

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 29 Aug 60		2. LOCATION West Roxbury, Massachusetts		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☒ Probably Astronomical Meteor ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2305 GMT 30/0305Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE NW-SW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Bright orange colored object with appearance of the head of a missile on fire. Seemed to travel in an oval pattern. Blurred shape.				11. COMMENTS It is the ATIC conclusion that the witness probably saw a meteor.	

REPORT FORM FOR METEOR OBSERVATION

Information marked * is vital

* Place of observation: West Roxbury, Mass.

* Date: August 29, 1960

Time: 11:05 P.M.

(Give Time Standard and whether am. or pm.)

* Accuracy of time given above: Give and take a few either way. (not sure)
(e.g. say "exact", or " ± 1 minute", or " ± 5 minutes", etc.)

* Brightness (compared to stars, planets, moon or other useful standard source such as a street light at a certain distance):

Quite abig bright orange more like a fire color no comparison to a star

Direction in which object was first seen:
(To N, or SE, or WNW, etc.)

Traveling in a south westerly direction

* Length or time object was seen:

approx 30 seconds

* Apparent direction in which object travelled:
(N-S, SW-NE, W-N, etc.)

Traveling North west to South west

Did it change direction? No.

General impression of angular speed:
(degree/sec. across sky)

It lxx look as if it is was traveling in an oval & pattern quite fast because it appeared to cover a great deal of space yet it didn't
Size and shape (if any): Look as if it was traveling a million milean Hr
(If just like a star, say "star-like")

Shape in a blur look like a ~~xxxxxx~~ a head of missile on fire

Flying Object Checked by Smithsonian

Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory officials in Cambridge, today were seeking information on a mysterious object reported to be circling the earth.

In Cambridge scientists said they would talk with officials at Chicago's Adler Planetarium and the Georgetown University Observatory. The unidentified object was first seen at Chicago last Friday and subsequently by Georgetown in Washington, D. C. Amateur astronomers around the nation also reported seeing it. So far it has not been reported seen by anyone in New England.

The Cambridge scientists say the object might be a meteor or there is a possibility it could be a section that has broken away from satellites already in orbit.

But, they emphasized, whatever it is, it is not a secretly fired missile or satellite. No such launching or firing could be accomplished without the scientific world learning about it almost immediately, Smithsonian said.

Color Fire color

Did it explode, disintegrate, or suddenly vanish?

more suddenly vanish behind clouds or haze

* Any tail or trail? No.

Did any sound accompany the object? No.

If sound followed later, give time interval: No.

Was it examined with binoculars or telescopes or photographed?

just eye vision

* Give position of trajectory for at least two points with regard to stars if possible: The stars weren't very visible although they could be seen in some parts of the sky

Any other remarks:

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I would appreciate if it isn't too much trouble and if you find out what this possible could be, writing me. enclosed is a clipping I found in the newspaper from your observatory it seem to be just a accident but it did catch my eye in respect that what those other people explained they saw might match

Name: [REDACTED]

Phone No:

Regards.

Fa-5-1053

Address: [REDACTED]

Date: A Sept 1, 1960

West Roxbury, Mass.

September 19, 1960

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
West Roxbury, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

We Have not been able to determine the nature of your recent observation, and are therefore forwarding your report to:

Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base,
Ohio

Any further correspondence regarding this matter should be sent directly to them.

Thank you for your time and interest.

Respectfully,

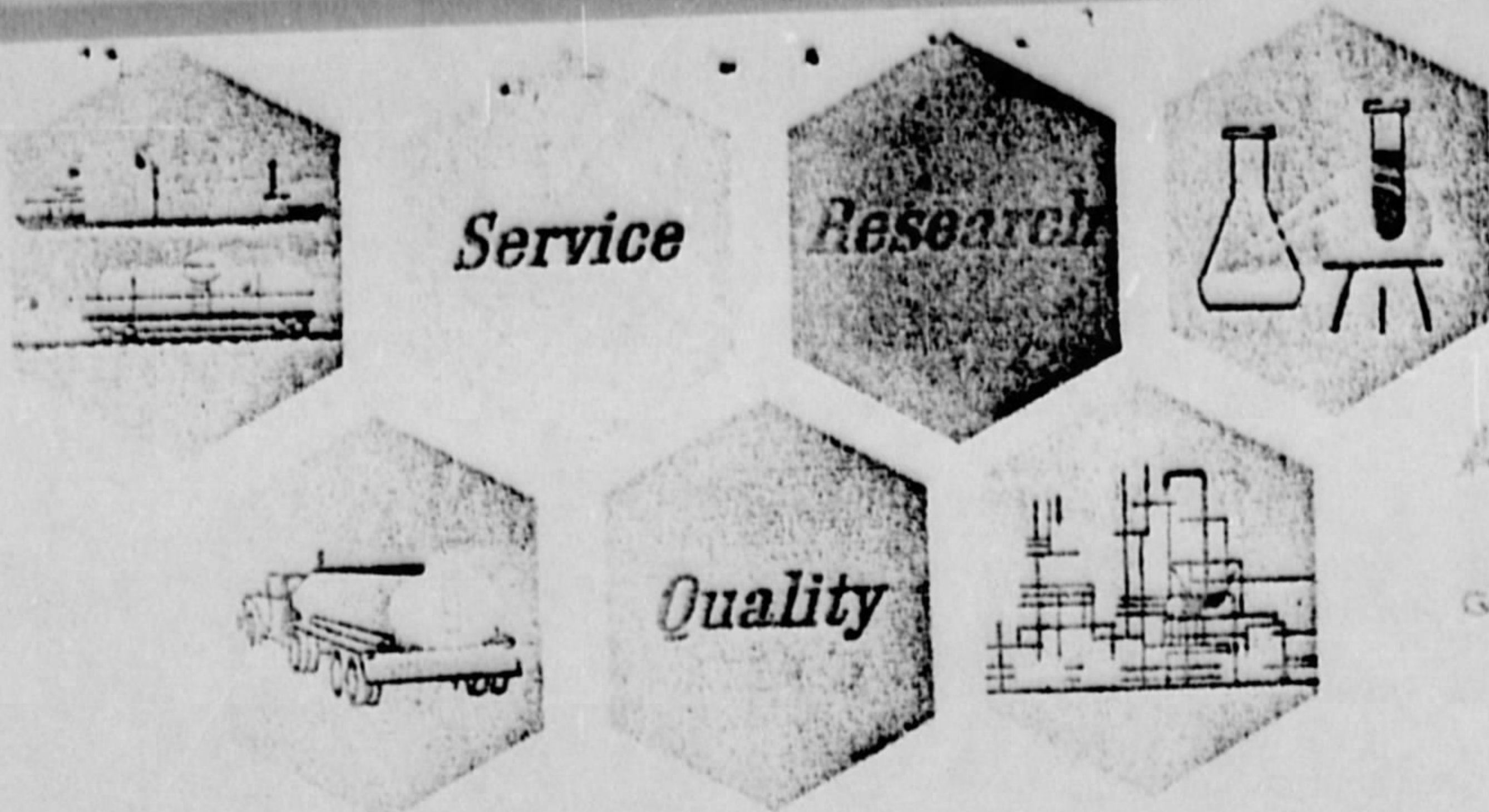
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Public Information

cc: ATIC

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PLEASE REPLY TO:
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50 FOLEY STREET, ZONE 45
SOMERVILLE 45, MASSACHUSETTS

September 28, 1960

Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base,
Ohio

To Whom it may concern:

Recently I received a letter from the Smithsonian Institution
Astrophysical Observatory in regards to a object which
I saw in the sky. They were not able to determine the
nature of the object and passed the information on to you.

This matter has become very important to me because what
I saw wasn't any ordinary object. I have discussed this
with several people and now to save face, I would like
to see if there is an answer.

Please address any information to: Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
West Roxbury, Massachusetts

Respectfully,
[REDACTED]

AMSCO

14 October 1960

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

The report of an unidentified flying object you gave to the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory was referred by that agency to the Air Force Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center for analysis and/or evaluation.

It is the conclusion of the Aero-Space Technical Intelligence Center that you probably observed a meteor. The absence of a trail is no reason to rule out a meteor, for some leave trails and others do not. It is also true that some of the trails which are left are faint and can only be seen with an optical aid. Further, most meteor trails are not very persistent and may not endure long enough for detection.

It is improbable that you saw the flame from a jet aircraft; first because this flame is predominately blue, and second, it would not be very bright from the 90° vantage point enjoyed by you in viewing this object.

You also included a newspaper article concerning the objects reported to be circling the earth with Echo, but in the opposite direction. ATIC is of the opinion that these objects were probably high flying jet aircraft.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [REDACTED]

West Roxbury, Massachusetts

✓ Comeback OI-3d
Reader OI-1

AFCIN-422x

UFO Sighting (Mr. [REDACTED])

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12 OCT 1960

SAFOI-3d (L/Col Tacker)

1. Mr. [REDACTED] reported an UFO sighting to the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory and was referred to ATIC by that agency.
2. [REDACTED] reported viewing an object at 2305, 29 August 1960, which was bright orange in color and moving from the northwest to the southwest. The witness viewed the object for an estimated 30 seconds. The object was further described as appearing like the head of a missile on fire. The observation took place at West Roxbury, Massachusetts.
3. It is the ATIC conclusion that [REDACTED] probably observed a meteor. The absence of a trail is no reason to rule out a meteor, for some leave trails and others do not. It is also true that some of the trails which are left are faint and can only be seen with an optical aid. Further, most meteor trails are not very persistent and may not have endured long enough for detection.
4. It is improbable that Mr. [REDACTED] saw the flame from a jet aircraft; first because this flame is predominately blue, and second, it would not be very bright from the 90° vantage point enjoyed by the witness in his observation of the object.
5. Mr. [REDACTED] also included a newspaper article concerning the objects reported to be circling the earth with Echo, but in the opposite direction. As has been reported to your office before, ATIC is of the opinion that these objects are probably high flying jet aircraft.
6. Suggest you inform Mr Hoar of the ATIC conclusions. The address of the witness is:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
West Roxbury, Massachusetts

FOR THE COMMANDER:

PHILIP G. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science and Components