

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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| <b>1. DATE</b><br>2 December 1957                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>2. LOCATION</b><br>15 Mi W of Russellville, Ala                                                                                                                                                |                         | <b>12. CONCLUSIONS</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon |
| <b>3. DATE-TIME GROUP</b><br>Local <u>N/A</u><br>GMT _____                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <b>4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar<br><input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar |                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft                        |
| <b>5. PHOTOS</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes Physical<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Specimen                                                                                                                                                         | <b>6. SOURCE</b><br>Original: Farmer & Sheriff                                                                                                                                                    |                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical            |
| <b>7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b><br>N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b><br>one                                                                                                                                                                | <b>9. COURSE</b><br>N/A | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Tip Tank<br><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown      |
| <b>10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING</b><br>Report of a hole or path 40 ft long, 3 ft wide with burnt metal particles from Sheriff (in turn) - to 3rd Army Hq - to G2, Ft McPherson, Atlanta, Ga. to Maj McCoy, Robbins AFB, Ga. - to UFO Project Officer - WPAFB (ATIC) |                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                         | <b>11. COMMENTS</b><br>Further inquiries indicated that object was an aircraft tip tank accidentally dropped.                                            |

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AC OPERATIONA IMMEDIATE  
FM COMDR 14 AF ROBINS AFB GA  
TO COMDR ATIC WPAFB  
INFO HQ USAF WASHDC  
COMDR CONAC MITCHEL AFB NY  
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2-4A2  
3-4X2  
4-4X2A

FROM 14 OPL 075. FOR AFCIN 1A1 AND CNOIN.  
REFERENCE CONAC CONFIDENTIAL MESSAGES CNOIN 190, 29 NOV 57, AND CNOIN 191, 2 DEC 57. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS FORWARDED FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND NECESSARY ACTION. ON 8 DEC 57 AT 1225 EST, HQ 14 AF SAR DUTY CONTROLLER RECEIVED A CALL FROM MAXWELL FLIGHT SERVICE REQUESTING INFORMATION OF POSSIBLE TIP TANK DROP ON 2 DECEMBER 57. MEMPHIS CONTROL REPORTED AN UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT DROPPED 15 MILES WEST OF RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA. OBJECT MADE A HOLE IN THE GROUND 40 FEET LONG, 3 FEET IN WIDTH, WITH BURNT MELTED METAL AROUND THE AREA. MR [REDACTED] OWNER OF PROPERTY, STATED HE HEARD AN EXPLOSION ON 2 DECEMBER BUT FOUND NOTHING UNTIL 8 DECEMBER 57. LOCAL SHERIFF WAS GUARDING AREA UNTIL 2200 EST, 8 DEC 57. AT 1230 EST MAXWELL FLIGHT SERVICE ADVISED THIS HEADQUARTERS THAT

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THEY HAD REQUESTED THE HUNTSVILLE ARMY DUTY OFFICER TO CONTACT O. X. AT MEMPHIS CONTROL. AT 1245 EST, HQ 14 AF SAR DUTY CONTROLLER CALLED RESTONE ARSENAL DUTY OFFICER AND HUNTSVILLE STAFF DUTY OFFICER. NEITHER HAD INFO CONCERNING BASIC MESSAGE. AT 1440 EST, 14 AF SAR DUTY CONTROLLER CALLED REDSTONE DUTY OFFICER, WHO STATED HE WAS NOT AWARE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED MESSAGE. AT 1620 EST, 14 AF SAR CONTROLLER THEN CALLED AIR FIELD OPERATIONS AT REDSTONE, AND WAS INFORMED THAT CAPTAIN SELFE WAS ENROUTE IN A BEAVER TO INVESTIGATE. SAR DUTY CONTROLLER REQUESTED THAT 14 AF BE NOTIFIED OF RESULTS. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED VIA MAXWELL FLIGHT STATION FROM HUNTSVILLE: "FROM AERIAL RECON; UNABLE TO DETERMINE NATURE OF OBJECT. MATTER BEING TURNED OVER TO 3 ARMY. SIGNED BY CAPTAIN J K SELFE." ON 9 DECEMBER 57, HQ 14 AF INTELLIGENCE DIVISION CONTACTED COL FRINDELL, CHIEF INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, 3 ARMY G-2. CID AGENT AND 1 (1) E. M. INVESTIGATING THIS REPORT. 3 ARMY WILL KEEP THIS HEADQUARTERS INFORMED OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. THE UNDERSIGNED RELAYED COMPLETE DETAILS BY TELEPHONE TO ATIC, CAPT GREGORY, WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB, DAYTON, OHIO, INDICATING POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP TO OPERATION "PIG IRON."

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ALL INFORMATION  
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REFERENCE IF THE DOCUMENT GROUP IS QUOTED

Confirmed by Memphis  
Control tower operator  
stated that it  
was reported to him  
a plane had  
accidentally  
dropped it  
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