

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 30 November 1957		2. LOCATION Cathedral City, California		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 1810 PST GMT 01/0010Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE E to NE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object rocket shaped, similar to fuselage of light plane. Color black. Object appeared to be wobbling or revolving as it was falling, no sound. Edges of object sharply outlined. Appeared to be 15 - 18 ft long.				11. COMMENTS Astro Meteor.	

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SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Object		
AREA REPORTED ON Cathedral City, California	FROM (Agency) Detachment 4, 1006th AISS	EVALUATION
DATE OF INFORMATION 13 December 1957	DATE OF INFORMATION 3 December 1957	
PREPARED BY (Officer) RICHARD A HOLM, WO, W-1 USAF	SOURCE MRS [REDACTED] and other	
REFERENCES (Citation number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) MESSAGE AISD4 133 DTG 110030Z DEC 57		

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one sentence paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)

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Cathedral City, California.
Home Phone: [REDACTED]

PART TWO: Description of sighting by Mr [REDACTED]
Cathedral City, California.
Home Phone: [REDACTED]

PART THREE: Supplementary Investigative Efforts

PART FOUR: Comments of Preparing Officer

II. SUMMARY: Unidentified flying object was observed visually in the vicinity of Cathedral City, California (EJDD 3246) at 1610 hours Pacific Standard Time on 30 November 1957. The information contained in this report was obtained from the persons observing the object and from an investigation conducted to determine the possible cause of the sighting.

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I. SOURCE: Mrs [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Cathedral City, California

Occupation: Housewife and co-owner of Anthony's Refrigeration Company

Age: 36

Education: High School

II. RELIABILITY: When interviewed SOURCE was very cooperative and showed an interest in determining the cause of the sighting. SOURCE was observant, spoke freely and appeared to be of average intelligence. The information given by SOURCE is considered to be fairly reliable.

III. SOURCE'S DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING AND EVENTS:

1. At 1610 hours PST 30 November 1957, SOURCE was standing on the sun deck of an apartment in Cathedral City, California when an object appeared from the south and travelled in a northerly direction where it disappeared into a mountain range. SOURCE stated object first appeared 180 degrees from true north ~~or~~ 70 degrees from the horizon and disappeared 45 degrees from true north ~~or~~ 0 degrees from the horizon. SOURCE was fairly certain the object was in view for approximately four (4) seconds.
2. SOURCE stated the object was black in color, rocket shaped similar to the fuselage of a light airplane. Object appeared to be wobbling or revolving as it was falling. SOURCE could not estimate the speed of the object but stated that it was falling at a great speed. Object made no noise, did not pass behind anything while it was under observation. Edges of the object were sharply outlined and appeared to be approximately 15-18 feet long. SOURCE estimated that she was approximately 12 miles from the object. SOURCE stated that if a nickel were held at arms length, both ends of the object would protrude.
3. Weather was described as dry, scattered clouds, slight breeze with a temperature of 65 degrees.
4. SOURCE stated that she believed that the object was Sputnik's rocket.

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STATEMENT

As we were mounting the stairs we sighted this black object traveling from south to north. The object was black, noiseless and falling at a great speed. It was revolving as it fell. It seemed to fall near the top of the mountain. There were four of us on the roof-top. Mrs. [REDACTED] (child) and [REDACTED] (child). We all saw the same thing and all agreed it was not a bird nor a plane.

The next morning we tried to find the object by looking through a surveyors instrument, but were unable to locate it. We also rode up to the mountains Sunday afternoon with the surveyors instrument, trying to pinpoint the exact location. We were unable to locate it. Since the mountains are so vast, it seems a plane would be a better means of trying to find it.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Cathedral City, California

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I. SOURCE: Mrs [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] Cathedral City, California

Occupation: Housewife

Age: 30

Education: High School

II. RELIABILITY: SOURCE was very cooperative and indicated an interest in the cause of the sighting. SOURCE was observant and appeared to be of average intelligence. Information can be considered fairly reliable.

III. SOURCE DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING AND EVENTS:

1. At approximately 410 pm PST 30 November 1957, SOURCE observed an object that appeared from the east and disappeared in a northeast direction. SOURCE stated that object first appeared 35-40 degrees from the horizon and disappeared at 15 degrees from the horizon into a range of mountains. SOURCE was fairly certain the object was in view for approximately 3-4 minutes. Object did not move behind anything while in view of SOURCE.

2. SOURCE stated that object was black in color, appeared solid and similar in size or a little larger than a four (4) engine liner. SOURCE could not estimate speed of or distance to object. Object made no noise. Edges of object were fairly clear in outline. SOURCE stated that object was approximately twenty five (25) feet long and fifteen (15) feet wide and almond shaped. SOURCE stated object was large as a dime held at arms length and looked like charred steel.

3. Weather was described as dry, scattered clouds, no wind, temperature approximately 60 degrees.

4. SOURCE stated she had never seen an object such as this and believed it to be the rocket from Sputnik.

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STATEMENT

Approximately at 4:00 pm, Mrs. [REDACTED] (child) and [REDACTED] (child) were scanning the skies because of radio reports on the radio concerning the rocket falling from the Sputnik. Approximately at 4:10 pm, we saw an almond shape article in the sky. We were standing at a up stairs sun deck and were looking almost due east in direction. The article was black in color and was slowly falling from the east towards northeast until it fell in the mountains. The article seemed to be traveling at a slow steady speed until it fell in the mountain range but seemed to be slowing falling in descent.

[REDACTED]
Cathedral City, California

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III. SUPPLEMENTARY INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS:

1. Report originated through SBAMA Command Post, Norton AFB, California. Command Post received a telephone call from San Bernardino Sheriff's office at 1457 hours 2 December 1957. Call was in reference to another call from Banning California through Riverside County Sheriff's office that an object resembling a rocket had been sighted by Mrs. [REDACTED] and others of Cathedral City California.

2. Additional inquiries were made at Banning California on 14 Dec 57 with negative results. No additional reports had been received by any detachment of the office in reference to the sighting.

3. No radar reports received through 27th Air Division (Def) Director of Intelligence.

4. March AFB reported no aircraft in vicinity of sighting at specified time.

5. Air Traffic Control at Blythe California reported an Air Force jet over Blythe at 1549 at 23000 ft estimating March AFB at 1610 hours flying on Victor 16.

6. Palm Springs Airport had no flight plans for time and date of report. No weather balloons are released at this airport.

7. Weather conditions at Cathedral City California are as follows for 30 Nov 57:

WINDS:

6000/vrb1/15
10000/180/10
16000/220/20
20000/260/30
30000/270/40
50000/260/55

No ceiling

Visibility: 40 miles

6/10 to 9/10 cloud cover

No thunderstorms in area

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PART FOUR: COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER:

1. The preparing officer was unable to arrive at a definite conclusion as to the cause of the sighting because sighting could be concluded as only one observation as object was observed from one point and the SOURCE's had discussed the sighting in considerable detail which lowered the reliability of their individual statements. In SOURCE's statements, they stated they were listening to a radio broadcast that the rocket of Sputnik I was to pass over at that time and they immediately went outside to see it. These conclusions are offered for consideration as possible causes of the sighting:

a. Other: A bird in the proper flight attitude in the immediate vicinity could account for the sighting. Note: Size and distance estimate accuracy of SOURCE's were only fair.

b. Aircraft: The Palm Springs airport was in the near vicinity of the sighting. Aircraft in a strange attitude to observers could have caused the sighting. Although the airport was contacted for flight schedules for that day with negative results, a local could have been made without a record at that airport according to airport officials.

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