

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 1 December 1957		2. LOCATION Hamburg, Germany		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 1630 GCT GMT 01/1530Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes Physical ☒ No Specimen		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION unknown		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE ☒ Other Parachute Flare ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One brightly burning object fell in vicinity, Hamburg, Germany. Object struck the earth at an angle of 30 dgrs above the horizon. Grass in vicinity of impact was singed and covered with a white grey oxide residue. No metal pieces recovered.				11. COMMENTS Analysis of residue revealed magnesium and aluminum oxides with the former predominant in quantity. ATIC concurs in conclusion object was parachute flare.	

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INFORMATION REPORT

OFFICE OF NAVAL INTELLIGENCE

OPNAV FORM 3820-2 (REV. 6-57)

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981-57

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18 December 1957

FROM ASST. NAVAL ATTACHE, HAMBURG

SOURCE Conventional

EVALUATION A-2

REQUEST NO.

SUBJECT GERMAN FEDERAL REPUBLIC - Unknown object falling in vicinity of Hamburg

BRIEF (FOR REPORTS OF MORE THAN ONE PAGE, ENTER CAREFUL SUMMARY)

Encl: (1) Translation of ltr from Professor Dr. [redacted] of 6 Dec 1957

1. On 1 December 1957 about 1630 (GCT) a burning object was observed to fall in the vicinity of Hamburg. This object has been determined to be definitely non-meteorite. Source investigated the incident. The following information was obtained in personal interview and through correspondence (enclosure (1)) with source.

2. Source has stated as follows:

a. That a brightly burning object was seen to fall in the vicinity of Hamburg - several persons observed this incident at least one of whom is known to be a responsible person.

b. That this object struck the earth at an angle of about 30° above the horizontal.

c. That the point of impact was 8" - 10" in diameter and about 1" deep. The point of impact is located in a very swampy lowland and water below surface soil complicated recovery operations.

d. That the grass in the vicinity of point of impact was singed and covered with a white-gray oxide residue.

e. That no actual metallic pieces were recovered - only products of combustion.

f. That analysis of residue (see enclosure (1)) revealed magnesium and aluminum oxides with the former predominant in quantity.

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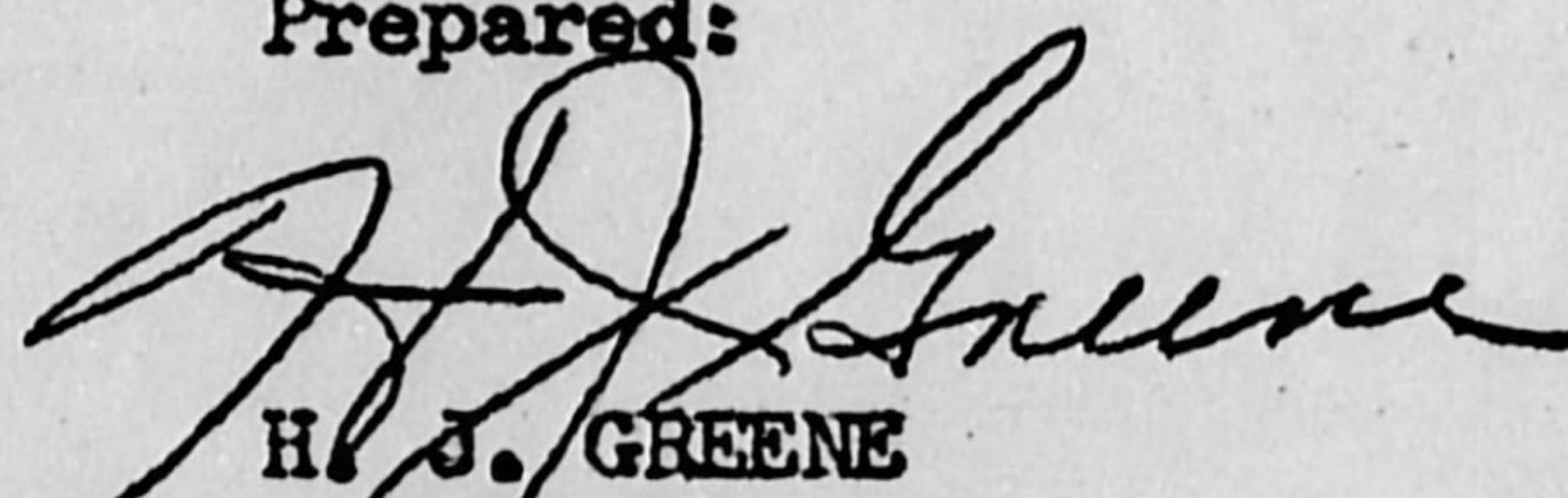
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3. Source Information. Source is Professor Doctor ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~, University of Hamburg. Source was very cooperative as well as objective in respect to this incident. His final conclusions are limited to the opinion that this object was not a meteor but was something constructed by man for some purpose which is not known.

Preparing Officer's Comment: Rather extensive digging operations were conducted at site by German Army Engineers - a hole about ten feet deep with expanded radius was dug, the earth sifted and no metal discovered. The theory that this object was a ship's signal device has been suggested, however the nearest ship ~~which~~ could have been no closer to point of impact than one and one half miles, which would seem to negate the idea that a ship was the point of origin. The hole has been refilled and the incident is considered closed by local authorities.

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