

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 2 Jan 58		2. LOCATION 1. Scott AFB, Ill. 2. E of Centralia, Ill		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 0614Z -- 0620Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		13. Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military & Civilian (6 Observers)		14. Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1. 5 secs maximum 2. 8 -10 secs		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE vertical descent		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One obj rptd by each observer, rptd it to be rnd, 1 inverted comma, 1 bright flash of light. Size varied reddish white, blue-white flash, reddish orange, changing to dark blue, greenish-blue, greenish-white and orange-white. Majority rptd curling smoke. No sound.			11. COMMENTS The description, elevation angles time in sight & related data indicated that the obj was a meteorite. The consistent data rptd by all observers supports this.		

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3 JAN 1958

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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 (3 Copies)

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Headquarters, Air Defense Command, Ent Air Force Base, Colorado

TO: Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, ATT: AFCIN 4E4,
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

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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 varied among observers reporting, with the following shapes reported:

- (1) Inverted comma.
- (2) Bright flash of light.
- (3) Spheroid.
- (4) Spheroid.
- (5) Spheroid.
- (6) Spheroid.

b. Sizes varied among observers, with the following sizes reported:

- (1) Size of a pea.
- (2) Large flash.
- (3) Grapefruit.
- (4) Size not estimated.
- (5) Size of a basketball.
- (6) Size of a half-dollar.

c. Colors varied among observers, with the following colors reported:

- (1) Reddish-white.
- (2) Blue-white flash.
- (3) Reddish-orange, changing to dark blue.
- (4) Greenish-blue.
- (5) Greenish-white.
- (6) Orange-white.

d. Only one object was reported by any of the observers.

- e. N/A.
f. None indicated by observers.
g. Observers 1, 3, 4, 5 and 6 stated that tail, trail or exhaust existed, size estimated as follows:

- (1) Tail twice as long as diameter of object.
(2) N/A.
(3) Tail about six times as long as object.
(4) Stream of sparks and curling smoke.
(5) Tail approximately three feet long.
(6) Tail approximately five or six feet.

h. No sound reported by any observers.

i. N/A.

2. Description of Course of Object.

- a. All observers attracted by brilliancy of the object.
b. Each observer had different angles of azimuth and elevation, with reports being as follows at initial sighting:

- (1) 55° azimuth and 15° elevation.
(2) 120° azimuth and 45° elevation.
(3) 45° azimuth and 45° elevation.
(4) 25° azimuth and elevation not reported.
(5) 10° azimuth and elevation not reported.
(6) 25° azimuth and 45° elevation.

- c. Azimuth and elevation reported by each observer and time of disappearance of the object are as follows:

- (1) 60° azimuth and -5° elevation.
(2) 120° azimuth and 45° elevation.
(3) 40° azimuth and 35° elevation.
(4) 35° -40° azimuth and elevation not reported.
(5) 10° azimuth and elevation not reported.
(6) 45° azimuth and 20° elevation.

- d. Description of flight path and maneuvers reported by each observer are as follows:

- (1) Almost vertical descent, no maneuvers.
(2) N/A. Flash only.
(3) Almost vertical descent, no maneuvers.
(4) 15°-30° from vertical descent, no maneuvers.
(5) Almost vertical descent, no maneuvers.
(6) 15°-30° from vertical descent, no maneuvers.

e. Manner of disappearance are as follows:

- (1) Fading out as it disappeared from view behind roof tops.
- (2) N/A. Flash only.
- (3) Disappeared behind crest of hill.
- (4) Disappeared behind roof tops of nearby buildings.
- (5) Disappeared from view behind a small earthen rise and shrubs.
- (6) Disappeared with large flash.

f. Lengths of time object reported in view by observers are as follows:

- (1) Five seconds maximum.
- (2) N/A. Flash only.
- (3) One to two seconds.
- (4) One to one and a half seconds.
- (5) A considerable time, maybe five to ten seconds.
- (6) Five seconds maximum.

3. Manner of Observation.

- a. All reported observations were of the ground-visual type.
- b. N/A.
- c. N/A.

4. Time and Date of Sighting.

a. The following are reported times of sighting from each observer:

- (1) 0614Z, 2 January 1958.
- (2) 0614Z, 2 January 1958.
- (3) 0615Z, 2 January 1958.
- (4) 0620Z, 2 January 1958.
- (5) 0610-0615Z, 2 January 1958.
- (6) 0615Z, 2 January 1958.

b. All sightings made under night light condition.

5. Location of Observers.

- a. First observer was on the control tower at Scott AFB, Illinois.
- b. Second observer was at the Air Police Guard Building at entrance to Wherry Housing Area, northeast corner of Scott AFB, Illinois.
- c. Third observer was approximately 75 to 100' north of intersection of Wherry Road and Illinois State Route 158, in an automobile traveling northward.

- d. Fourth observer was at [REDACTED] Avenue, Wherry Housing Area, Scott AFB, Illinois.
- e. Fifth observer was in a Viking Freight Company truck going east on Illinois State Route 13. Observer was approximately one-half mile from entrance to Crab Orchard Lake Reservation Area.
- f. Sixth observer was on the aircraft parking ramp at Scott AFB, Ill.

6. Identifying Information of Observers.

- a. A/1C Jack W. Agee,
1918th AACS, Scott AFB, Illinois.
Control Tower Shift Supervisor. Considered reliable.
- b. A/B James A. Gaumer,
1405th Air Base Group, Scott AFB, Illinois.
Air Policeman. Considered reliable.
- c. S/Sgt Donald P. Smith,
Hq Sqdn Sec, Air Base Group, Scott AFB, Illinois.
Ground Safety NCO. Considered reliable.
- d. Capt [REDACTED]
Hq. U.S. Army, TSMC, St. Louis, Missouri.
Considered reliable.
- e. Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Place, Afton, Missouri.
Truck driver.
- f. A/2C Charles D. Lackey,
1405th Air Base Group, Scott AFB, Illinois.
Air Policeman. Considered reliable.

7. Weather and Winds-Aloft Conditions.

- a. Clear, cold, frosty. Stars visible and bright moon was reported by observers.
- b. Air Weather Service Report:

<u>Elevation</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Velocity</u>
Surface	N/A	Calm
6,000 ft	300°	30 K
10,000 ft	290°	30 K
16,000 ft	300°	65 K
20,000 ft	300°	70 K
30,000 ft	320°	110 K
50,000 ft	300°	50 K
80,000 ft	N/A	N/A

- c. N/A (clear).
d. Five miles due to smoke.
e. N/A (clear).
f. N/A.

8. Other Unusual Activity or Condition.

N/A.

9. Interception or Identification Action.

None.

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

- a. Military - No local aircraft were flying.
b. Civilian - Unknown.

11. Title of Reporting Officer and Comments.

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

- b. No radar sightings were reported by any units on the installation. Extreme variance of sighting locations made it unlikely that it was anything other than natural phenomena, which was borne out by reports in newspapers and radio that a meteorite had been observed to fall at this approximate time.

12. Physical Evidence.

None.

Comment: The descriptions, dates, and times in sight, and other data indicate that the object was a meteorite. In fact the consistent data given by all observers supports this.

TO RJEDDN/COMDR ADC

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UNCLAS 2046FS-2-A-61 USAF ATTN DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE UFOB 1. A
ROUND B. BASKETBALL C. WHITE- GRADUALLY CHANGING TO WHITE-BLUE
THE LIGHT ORANGE. D. NONE E. N/A F. N/A G. NO TAIL H. NONE I. N/A.
2. A LIGHT B. SLIGHTLY ABOVE AND IN A DESCENDING CURVE OF THE REPORTING
A/C C. SEE B ABOVE D. SEE D ABOVE ALSO IT APPEARED TO EMIT ORANGE
PARTICLES DURING THE LAST 2-3 SECONDS BEFORE IT DISAPPEARED. E. SEE
D ABOVE F. 8-10 SECONDS 3. A. AIR-VISUAL B. NONE C. THREE AIR CARRIERS
REPORTED THE OBJECT THE ABOVE INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM AN EASTERN
AIR LINES FLIGHT. TYPE UNK 9 THSND FEET UNK UNK UNK 4. A. 02/0612Z
B. NIGHT 5. JUST EAST OF CENTRALIA ILLINOIS VOR RADIO STATION. 6.

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A. CAPTAIN OF AN EASTERN AIRLINES SCHEDULED FLIGHT NAME UNK B. N/A
7. A. VERY GOOD B. 6M-330/25 10M-300/35 16M-330/75 20M-340/80
30M-340/75 C. CLEAR D. 15 PLUS E. NONE F. NONE 8. NONE
9. NONE 10 SEE EAL-231 AAL-561 EAL-145. 11. CLEARANCE OFFICER
ON DUTY INF/S BELIEVED TO BE A METEORITE. 12. NONE.

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Dr. Hynek: Sending this to
because 3 airlines, and supposedly
reputable observers (?) - airline pilots
and such. Very strong testimony.

Concur: Prof. McEntire
However, submit to Dr. Hynek
for his review and comments.

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