

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 September 1956		2. LOCATION Ashford, Kent, England		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 1840, 1940 GMT _____		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes xx ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian, Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not rptd		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one each		9. COURSE - - -	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Calls to AFB tower concerning UFO's Reported as bright object in sky SW of base.				11. COMMENTS Information received four days after sighting. No followup other than check w/tower operator who could give no additional details. Only names and towns of witness received (no address).	

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Country: United Kingdom
Subject: Report on Unidentified Flying
Object
Source: British Civilians

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UNCLASSIFIED
ATIC #: 298762
AF #: 1037272
Rpt. #: IR-9-56
Agency: 406th Fighter Interceptor
Wing
D.R.: September 24, 1956
D.I.: September 20, 1956
Eval: C-3

Two calls were received by the Control Tower at Manston AF Base, England concerning Unidentified Flying Objects on the night of September 20, 1956. First call at 1900 local time was from Mrs. [REDACTED], Kent. She reported seeing a bright object in the sky 15 miles SW of Ashford. A second call came about 2350 local time from Sgt. [REDACTED] of Rochester, Kent. He reported seeing an object in the sky at 1840 and again at 1940 local time at Gillingham, Kent. It was headed SE and then SSE. Both calls were put into Flight Service at this Base and they in turn gave it to the RAF Liaison Officer at Oxbridge. He in turn called the Base Operation and said that they might have been cosmic ray balloons.

Preparing Officer's Comments:

The above information was obtained on the September 24, 1956. Four days

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after the event took place. I checked with the Liaison Officer at Oxbridge, but was unable to obtain any further information. The addresses of the sighters was unknown except for the towns in which they live. The Tower Operator could give no further information.

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January 9, 1957