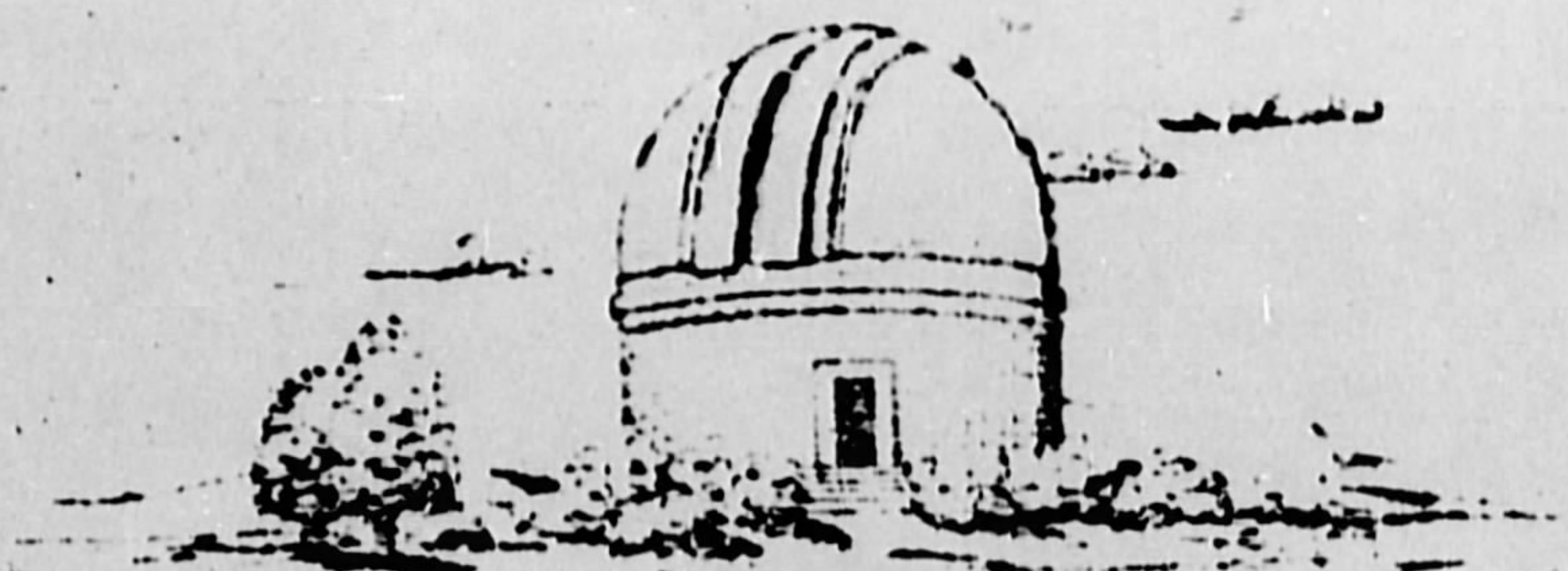


PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 2 Jan 58		2. LOCATION Huntsville, Alabama		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>evening</u> GMT _____		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian		☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 secs		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE NW	☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING A very bright, white ball, brighter and larger than Venus. White at the beginning and turning greenish toward the end. No breakup observed,			11. COMMENTS Confirmed as a meteor.		

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COUNTRY OF ACTIVITY REPORTING U. S. A.		REPORT NO. IR-01-58	(Leave blank)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
COUNTRY OR AREA REPORT CONCERNS Huntsville, Alabama		DATE OF INFORMATION 2 Jan 58	
ACTIVITY SUBMITTING REPORT Hq 35th Air Division (Def)		DATE OF COLLECTION 17 Jan 58	SRI STATUS (If applicable) SRI NO. CANCELED/COMPLETE
PREPARING INDIVIDUAL Edward Wootten Capt, USAF D/I		DATE OF REPORT 27 Jan 58	SRI NO. CANCELED/INCOMPLETE
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE Mr [REDACTED] Mr [REDACTED]		EVALUATION F-3	SRI NO. ACTIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON (Date)
REFERENCES (BAIR Subject, previous reports, etc., as applicable) BAIR Subject 3A15			
SUBJECT (Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects) Report of UFOB			
SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies) On 2 January 1958, MR. [REDACTED] and MR. [REDACTED] both residents of Huntsville, Alabama, observed and reported a UFOB over Huntsville. The information pertaining to these sightings was furnished by the Rocket City Astronomical Association, Huntsville, Alabama, to Headquarters 3rd U. S. Army, Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Georgia, which in turn furnished the inclosed copy of the original report to this headquarters. The original report was forwarded by 3rd Army to ACS/G-2, U. S. Continental Army Command, Fort Monroe, Virginia. COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER: No investigative action was taken by Headquarters 35th Air Division (Def). <i>Edward Wootten</i> EDWARD WOOTTEN Capt, USAF Director of Intelligence 1 INCL Ltr, Observations of Unidentified Object APPROVED: <i>J. T. Scepansky</i> J. T. SCEPANSKY Colonel, USAF Deputy for Operations			
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3 January 1958

Huntsville, Ala.

Subject: OBSERVATIONS OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT

1. On the evening of 2 January 1958 two individuals reported observing an unusual bright object in the sky.

2. Mr. [redacted] reported the object as a "very bright, white ball. It was brighter and larger than Venus, a white sphere." Place of observation: Paradise Trailer Park, 13th Ave. SW. Approximate data are:

$h_1 = 45^\circ$
 $A_1 = N235^\circ E$

$t = 19^h 45^m$ CST
dt = 2 sec duration ("slower than meteor")

$h_2 = 30^\circ$
 $A_2 = N270^\circ E$

lat. = $34^\circ 42.5' N$
long. = $86^\circ 36.1' W$
elev. = 600 ft.

3. Mr. [redacted] reported that object was brighter than Venus and "white at the beginning turning greenish toward the end." No breakup observed by either observer.

$h_1 = 45^\circ$
 $A_1 = N200^\circ E$

$t = 19^h 45^m$ CST
dt = duration not given

$h_2 = 30^\circ$
 $A_2 = N250^\circ E$

lat. = $34^\circ 43.8' N$
long. = $86^\circ 35.0' W$
elev. = 640 ft.

4. Geodetic coordinates were taken off of a USGS-TVA contour map of the Huntsville area. Subscripts "1" on celestial coordinates indicate when first sighted, not necessarily when first appeared. Subscripts "2" were for actual disappearance.

Recorded by:

[redacted]
Vice President

[redacted] St., SE
Huntsville, Alabama

Incl 1 to IR-01-58

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March 5, 1958

Capt. George T. Gregory
Air Technical Intelligence Center
P. O. Box 9703
Wright-Patterson AF Base
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Captain:

Lois has kindly typed out my illegible scroll
and also the material marked ~~SECRET~~. *Case 1, Lovell*

Case 2 - I am still working on. This is the
case I called you up about on Sunday. My own
feeling is that it was a plane.

Case 3 ~~SECRET~~ I have queried him by
letter asking for a fuller explanation.

✓ Case 4 - Huntsville, Alabama - This was
clearly a meteor but I know Mr. ~~SECRET~~ who re-
ported this, and I will be in Huntsville myself
next month and will make further inquiry then.
However, it is quite safe to classify this as a
meteor.

I hope this has been some help to you and I
hope to see you in the not too distant future.

Cordially,

Allen

J. Allen Hynek

JAH:lc

Enc.

✓
② Huntsville Astro
Group. Apparently
they have been
posting the Pentagon.

Originally gave
this "3rd Party"
in order to work on
the more pressing,
current UFO sightings