

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 04 25 December 1956		2. LOCATION Ridgewood, New York		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 04/1910Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1/2 to 5 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE vertical	
				☒ Other chaff ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One snowball to disk shaped pearly white obj, size of a medium shaped orange at arm's length. Obj was noted as falling from the vapor trails of a jet a/c being intercepted by fighter aircraft. Obj fell vertically to earth. Obj was seen visually for 1/2 to 5 seconds.				11. COMMENTS Chaff dropeed fm B-47 a/c with fighter interceptor action in the area. Repotted by 26 AD Sector on this date. Case evaluated as chaff drop.	

1. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT (A) THE OBJECT APPEARED TO BE SIMILAR TO A SNOWBALL IN SHAPE. BEFORE DISAPPEARING FROM VIEW AT A 45 DEGREE ANGLE IT APPEARED TO BE DISK SHAPED. (B) SIZE OF MEDIUM SHAPED ORANGE. (C) WHITE, BECOMING PEARLY WHITE. (D) ONE (E) NO (F) NONE (G) NONE (H) NONE (I) NONE.

2. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE. (A) VAPOR TAILS OF JET AIRCRAFT BEING INTERCEPTED BY FIGHTER AIRCRAFT. (B) 90 DEGREES DISAPPEARING AT ABOUT 25 DEGREES. (C) HORIZONTAL TO EARTH. (D) APPEARED TO BE ABOVE

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AND FOLLOWING BOMBER TRAJECTORY WHICH TURNED SHARPLY NE FROM E AS THE OBJECT TURNED SLIGHTLY SE. (E) DISAPPEARED INTO THE HORIZON. (F) 4 1/2 TO 5 SECONDS.

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION. (A) GROUND VISION. (B) NONE. (C) NOT

4. TIME AND DATE OF CITING. (A) 1910Z, 4 DECEMBER 1956. (B) DAY

5. 100 FEET FROM CORNER OF 138 STREET AND HAMILTON PLACE NEAR CITY COLLEGE, NEW YORK.

6. (A) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ AGE 42 YEARS, ADDRESS, ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ RIDGEWOOD, NEW YORK, OCCUPATION, TEACHER AT CCNY, ALTERNATE COACH OF U.S. OLYMPIC FENCING TEAM.

7. WEATHER (A) NW WINDS, LIGHT AND VARIABLE WITH CAVU CONDITIONS.

(B) REPORT FROM IDLEWILD, SURFACE WINDS 270 DEGREES, 18 KNOTS, 6000 FT; 310 DEGREES, 47 KNOTS, 10,000 FT 320 DEGREES, 48 KNOTS; 16,000 FT, 300 DEGREES, 70 KNOTS; 20,000 FT 290 DEGREES, 60 KNOTS; 30,000 FT, 300 DEGREES, 66 KNOTS; 50,000 FT 300 DEGREES, 53 KNOTS.

(C) UNLIMITED. (D) 15 MILES. (E) NONE. (F) NONE.

(G) 15 MILES (H) NONE (I) NONE.

11. CHIEF OF COLLECTION AND DISSEMINATION DIVISION, DIRECTORATE OF INTELLIGENCE, HQS CONAC. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS: WOULD SEEM TO BE WEATHER BALLOON FROM THE DESCRIPTION GIVEN OF PEARLY WHITE AND THE SHAPE OF A SNOWBALL.

12. NOT APPLICABLE.

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WITH AFB 200-2.

8. NONE.

9. NONE.

10. ATTEMPT MADE TO SECURE INFORMATION FROM NEW YORK CONTROL AND

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IMPOSSIBLE TO SECURE AT PRESENT TIME. IF IT IS DEEMED NECESSARY TO HAVE A FOLLOW UP INVESTIGATION INFORMATION CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE NEW YORK CONTROL. 26TH AIR DEFENSE REPORTS B47 AIRCRAFT WITH FIGHTER INTERCEPTOR ATTEMPTS BEING MADE IN THE EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA AREAS ON THIS DATE AND DROPPING CHAFF.