

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 1 October 1958	2. LOCATION Atlantic 46.7N 19.25W		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 19/00 0Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Merint		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 7 seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE 200 dgr	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Very white bright sphere w/lights like portholes w/short reddish tail like a rocket observed fm ship to come out of clouds fm 40dgr true & disappear into clouds at 100dgr true after flight of 5-7 seconds. No sound. Steady course of 200dgr true. Believed to be quite low. No estimation on size.		11. COMMENTS Sighting characteristic of meteor. Exceptionally low penetration.	

M.s. Cool singel, 20 October 1958.

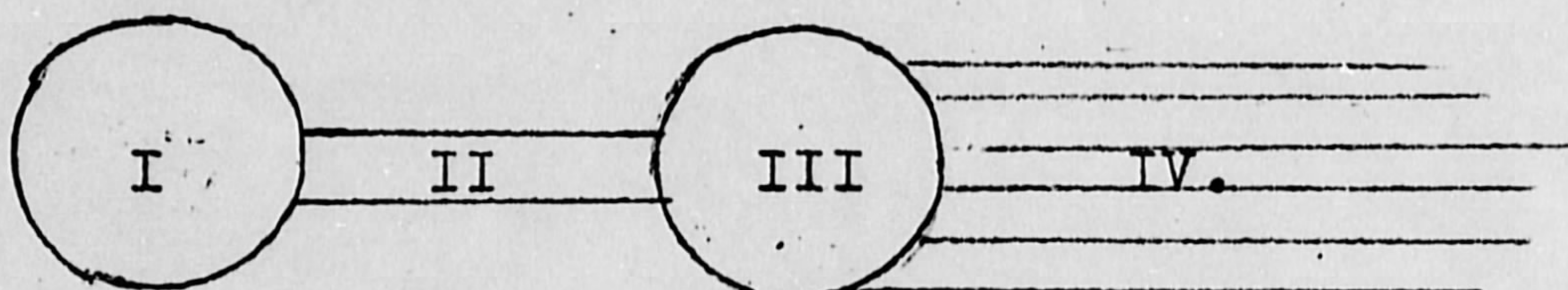
The Headquarters of the U.S. Airforce.
Department: Investigation U.F.O.'s.

Report of flying object seen over the Atlantic Ocean

On the 18th October 1958 the Dutch m.v. Coolsingel was under way from Norfolk (Va) to Bremen (Germ), under command of Captain D.L. Ingelse.

On the First Watch the undersigned, J. van Tiel, jr. 2nd Officer, was Officer on Duty. Also on the bridge was the lookout, a Spanish sailor, J. del Rio Fiera.

At 23.20 ship's time (00.40 G.M.T. on 19/10), the estimated position being 46 degr 7 min North, 19 degr 25 min West, steering 71 true, the lookout and I saw the following object:



I: A very bright, absolutely white light, giving the impression of a equally lighted sphere.

II: A lighted connection, looked like a row of lighted portholes.

III: As point I, only slightly brighter.

IV: A reddish, short trail, as from a rocket.

Outside this there was no trace of any navigating lights planes have. Also no sound was heard.

The object came out of a cloud, bearing about 40 true and ~~disappeared~~, after crossing nearly across the ship, disappeared in or above another cloud, bearing about 100 true, as this cloud reached to the horizon, the object was not seen again. I warned the Captain at once.

The object gave the impression of being quite large, under powered flight, and held a steady course of about 200 true, with tremendous speed. We saw it for about 5 to 7 seconds.

Also we thought it quite low, I would say about 1000 to 2000 meter. Of course, having no idea how large the object was, the apparent size was about between thumb and forefinger, the height was difficult to say.

As we had not the radar in operation I don't know if it could be seen on the screen.

The Captain intends to send a report to the Dutch Navy, but as I read that the U.S. Airforce keeps a file on U.F.O.'s I send you this report. also.

Yours Truly

Philadelphia, 20-11-1958: As Captain Ingelse left the "Coolsingel" at Bremen, I don't know if the report to the Dutch Navy has been sent away.

Address:

~~c/o J. van Tiel, jr.~~

Philadelphia Pa.

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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of 20 October 1958 concerning the unidentified flying object you saw on 18 October 1958, 46 degrees seven minutes North, 19 degrees twenty-five minutes West, steering 71 true.

The object you sighted has all the characteristics of a meteor. An Air Technical Intelligence Center astronomer checked your report and concurs with this finding.

Sincerely,

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