

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 5 December 1957		2. LOCATION O'Fallon, Illinois		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 05/0700Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE descending	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object shape of unsharpened pencil, approx 4 inches wide by 10 ft long, blue-white. Solid bar of light with sparks emitting. Three small parts appeared to break off, each burning for approx 1 second. Obj appeared to burn out.				11. COMMENTS Inconsistent information. However object could possibly be a meteor.	

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Maxwell AFB, Alabama

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SUBJECT: Report of Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object (UFOB)

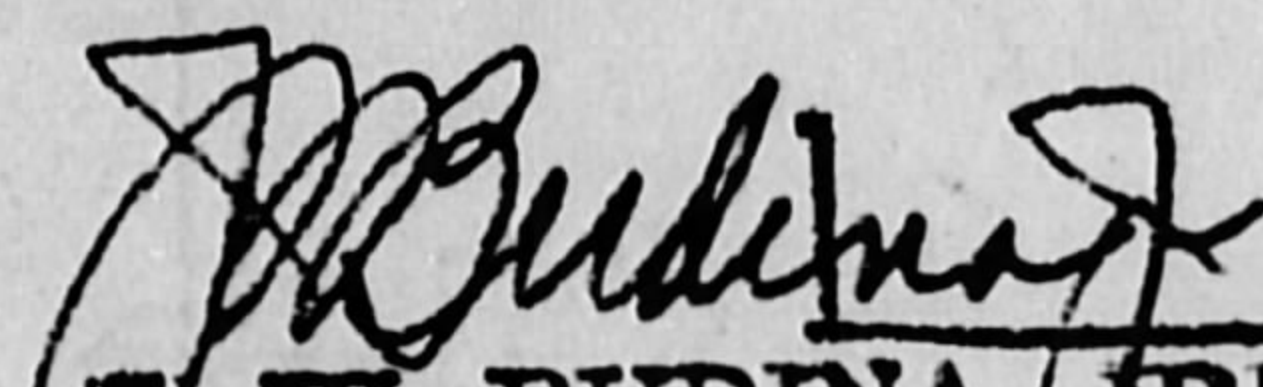
TO: Commander
Air Defense Command
Ent Air Force Base
Colorado Springs, Colorado

1. The attached report is submitted in accordance with the requirements of Air Force Regulation 200-2, 12 August 1954.

2. This Headquarters has taken the liberty of presenting the findings in the format indicated in Inclosure 1 inasmuch as AF Form 112 and AF Form 112a are not immediately available.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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Rpt of UFOB
(Trip)


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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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Report of Sighting
of
Unidentified Flying Object

5 December 1957

Utilizing the format specified in paragraph 7d, AFR 200-2, the following report of sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object is submitted.

1. Description of Object.

- a. Shape of unsharpened pencil. *← Which shape? Round? Hex?*
b. Approximately four (4) inches wide by ten (10) feet long.
c. Blue-white.
d. One.
e. N/A
f. Solid bar of light with sparks emanating.
g. None.
h. None.
i. Three small parts appeared to break off, each burning for approximately one second.

2. Description of Course of Object.

- a. Attracted by brilliancy of object.
b. Estimated 30 degrees elevation, and azimuth of 225 degrees. *SW*
c. Estimated 80 degrees elevation, and azimuth of 225 degrees.
d. Object was observed in vertical descent. No maneuvering.
Object was in upright position.
e. Appeared to burn out.
f. Three seconds. *observers state the object was in a vertical descent, yet according to items 2b & 2c*

3. Manner of Observation.

- a. Ground-visual.
b. None.
c. N/A

4. Time and Date of Sighting.

- a. 0700Z, 5 December 1957. *0700-6 = 0100*
b. Night.

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5. Location of Observer.

- a. On State Route 43, approximately 2-3 miles north of Lebanon, Illinois. In automobile headed in southerly direction.

6. Identifying Information of Observer.

- a. (Mrs. [REDACTED])

O'Fallon, Illinois
Housewife

- b. [REDACTED]

Air Policeman
Considered reliable

7. Weather and Winds-Aloft Conditions.

- a. Clear, cold and frosty.
b. Air Weather Service report:

<u>Elevation</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Velocity</u>
Surface	210	8
6,000	280	20
10,000	300	40
16,000	300	50
20,000	300	50
30,000	340	90
50,000	330	70
80,000	280	25

- c. Slight thin overcast.
d. Ten miles.
e. Ten tenths.
f. N/A

8. Other Unusual Activity or Condition.

- a. Contrails to the south.

9. Interception or Identification Action.

- a. None.

10. Location of Air Traffic in Area At Time of Sighting.

- a. Military - No local aircraft were flying.
- b. Civil or Transient - Unknown.

11. Title of Reporting Officer and Comments.

Lt. Colonel Bernard P. Whitehouse
Wing Operations Officer
1405th Air Base Wing
Scott Air Force Base, Illinois

No sightings by any of our radar units, or by our control tower attendants.

12. Physical Evidence.

- a. None. Observers were so affected by the sighting that they turned their automobile around and went back to the area, but could find nothing. They did not, however, proceed on foot across the open countryside which exists in the area.

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a meteorite.*