (CASE MISSING)	Unknown	Aircraft
11	Lake Leelanau, Michigan	[REDACTED]	Astro (VENUS)
11	Limon, Colorado	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
13	Retsil, Washington	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
14	Winston Salem, North Carolina	Military Air	Astro (VENUS)
14	Washington, D. C.	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
14	Waupun, Wisconsin	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
16	Los Angeles, California	[REDACTED]	Astro (VENUS)
16	Palm Desert, California	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
17	Ada, Oklahoma	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
18	Pueblo, Colorado	[REDACTED]	Balloon
18	Brooksville, Florida	[REDACTED]	Astro (SPICA)
20	Akpotok Island, Newfoundland	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
20	San Luis Obispo, California	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
20	Columbia, Tennessee	Multi Lyles)	Balloon
20	Wheaton, Illinois	[REDACTED]	Astro (VENUS)
22	Amarillo, Texas	[REDACTED]	Balloon
22	Dayton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Balloon
22	NW Monroe, Louisiana	[REDACTED]	Balloon
23	Lumberton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
25	Steilacoom, Washington	[REDACTED]	Astro (VENUS)
26	Murmansk USSR Area	Norwegian Seamen	Insufficient Data
29	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (CASE MISSING)	[REDACTED]	Balloon
30	Homestead AFB, Florida	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
30	Alberton, Montana (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Balloon
31	Flushing, Long Island, New York	[REDACTED] (PHOTO/NR)	Aircraft
31	Dayton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
Mid May	El Toco Marine AS, California	Newsclipping	
9	Jacksonville, Florida	Newsclipping	
9	Glen Ellyn, Illinois	Newsclipping	
10	Salt Lake City, Utah	Newsclipping	
15	Canada	Newsclipping	
18	El Cajon Valley, California	Newsclipping	