

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 23 August 1957		2. LOCATION Camden, New Jersey		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 0700 - 0710 GMT 23/1200Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION approx 1 minute		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one (1)		9. COURSE unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING A bell-shaped silver, glowing object the size of a grapefruit at arm's length disappeared at 25 dgrs above the horizon and disappeared at 25 dgrs above horizon NE of source.				11. COMMENTS Check with WX station revealed a balloon was released at 0700 at Philadelphia Municipal Airport.	

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Witness
DISPOSITION FORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (If any)

FILE NO.

SUBJECT

Conclusion - Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object Photo

TO

AFCIN-4E4

FROM

AFCIN-4A2f

DATE

9 Oct 57

COMMENT NO. 1

Attn: T/Sgt Bolieu

Maj R. M. Buckmaster/11
Ext 5-9196/Bldg 263/E-N

1. The photograph mentioned in paragraph 1 of DD Form 95 has been examined and the following conclusions reached:

a. The double exposure effect has been caused by camera movement during exposure, which could mean that a time exposure was made.

b. The light object could be a balloon or a full moon as was suggested; the fuzziness does not signify that object was moving, but was caused by camera movement.

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and 1 Incl

Robert M. Buckmaster

ROBERT M. BUCKMASTER

Major, USAF

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*Photo Br. agrees with 4E4 analysis
(see attached incl slip)*

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Gen. T. Gregory
Capt OSI

John Bolieu

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REPLACES NME FORM 96, 1 OCT 48, WHICH MAY BE USED

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3DO 24-190

16 SEP 1957

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Sighted in
Camden, N. J., on 23 August 1957 by
Mr. BALLASSAR (NMN) BOTTOS

TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

1. SYNOPSIS: Mr. [REDACTED], interviewed 30 August 1957, stated that while watching the sky enroute to work in Camden, New Jersey, he observed a glowing bell-shaped object the size of a grapefruit, climb and then dip out of sight NE of Camden, N. J. U. S. Weather Bureau, Philadelphia, Pa., reported no unusual weather or celestial activity noted on that date.

2. DETAILS:

AT PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA

a. On 30 August 1957, Mr. [REDACTED], age 45, [REDACTED] Camden, N. J., was interviewed at U. S. Naval Supply Depot, 700 Robbins Avenue, by Special Agent DOUGLAS T. REYNOLDS.

[REDACTED] advised that at 0700 hours to 0710 hours, 23 August 1957, while proceeding to work from his home, he observed a bell-shaped, silver, glowing object, the size of a grapefruit held at arms length. [REDACTED] advised that the object seemed to climb, then dive and disappear. [REDACTED] further advised that while the object was performing the maneuver it was also going away from his position and getting smaller in appearance. [REDACTED] stated that, to his knowledge, there was only one object that seemed to elongate and flatten out as it moved away from him. [REDACTED] further stated that he saw no tail, trail, exhaust or any describable feature, nor did he hear any sound. [REDACTED] advised that the object was at approximately 45° when he first sighted it and at approximately 25° when it disappeared. Total duration in view was approximately one (1) minute.

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23 August 1957 by Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ - SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT (Cont'd)

SANFILITTO advised that weather balloons are launched daily
from Philadelphia Municipal Air Port at 2400 hours and 0600 hours, Eastern
Daylight Time. *0700 actual standard*

3. ACTION: No additional investigation of this matter is contemplated
in this District unless further directed by competent authority.

1 Incl:
Photograph of Unidentified Flying
Object

Bernard J. Duffy
BERNARD J. DUFFY
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

CC: Dir, Sp Inves, HED USAF, WASHDC (trip) (w/o Incl)

Comdr, 82d Ftr Gp (AD), NCCAB, Wil., Del (dup) (w/o Incl)

ADODI-B

1st Ind

27 SEP 1957

Headquarters, Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado

TO: Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATTN: AFCIN 4E4,
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

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23 August 1957 by Mr. [REDACTED] SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT (Cont'd)

[REDACTED] described the method of his sighting and observation of the object as ground-visual. [REDACTED] produced a photograph of the object that he had taken.

Location of the observer at the time of observation was between his home and the Palmyra-Tacony Bridge.

[REDACTED] identified himself as a civilian carpenter employed by the U. S. Navy at the U. S. Naval Supply Depot, Philadelphia, Pa. [REDACTED] further advised that he is a retired U. S. Navy Chief Petty Officer and has had observer experience as part of his past navy duties.

[REDACTED] advised that he was watching for the object as he had seen it almost every day for the past week on his way to work. [REDACTED] advised that he first started seeing the objects since he first read two books on "flying saucers". [REDACTED] further advised that he feels that the objects will land in the future and contact him personally but that he does not know when this contact will take place. Note

WEATHER:

b. Source was unable to describe the weather other than it was daylight and hazy.

On 30 August 1957, [REDACTED] Steno-Clerk, U. S. Weather Bureau, Philadelphia, Pa., furnished Special Agent DOUGLAS T. REYNOLDS with the following observation 1155Z, 23 August 1957.

Winds:

At Surface	20 Degrees	7 Knots
6000'	80	11
10000'	60	12
16000'	40	15
20000'	20	11
30000'	50	20
50000'	290	11

Ceiling: None

Visibility: 3 miles with smoke

Clouds: None

SANFILITTO advised that records contained no information concerning any meteorological activities or conditions that might account for the sighting.

[REDACTED]
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This case contains 1 3"x5"
negative.

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Sighted in Camden, N.J., on
23 August 1957, by Mr.
BALLASSAR (NMN) BOTTOS

File 300 24-190

Inclosure:

1. Photograph of Unidentified
Flying Object

Encl 1

23 Aug 57

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Wilkins
DISPOSITION FORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (If any)

FILE NO.

SUBJECT

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TO

AFCIN-404

Attn: E/Sgt Bolieu

FROM

AFCIN-402f

DATE

9 Oct 57

COMMENT NO. 1

Maj R. M. Buckmaster/11
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