

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 26 September 1958		2. LOCATION 4 mi S of Southwick, Mass.		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 26/0500Z		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 S to N	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Rnd obj, size of basketball, glowing red-orange, tail approx 500ft long. Head of obj shot off white sparks in a circular pattern. Obj appeared to explode into a shower of sparks.				11. COMMENTS Color slides of drawing by Mr. Lightfoot.	

Witness

26/0500Z
Mile

HEADQUARTERS
57TH AIR DIVISION (SAC)
United States Air Force
Westover Air Force Base, Mass

99DOI

SUBJECT: UFO Investigation Report

14 OCT 1958

TO: Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson AFB,
Dayton, Ohio

1. The attached report has been prepared and forwarded in accordance with AFR 200-2, Dated 5 February 1958.

2. The report is UNCLASSIFIED.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

I Incl
Sealed Envelope Containing:
4 cys UFO Report, 1 sketch,
1 4"x5" color transparency,
1 35 MM Color slide.

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Captain, USAF
Deputy Director of Administrative Services

Reference Air Force Regulation 200-2, Paragraph 15.

a.

- (1) Elliptical
- (2) Basketball, Mr. [REDACTED] estimated object was approximately 20 ft in diameter from top to bottom with a bulbous front.
- (3) Glowing Red-Orange such as a cast iron ingot heated in a blacksmiths forge.
- (4) One
- (5) N/A
- (6) None
- (7) Tail approx. 500 ft. long that appeared to emanate from center of head without tapering.
- (8) No sound audible.
- (9) The head of object shot off white sparks in a circular pattern.

b.

- (1) Mr. [REDACTED] saw a bright light from his left while driving North on Massachusetts highway 202 & 10.
- (2) 030° elevation azimuth 270°.
- (3) Possibly 20° or 25° elevation at 320° azimuth
- (4) Object was travelling on an approximate heading of 010° to 030° and making a slight descent.
- (5) Object made a slight descending path from approximately South to North until it disappeared beyond a tree covered hill, where it appeared to explode into a shower of sparks.
- (6) Not longer than 3 seconds.

c. Manner of observation

- (1) Ground visual
- (2) None
- (3) N/A

d. Time & date of sighting.

- (1) 260500Z
- (2) Night

e. Mr. [REDACTED] was driving north on highway 202 & 10 and was at 42° 00' 50"N 72° 47' 40"W when he first sighted the object paralleling the road and approaching from the left and south. He slowed his car to better observe what he saw.

f. Identifying information.

- (1) Mr. [REDACTED], Southwick, Mass. Occupation Commercial Artist.

g. Weather

- (1) Clear with full moon
- (2) Surface Calm -3K/360

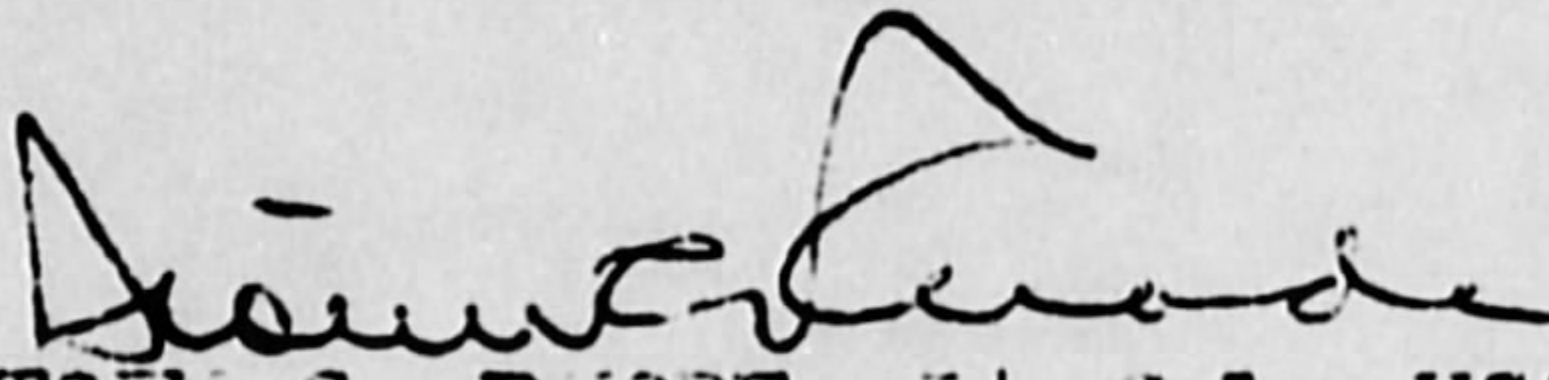
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10,000	250/20
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20,000	280/30
30,000	290/50
50,000	290/40
80,000	090/13
(3) Ceiling Clear	
(4) Visibility 5 Mi haze	
(5) Amount Cloud cover	None
(6) None	

h. None

i. None

j. [REDACTED] CAA at Windsor Locks, Conn. Reports No aircraft in the area during the time period.

k. Staff Intelligence Officer 99th Bomb Wing, Major Robert F. Nelson. This report is supplementing 99DOI message 5932 Dated 02/1445Z. It is doubtful if any connection exists between this sighting and the aircrow/AC&W sighting; However the proximity of times and locale of observation warranted at least a cursory investigation. Mr. [REDACTED] was interviewed at his home at 1930 hrs 1 Oct 1958. During the interview he produced a sketch he made of the object after arriving home within 15 minutes of the sighting. He stated that he at first thought it was a jet aircraft in trouble and this prompted him to call Westover AFB, Mass; However the telephone operator connected him with the local newspaper, which is how I first became aware of the sighting. Mr. [REDACTED] is a technical artist by trade, has flown light aircraft, wears thick bifocal glasses and appeared to be a reasonably calm person. He and his wife recalled that while travelling by car through New Mexico in 1949 they had observed a similar object but had not reported it for fear of ridicule through publicity. The sketch and 1ea. 4" x 5" & 35 MM Color transparency are attached as inclosures. Coordinates and azimuth information in this report were plotted on U.S. Air Target Chart SO310-9941-100, 2ND Ed Feb 1956. No further comment or explanation referencing this sighting is available.


 STORM C. RHODE, Lt Col, USAF
 Chief, Intelligence Division

SOUTHWICK, MASSACHUSETTS

26 Sep 58

This case includes

one 4" x 5" COLOR TRANSPARENCY

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One 35mm COLOR SLIDE