

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 11 November 1957		2. LOCATION Benton, Pennsylvania!		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical Meteor ☒ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 12/0221Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION few seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE SE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object size of dime held at arm's length, white. Brilliant explosion at very high altitude. White vapor trail after explosion. Explosion similar to photo flash bulb. Very bright light. Higher than normal a/c operating limits. Slight downward path NW to SE.				11. COMMENTS 5-6 observers saw object simultaneously at widely separate points. Object was undoubtedly very large and at a very high altitude. Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory reports that earth is not approaching yearly meteoric shower called Leonids, and this is typical of description of true bolide or fireball.	

Witness

12/02212

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86453

Ans

12 Nov 57 10 00

Nov 12 06 31 '57

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FM FSC OLMSTED AFB PA

TO RJEDDN/COMDR ABC ENT AFB COLO

RJEPNY/COMDR 26 AD DEF ROSLYN NY

RJEDWP/COMDR AIR TECH INTEL CEN WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEPHQ/DIR OF INTEL HQ USAF WASH DC

BT

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1. DESCRIPTION

A. UNK - *shape*

B. DIME HELD AT ARMS LENGTH

C. WHITE

D. ONE

E. N/A

F. BRILLIANT EXPLOSION AT VERY HIGH ALTITUDE

G. WHITE VAPOR RAIL AFTER EXPLOSION - *as seen at night*

H. NONE

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EXPLOSION DESCRIBED AS SIMILAR TO PHOTO FLASH BULB

2. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

A. VERY BRIGHT LIGHT

B. HIGHER THAN NORMAL AIRCRAFT OPERATING LIMITS

C. SAME AS B

D. SLIGHT DOWNWARD PATH NORTHWEST TO SOUTHEAST

E. EXPLOSION

F. FEW SECONDS

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

17
27
37
4E4
44x2a
CWD

} No elevation or Azimuth

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3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION

A. (1). AIR VISUAL (FROM FIVE AIRLINES PILOTS)

2. GROUND (FROM AIR FORCE PILOT) DRIVING STEWART NY TO BENTON PA.

B. NONE

C. ALLEGHANY 609 HEADING SOUTH

ALLEGHANY 308 HEADING EAST

CAPITAL 374 HEADING EAST

CAPITAL 439 HEADING NORTHWEST

CAPITAL 452 HEADING EAST

4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

A. 12/2221Z NOV 0721-5 = 7/21 local

B. NIGHT

Note: 5-6 observers

*Saw object simultaneously at
widely - separate points. obj.
was then undoubtedly very large and
at very high altitudes, See Remarks
below **

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5. LOCATION OF OBSERVER(S)

ALLEGHANY 609 OVER HUGHESVILLE PA

ALLEGHANY 308 TEN MILES EAST OF JOHNSTOWN PA

CAPITAL 374 OVER FORD INTERSECTION PA

CAPITAL 439 OVER FLINSTONE INTERSECTION MARYLAND

CAPITAL 452 OVER EAST LIVERPOOL OHIO

AF PILOT WAS NEAR BENTON PA - Ground

*AIR
VISUAL*

6. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBSERVER(S)

A. [REDACTED] PILOT ALLEGHANY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] PILOT ALLEGHANY [REDACTED]

B. [REDACTED] BENTON AFS, PENNA.

7. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITIONS TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING

A. CLEAR

B. SURFACE

CAPITAL 452 OVER EAST LIVERPOOL OHIO

AF PILOT WAS NEAR BENTON PA - Ground

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B. [REDACTED] BENTON AFS, PENNA.

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. CLEAR

B. SURFACE

6,000 FT 360 DEG 05 KT

10,000 FT 280 DEG 15 KT

16,000 FT 290 DEG 15 KT

20,000 FT 260 DEG 12 KT

30,000 FT 260 DEG 25 KT

50,000 FT 270 DEG 65 KT

80,000 FT UNK DEG UNK KT

Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory noted to comment on this report. Stated: Earth was approaching yearly meteoric shower called Perseids. Can expect quite a number of meteors (fireballs) for the next few weeks.

* [REDACTED]

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C. CLEAR

D. FIFTEEN

E. NONE

F. NONE

G. NONE

H. NONE

I. UNK

11. [REDACTED] ASS-T OPERATIONS OFF 1912TH AACB SQDN.

12. NONE

*Comment
Typical characteristics of a true
bolide or fireball are indicated
here. See UFO case files*

*PAA case - 9 Mar 57 and Western
fireball case - 17 Oct 57*