

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 18 August 1956		2. LOCATION Tacoma, Washington		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical star ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 19/0607Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION still in sight		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE westerly	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One round object, size of dime at arm's length. Alternating blue and white color w/intensity increasing and decreasing. Object formed a triangle with two other stars moving southwest. Object came from east, stopped in middle of sky, and went west. Object was viewed visually and was still in sight at time of initial report.				11. COMMENTS Limited investigation assigned to Flt-1-A, 4602d AISS on 22 Aug. Additional info is: 1) Obj observed over 1 hr 2) Obj did not disappear - observers stopped watching 3) Obj initially sighted 90 dgr elev; 45dgr azimuth. 4) Obj last seen at 80 dgr elev; 270dgr azimuth. 5) obj not have high rate of speed in sky as originally rptd. 6) Obj observed at 30,000 to 40,000ft alt 7) temp inversion existed fm surface to 3,000 ft at 19/0300Z. Evaluated as astro probably Deneb through temperature inversion.	

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ZEN/COMDR 25TH AIR DIV MCCHORD AFB WASH

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/UNCL/UFOB/25TH TAC H227

1. A ROUND

B DIME

C ALTCRNATING BLUE AND WHITE

D 1

E NA

F LIGHTS INCREASED AND DECREASED

G NONE

H NONE

I FORMS TRIANGLE OF TOW OTHER STARS MOVING SW

2. A HIGH RATE OF SPEED IN SKY

B 080 DEGREES

Called AT

20/0420+

1 } 4E/4
2 }
3 }

4-4X20

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C STILL OBSERVING

D CAME FROM EAST WENT WEST STOPPED IN MIDDLE OF SKY

E STILL OBSERVING

F 19/0607Z

3. A GROUND TO AIR

B NONE

C N/A

4. A 19/0607Z

B NIGHT

5. N C 3012

6. A 1. SUPERVISOR G O C [REDACTED] TACOMA WASH PH
HI-5102

2. MISS [REDACTED] TACOMA PH HA6081

B N/A

7. A CIR FULL MOON

B 6,000 180 DEGREES 10 KNTS

10,000 180 DEGREES 10 KNTS

16,000 180 DEGREES 10 KNTS

20,000 180 DEGREES 10 KNTS

C UNLIMITED

D UNLIMITED

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E N/A

F N/A

8. N/A

O. N/A

10. N/A

11. N/A

12. N/A

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2 Navy Men Ride "Sky Hook" Balloon To 8-Mile Altitude

Special to The Journal Herald
And The New York Herald Tribune

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10—Two Navy balloonists today floated nearly 200 miles from Minneapolis to Stevens Point, Wis., at an altitude of nearly eight miles in the first test of a man-carrying "sky hook" plastic balloon.

The balloon was launched by the Naval Research office and General Mills, Inc., from International airport, Minneapolis, at 9:18 a.m. Chicago time, and landed at 1:30 p.m. eight miles south of the Wisconsin city.

The balloonists were Lt. Cmdr. M. D. Ross, project officer for the "strato-lab" program, and Lt. Cmdr. M. L. Lewis, Navy air liaison officer, who formerly served in the Chicago Naval Research office. They made the unprecedented ride in an open air gondola operating cameras and other instruments as part of an upper air research program.

The Navy said the two balloonists were the first to take to the air in one of the huge plastic balloons, probably the largest in the world, some of which have reached an altitude of 117,000

feet with 400 pounds of instruments but no passengers.

On today's flight, the "sky-hook" balloon reached 40,000 feet in a flight in which no record was attempted. The world's altitude record for balloons was set nearly 21 years ago by two Army Air Corps flyers who reached 72,395 feet.

The Navy research office said today's flight will open a series of research exploratory ascensions aimed at reaching up to 100,000 feet with human operators to conduct studies in astronomy, aero-medicine, aerology, cosmic rays, atmospheric physics, astrophysics, geophysics, and military science. The human observers will be able to operate precision cameras and other instruments for several hours at a time.

No Case (Information Only)

11 August 1956
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

Case 186, Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 11, 1956—Said the Pittsburgh *Sun-Telegraph*: "Mrs. Florence Stauffer reported watching a 'bright steel-gray ship' for more than two hours on Saturday morning. She said, 'I don't imagine things. I really saw this thing.' Said Mrs. Stauffer, 'it apparently came from the direction of East Liberty, hovered about for two hours and then disappeared in a westerly direction. The object was circular and real bright.'"12

No Case (Information Only)

12 August 1956
Parkersburg, West Virginia

Case 187, Parkersburg, W. Va., Aug. 12, 1956—According to the Parkersburg *Sentinel* the UFO was seen at 9:30 p.m. by reliable observers. A *Sentinel* reporter and his family had a 15-second view before the mystery object disappeared. The object looked round with an "orange-silver" color considerably brighter than the stars. Size and altitude could not be determined. It appeared to be traveling at a high rate of speed and made weird, un-aircraft-like movements. There was no sound. The observer said it came from the north and looked like a shooting star at first. Then it darted to one side and went east at a high rate of speed. A request by the *Sentinel* asking for verification of the sighting brought results. Said the newspaper, "At least three residents reported seeing the mysterious aerial object." All three witnesses said the object looked round and appeared to be "orange-silver" in color. One observer said at first she thought it was the moon, but saw it moving very fast. Still later reports confirming the object came from Vienna, Belpre, Williamstown and Harrisville.¹³

No Case (Information Only)

14 August 1956
Cortland & Ithaca, N.Y.

Case 188, Cortland and Ithaca, N.Y., August 14, 1956—
In a letter to CRIFO, Lynn Strauff writes in part, "Around 2 a.m. a very clear night my brother, age 11 and myself, age 27 were on a hill overlooking Cortland and at a point which should put Cortland in the southwest. We saw two faint reddish objects move slowly from the south, about a half hour apart. There was no sound or blinking lights from the unknowns except one flicked off its lights for a

matter of seconds and then came on brighter than before, then it moved out of visual sight. The climax came at 3:30 a.m. when my brother and I started home. All of a sudden we saw six lights in a long line spread apart. We saw them move into this formation and then start to move slowly toward Ithaca. These six lights were much brighter than our earlier observations. They looked like stars, but every so often one would move closer to the next one to it. Unless anyone were watching the sky as we were these lights could easily be mistaken for a formation of stars, but we know they were not. I'll swear to it! This sight certainly puts a different light on saucers for me."

Ed: A possible tie-in to Case 188 is a report from West Hartford. Said an item in the Hartford Times: "A ground observer and four residents spotted white lights heading west shortly after 9 p.m." In a later letter Strauff said that the line of lights seemed to bend once in a while. He added that there seemed to be intelligence behind the lights.

No Case (Information ONLY)

14 August 1956
North Windham, Maine

Case 193, North Windham, Maine, Aug. 14, 1956—A brief item appearing on the front page of the Hartford

Times, said, Attorney Hyman Jacobson and Dr. William Mac Vane of Portland reported seeing a "shining silver" object whip through the sky in the afternoon over little Sebago Lake. . . .⁵

1956, Aug. 15—Little Sebago Lake—A shining, silver saucer seen by a Dr. & attorney. It traveled in a NE direction over Maine, turned on its' side and disappeared. (Recently, Fireballs in S. Maine) No weather conditions reported. (UP)

15 August 1956
Cincinnati, Ohio

Case 189, Cincinnati, O., Aug. 15, 1956—Bill Jones, amateur astronomer, with witness while fishing on lake in Blue Ash north of Cincinnati saw two distinct UFO's. Time was about 6 p.m., the sky clear, but visibility limited. Said Jones, there was unusual plane activity, but suddenly one distinct object caught his eye about 15 degrees off the east horizon. The object was "extremely bright, like polished metal and was without shape, like a blob." As it moved speedily through the sky, going south, it assumed the appearance more like "an arc welder's torch, almost bluish white." At no time could Jones see wings or any appendages, nor did the object make sound. While watching the object Jones then saw another similar object come in view in the west about 30 degrees off horizon. It also looked like an arc welder's torch and made no sound. Both objects disappeared into infinity and Jones was sure they were not jets. Confirming Jones, CRIFO later learned that the same object (one of them) was seen soaring over Cold Springs, Ky., at about the same time. Object was heading south, making no sound, and looking like "an arc welder's torch."

No Case (Information Only)

15 August 1956
Willsboro, New York

Case 194, Willsboro, N.Y., Aug. 15 (and earlier) 1956—At least a score of Essex Court residents contend they have seen a UFO hovering over Lake Champlain. Mark Berman, one of the witnesses, describes what he saw: "It was a round, basketball-like object that glowed with an orange color. It appeared to bob around in the sky with a weaving motion." He said he had sighted the object three times at about 10 p.m., the most recent observation on August 15. Other summertime residents said they had seen the "round glow" four times earlier in the month, three of them on consecutive nights. One witness said the light cast from the object was bright enough to form a golden-hued path on the surface of the lake.⁶

No Case (Information Only)

16 August 1956
Santa Monica, California

Case 195, Santa Monica, Cal., Aug. 16, 1956—At 1:42 a.m. two police officers saw a ball of white light, with some orange in it, floating overhead. It looked as if it were being turned on and off, they said. Said the Los Angeles *Examiner*, fifteen minutes later, the police received another call, reporting a similar light.⁷

No Case (Information Only)

17 August 1956
Middlebury, Connecticut

1956, Aug. 17-11pm-Middlebury, Conn.-A big, bright, flashing red light seen in Western sky about 15 seconds, disappeared about 10 sec., then reappeared lower on Horizon & off to right for 5 sed., then it disappeared for good. (NOT a plane-light)...

19 - 31 AUGUST 1956 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
19	Kuopio, Finland	Helsinki News	Insufficient Data
19	Donora, Pennsylvania	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS)
20	New Boston, New Hampshire	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS)
20	North Bend, Oregon	[REDACTED], Gd (RADAR)	Balloon
21	Denver, Colorado	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
21	Hamilton, California	Military Air	Balloon
21	Fontana, California	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
22	Fountain, Colorado (CASE MISSING)	[REDACTED]	Astro (VENUS)
22	Atlanta, Georgia	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
22	Newburgh, New York	[REDACTED] (PHOTO/NR)	Other (LENS/REFLECTIO
22	Bornholm, Denmark	Ground (RADAR)	Other (RADAR ANALYSIS)
22	Dayton, Ohio	Multi	Aircraft (PHOTO PLANE
22	Fontana & La Jolla, California	Multi (3 sightings)	Aircraft
22	Dallas, Texas	[REDACTED] (PHOTO/NR)	Astro (METEOR)
24	Canton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Astro (VENUS)
24	Westerville, Ohio	Multi	Astro (MARS)
25	New Britton, Connecticut	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
25	South Salem, New York	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
25	Farmington, New Hampshire	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
25	Bloom, Kansas	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
25-26	Tangier, Morocco	Local News	Insufficient Data
26	West Haven, Connecticut	[REDACTED] (photo)	Astro (CAPELLA)
26	Cheyenne, Wyoming	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
26	Colorado Springs, Colorado (CASE MISSING)	Civilian GOC	Astro (METEOR)
26	Hyattsville, Maryland	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS)
27	Kent, Ohio	Multi GOC	Aircraft
27	Detroit, Michigan	[REDACTED]	Balloon
27	Juniata, Pennsylvania	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
27	Dayton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS)
28	Buffalo, New York	[REDACTED]	Astro (Mars)
28	Adona, Arkansas	[REDACTED]	Astro (VENUS)
28-30	Colorado (2 Sightings)	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS)
29	Montgomery, Alabama	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS)
29	Dayton, Ohio (2 Sightings)	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS)
29	Marshalltown, Iowa	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS)
29-31	Fresno, California	[REDACTED]	Other (IMAGINATION)
30	Dayton, Ohio (3 cases)	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS)
30	Omaha, Nebraska	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
31	Worthington, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Other (Spotlight)

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

DATE	LOCATION	SOURCE	EVALUATION
20	Duluth, Minnesota	Belcastro (Ltr)	
21	Ft Lauderdale, Florida	Newsclipping	
21	Los Angeles, California	Newsclipping	
23	New Orleans, Louisiana	Newsclipping	
23	Torrence, California	Newsclipping	
23	Canadian Rockies	Newsclipping	
26	Tiburon, California	Newsclipping	
27	Fairhaven, Massachusetts	Newsclipping	
30	Eureka, California	Newsclipping	
30	Cincinnati, Ohio	Newsclipping	
30	Williamstown, Kentucky	Newsclipping	
30	London, England	Newsclipping	
31	Cincinnati, Ohio	Newsclipping	

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EXTRACT "A"

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ORIGINATING AGENCY: AA Finland

DATE OF DOCUMENT: 8-24-56

ATIC NR292494

SUBJECT: (U) Reported Light Phenomenon

AF NR. 1010914

RETRIEVAL INFO: 4E4/1 - Finland/-----/UFO/-----

REFERENCES

The following article appeared in the Finnish newspaper HUFVUDSTADS-
BLADET on 20 August 1956:

"Flying Saucer. Kuopio, Sunday. Late on Saturday night a strange light phenomenon was sighted in the skies over Kuopio. The light was visible for more than two hours and finally disappeared in a cloud. The ball of light which approached Kuopio at 2100 looked exactly like the phenomenon seen in Kuopio during Midsummer."

COMMENTS OF THE PREPARING OFFICER:

This report is being submitted in order to keep your office informed of all reported light phenomena in our area. We have no other available information at this time on this particular light phenomenon.

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