

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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| 1. DATE<br>22 Sep 60                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  | 2. LOCATION<br>Dedham, Massachusetts                                                                                                                                                                  |  | 12. CONCLUSIONS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown |  |
| 3. DATE-TIME GROUP<br>Local 2018<br>GMT 23/0118Z                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  | 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar<br><input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
| 5. PHOTOS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  | 6. SOURCE<br>Civilian                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |
| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>2 min                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>one                                                                                                                                                                           |  | 9. COURSE<br>NNE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING<br><br>White, starlike object about size of Polaris. In aprox 2 min it moved from zenith to about 45°; then became invisible in general brightness of Boston. From zenith the object moved at constant speed to NNE passing to E of Polaris. Not nearly as bright as Echo and moved several times faster. |  |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | 11. COMMENTS<br><br>Witnesses are located on SW edge of Boston. Possible that object observed was one of the many a/c flying in area most of the time, but there is insufficient data to make a valid conclusion.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |

October 4, 1960

Mr. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Dedham, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

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

Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center  
United States Air Force  
(AFSCIN - 4E2x)  
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

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

Thank you for your time and interest.

Respectfully,

Warren W. McCurdy  
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REPORT FORM FOR METEOR OBSERVATION

Information marked \* is vital

\* Place of observation: *Needham, Mass*

\* Date: *22 Sept 60*

Time: *8:18 PM EST*

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

\* Accuracy of time given above:

(e.g. say "exact", or " $\pm 1$  minute", or " $\pm 5$  minutes", etc.)

*$\pm 2$  minutes*

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

*About same as Polaris on that night (very clear, moonless night)*

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

*Almost directly overhead*

\* Length or time object was seen:

*About 2 minutes*

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

*NNE*

Did it change direction?

*No*

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

*In the approx. 2 min. of observation, it moved from the zenith to about 45°; then it became invisible in the general brightness above Boston.*

Size and shape (if any):

(If just like a star, say "star-like")

*Star-like*

Color

*white*

Did it explode, disintegrate, or suddenly vanish?

*No*

\* Any tail or trail?

*No*

Did any sound accompany the object?

*No*

If sound followed later, give time interval:

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Was it examined with binoculars or telescopes or photographed?

*No*

\*Give position of trajectory for at least two points with regard to stars if possible:

*From zenith, the object moved at constant speed to the NNE, passing to the east of Polaris.*

*Any other remarks: My daughter and son, and I, had been outside for some time to observe the pass of ECHO, scheduled in the SW sky at 8:13 PM EST. In the period of waiting, I had helped the children locate Polaris. After Echo's pass we started to enter the house (about 8:18 PM) when my daughter noticed the object of this report directly overhead. We took it to be a satellite. It was not nearly as bright as Echo, and moved several times faster.*

Name: [REDACTED]

Phone No: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Dedham, Mass. Date: 28 Sept 60