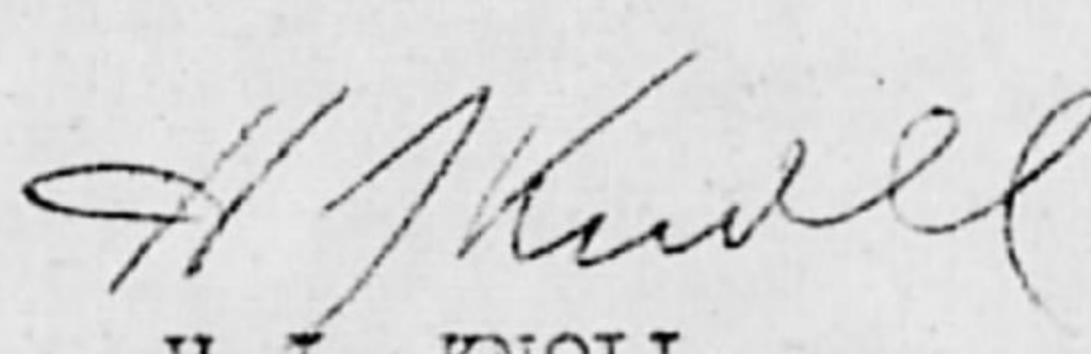


PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>27 Mar 58</u>		2. LOCATION <u>Saranac Lake, N.Y.</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>28/0115Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ 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	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE <u>Civilian</u>			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>few secs</u>		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>one</u>		9. COURSE <u>Westerly</u>	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING <u>Very bright obj, size of nickel at arms length, small tail or trail.</u>				11. COMMENTS <u>Description & characteristics are definitely those of a meteor.</u>	

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PREPARING INDIVIDUAL 1/Lt William E. Chauncey		DATE OF REPORT 7 April 1958	SRI NO. CANCELED/COMPLETE
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE Mr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Saranac Lake, N.Y.		EVALUATION C-3	SRI NO. CANCELED/INCOMPLETE
REFERENCES (BAIR Subject, previous reports, etc., as applicable)		SRI NO. ACTIVE	
AFR 200-2, 5 February 1958			
SUBJECT (Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects)			
UFO (Unidentified Flying Objects)			
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)			
At approximately 2015 EST (0115Z) on 27 March a Mr. [REDACTED] reported seeing a very bright, fairly large object at a low altitude (estimated 1000-2000 ft) and in a steep descent. This observation took place <u>1½ miles north</u> of the downtown area of <u>Saranac Lake, N.Y.</u> on Route 86.			
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Reference: AFR 200-2, 5 Feb 58. TP 15.

a.

- (1) No definite description as to shape.
- (2) Size of a nickel held in hand at arms length.
- (3) Object was very bright, but observer could not recall any specific color. *← close*
- (4) Basically there was only one object, however, observer said there seemed to be a smaller object trailing behind.
- (5) See #4.
- (6) N/A
- (7) Observer said there was a small tail or trail. *← close*
- (8) N/A
- (9) N/A

b.

- (1) The observer was a passenger in a car and noted the object because of its close proximity and brightness. *← close*
- (2) The object was in a steep descent and proceeding in a Westerly direction at an altitude estimated at 1000-2000 ft. *← close*
- (3) The object disappeared below the horizon without any noticeable change in direction or descent - observer maintains angle of descent was such that object would have had to have landed or crashed.
- (4) Object's flight path was as indicated above, #2 and #3, and no unusual maneuvers were noted.
- (5) Object disappeared below the observers horizon.
- (6) A few seconds. *← close*

c.

- (1) Ground visual.
- (2) No optical aids.
- (3) N/A

d.

- (1) 0015Z 27 Mar 58
- (2) Night.

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e. Observer's exact location is not available, however, sighting took place about 1½ miles North of the downtown area of Saranac Lake, New York on Route 86.

f.

- (1) Mr. [REDACTED] (Age 32)
[REDACTED]
Saranac Lake, N.Y.

Occupation - Collection Manager
State Bank of Albany (Plattsburgh Branch).

g.

- (1) Observer reported that it was a very clear night and visibility was good.

- (2) Weather and Winds

At 2000 EST (0100Z) on 27 March Massena, N.Y. reported clear skies, visibility 15 miles; surface winds North at 9 mph.

Plattsburgh AFB reported high thin scattered, visibility 15 miles wind from the North at 11 mph.

Winds aloft.

6,000 - 050/15 kts
10,000 - 050/15 kts
16,000 - 360/10 kts
20,000 - 330/15 kts
25,000 - 260/20 kts
30,000 - 240/20 kts

- (3) No ceiling.

- (4) No thunderstorms or unusual weather phenomena reported.

h. N/A

i. A check was made with Ethan Allen AFB, Wincooski, Vt and the AC&W site at St Albans, Vt - neither reported any record of the object in question.

j. Location of aircraft in the area - obtained from Boston ABTC.

- (1) Draper 22 - KC-97

Estimated Ethan Allen AFB 2025 (EST) and Albany at 2114 (EST).

- (2) Trans Canada 241 - Viscount

Montreal to Toronto - over Massena, N.Y. at 1952 (EST) at 16,000 feet.

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(3) Trans Canada

Toronto to Montreal - over Massena, N.Y. at 2108 (EST)
at 7,000 ft.

(4) Pancake 26 - KC-97

Departed Plattsburgh AFB 2029 (EST) to fly withing 250 miles
radius excluding Canada. On top.

(5) Trans Canada 337, Viscount

Idlewild to Montreal over Plattsburgh at 2035 (EST) at
17,000 feet, descending to 7,000 feet.

(6) Tip Off 37 - B-52 over Springfield, Mass at 2028 (EST) and
estimating Plattsburgh 2050 (EST), next check point, Montreal. On top.

(7) Ajax 50 - B-47 over Utica at 1950 and 20 miles north of
Burlington, Vt at 2041 (EST) and over Messena at 2154 (EST). On top.

(8) Namesake 26 - KC-135 over Syracuse 1957, estimating
Plattsburgh at 2019 (EST). On top.

(9) Wingglass 40 - B-47. 150 mile radius of Albany from 1844 (EST)
to 2030 (EST). On top.

(10) Lazy 30 - KC-97 reported over Plattsburgh at 2000 (EST). On
top.

(11) Log Air - 513-1 - Bravo C-46 departed Plattsburgh 2031 (EST)
VFR Albany at 8000 ft.

PART III

I Analysis

a. Additional Factors

(1) In addition to Mr [REDACTED] sightings, the State Police from
Malone, N.Y. reported that between 1930 and 1945 hrs (EST) some of the
residents of Malone heard an explosion which rattled windows etc.

(2) Mr [REDACTED] also mentioned when interviewed that other people
in the general area between Saranac Lake and Malone, N.Y. had seen said
object.

(3) In addition according to Mr [REDACTED] people in the area of
Onchiota, N.Y. reported sort of an "earthquake", around the time of his
sighting.

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(4) Sgt Handy of the State Police, Keesville Barracks, and a Mr. [REDACTED], Manager of the Harrietstown, N.Y. Airport talked with numerous people in the area of the sighting and in their estimations, object was a meteor.

(5) On March 28 a CAP pilot Albert Ferris flew over the suggested route of the object and reported no indications of any aircraft crash or the like. Visibility was slightly hazy, but ground was clearly visible.

(6) Mr. [REDACTED] has had some experience around aircraft and in addition he has done some civilian flying. In this Officers opinion Mr. [REDACTED] may be considered as a fairly reliable observer.

b. Comments as to cause or identity of object.

(1) A list of known flights in the general area of the sighting is included. Two of those listed, the Trans Canada flights from Montreal to Toronto, and Toronto to Montreal, might have been mistaken for said object but this is unlikely unless they were below their relatively high altitudes of 16,000 and 7,000 ft respectively. Also, Massena is quite a ways North of the area of the sighting.

c. Statement supporting analysis and commentary.

(1) In the opinion of this Officer the object sighted by Mr. [REDACTED] could have been a meteor or meteorite. Mr. [REDACTED] claims the object he observed was quite low. He has observed meteors or so called "shooting stars" before, but claims this object was much lower, nevertheless, in my opinion, it is conceivable even though weather, visibility, and sighting conditions were very good that Mr. [REDACTED] could have misjudged the altitude of the object especially since it was at night. Since this sighting, no additional evidence of any kind has been uncovered.

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This appears to be identical to similar reports found later to have been meteorites. Description and characteristics are definitely those of a meteorite.

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