

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 21 July 1960		2. LOCATION Hyattsville, Maryland Patuxent River, Maryland		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2130 GMT 22/0130Z 0129Z		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 Civilian & Military		14. Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE falling	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Three or four sightings from same general area of falling object. No tail or trail. Color varied with witness as did other characteristics.				11. COMMENTS Brief duration and area of sighting indicate that the object was a meteor.	

23 JUL 69

157 SEP 04 1964 00 09 09M

70 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 JCS

NAVAIDE ARMY AF NIC OLA COGARD CMC IP

FLAGPLOT BFR OOD

DLVY NR 34/GH/DM

0001 WA 047647 DM

BT

(OBSERVER NO. 3): OBJECT POSSIBLY STRUCK EARTH AT DISTANCE OF APPROX
15 TO 20 MILES

(F) ABOUT 5 SECONDS

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(A) (OBSERVERS 1 AND 2): GROUND VISUAL

(OBSERVER NO. 3): AIRBORNE VISUAL

(B) OPTICAL AIDS

(C) OBSERVER NO. 3 IN WV-2 AIRCRAFT NAVY NO. L45939, ALTITUDE 1000
FT, HEADING 270 DEGREES, SPEED 140 KNOTS, HOME STATION VW2,
NAS, PATUXENT RIVER, MD.

4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(A) ABOUT 220129Z JULY 1960

(B) NIGHT, NO MOON

5. LOCATIONS OF OBSERVERS:

(A) (OBSERVERS NOS. 1 AND 2) - 76 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 30 SECONDS W
38 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 50 SECONDS N

(OBSERVER NO. 3) - 76 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 30 SECONDS W
38 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 50 SECONDS N

6. (OBSERVER NO. 1) (GROUND VISUAL):

[REDACTED] LT, USN

AGE 31, FLIGHT ENGINEER, VW13, NAS, PATUXENT RIVER, MD.

CONSIDERED RELIABLE

(OBSERVER NO. 2) (GROUND VISUAL):

[REDACTED]
AGE 24, HOUSEWIFE, [REDACTED], LEXINGTON PARK, MD.

RELIABILITY UNDETERMINED

(OBSERVER NO. 3) (AIRBORNE VISUAL)

~~SECRET~~
AGE 41, VW-2, NAS, PATUXENT RIVER, MD.

CONSIDERED RELIABLE

7. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT:

(A) NIGHT, NO MOON

(B) ALTITUDE	WIND DIRECTION	VELOCITY (KTS)
SURFACE	135	10
6,000'	270	08
12,000'	310	08
15,000'	290	14
20,000'	310	30
30,000'	310	27
50,000'	330	27
60,000'	350	09

(C) CEILING: UNLIMITED

(D) VISIBILITY: 15 MILES

(E) CLOUD COVER: SKY CLEAR: ZERO-TENTHS OF CLOUDS

(F) NO THUNDERSTORMS IN AREA

8. NO UNUSUAL METEOROLOGICAL OR ASTRONOMICAL CONDITIONS NOTED TO PREVAIL BY WEATHER SERVICE PERSONNEL. HOWEVER, OBSERVER NO. 3 CONSIDERED OBJECT TO BE A "FALLING STAR".

9. (A) NO INTERCEPTION ACTION TAKEN.

(B) IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN: AIRBORNE NAVY S2F AIRCRAFT NO. 870

DIVERTED TO AREA OF OBJECT SIGHTING. NO OBSERVATIONS EXCEPT FOR A BURN-
PAGE THREE OF FOUR 222105Z

ING TRASH DUMP APPROX. 4 NM FROM THE 2ND DEGREE FROM LOCATION OF
OBSERVERS 1 AND 2.

12. AIR TRAFFIC (NAS PAX RIVER CONTROL AREA)

(1) WV-2

(1) F-4

(1) F-4

(1) F-4

(1) YAC

13. PRELIMINARY OFFICER: SECURITY OFFICER, NAS, PATUXENT RIVER, MD.

INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION FOR PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF PROBABLE CAUSE
OF THIS INCIDENT.

14. NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE.

22 July 1960

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Mrs. [REDACTED] reported to the United States Air Force the fact that you sighted an unidentified flying object on Thursday night 21 July 1960 at 9:30 p.m. near Hyattsville, Maryland.

Your report contains insufficient information for a valid conclusion. Therefore, request you complete the attached Air Force Questionnaire in regard to the sighting and forward the completed paper to the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio for analysis and/or evaluation.

For your information I am inclosing latest Department of Defense Press Release on this subject dated 21 July 1960. It plainly states the Air Force position on unidentified flying objects.

Sincerely,

Incls

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Lt. Col. USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [REDACTED]
% Mrs. [REDACTED]

West Hyattsville, Maryland

oi-3d comeback

oi-1 reader