

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 22 Dec 60		2. LOCATION Bentwaters, England		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 1501 GMT 22/1501Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round, size of half dollar, bright green in center, yellowish green at sides. Appeared to move at high rate of speed. Appeared 55-60° elevation, 310° azimuth. Disappeared 25-30° elevation, 010° azimuth. Straight flight path. Object appeared to have rotating motion. Disappeared behind cloud deck. Reported meteor sighting at same time 4 mi N.				11. COMMENTS There were no satellites reentering at this time. Description and duration are characteristic of a meteor.	

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NM 81ST TFW RAF BENTWATERS ENG

TO RJWFAL/ENT AFB COL

RJEDSQ/ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/HQ USAF WASHINGTON DC

RJEZHQ/SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE WASHINGTON DC

INFO RJFPBW//USAFE LINDSEY AS GER

RJDLDDUA/3AF SORUISLIP ENG

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UNCLAS WGIN 12-81.

ACTION: ADC;ATIC:AFCIN AND SAFIS, USAF , INFO: IDC, USAFE 3IDC,
3AF. UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS REPORT. THIS REPORT SUBMITTED IAW
AFR 200-2, PARAGRAPH 15:

A. (1) ROUNB.

(2) HALF-DOLLAR

WT 1.59. BRIGHT GREEN IN CENTER, YELLOWISH GREEN AT ETR

(4) 1

(5; N/A

(6) APPEARED TO HAVE VERY THIN, STRAIGHT, DARK, APPENDAGES

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PARSRTING FROM OBJECT.MCCY

ET HAVE WELL DENINED EDGE.

(7) N/A

(8) N/A

(9) APPEARED TO MOVE AT HIGH RATE OF UPEED.

B. 1) THE BRIGHT COLOT.

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(8) N/A

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B. 1) THE BRIGHT COLOT.

(2) 55DEGREES-60DEGREES ELEVATION, 310 DEGREES AZIMUTH.

(3) 25DEGREES-30DEGREES ELEVATION, 310 DEGREES AZIMUTH.

(4) STRAIGHT FLIGHT PATH. OBJECT APPEARED TO HAVE ROTATING MOTION.

(5) DISAPPEARED BEHING CLOUD DECK.

(6) 3 SECONDS.

C. 1) GROUND-VISUAL

(2) NONE

(3) N/A

D. (1) 22/1501

(2) DAY.

E. 5208N-0127E 1000'NW OF BENTWATERS CONTROL TOWER.

F. (1) NGXA

(2) ALBERT M. RIES, CAPTAIN, HQ 81ST TAC FTR WG, APO 755,N.Y.

N.Y. , RELIABLE SOURCE.

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G. (1) HIGH DECK OF THIN ALTO CUMULOUS IN NW. LOWER DECK OF BROKEN HIGH STRATUS. NO HAZE. NO OBSCURATION.

(2) SURFACE 300/08 20,000 360/85

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10,000 360/30 50,000 340/20

16,000 360/80 80,000 350/20

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(5) 3/8

(6) N/A

(7) UNKNOWN

H. ANOTHER OBSERVER 4 MILES SSW THOUGHT HE SAW A "METEORITE" AT APPROXIMATELY THE SAME TIME.

I. NONE

J. NONE

C. NO CORROBORATING EVIDENCE WAS PRODUCED AS A RESULT OF CONTACTS WITH LOCAL RADAR UNITS, CONTROL TOWER PERSONNEL, AND PILOTS AIRBORNE AT THE TIME FOR SIGHTING. THE ONLY SUPPORTING EVIDENCE IS THAT INDICATED IN "H" ABOVE. THIS OBSERVER SAW A LIGHT (BUT NOT ITS SOURCE) IN THE GENERAL DIRECTION OF THE SIGHTING. THE ATTRIBUTED

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IT TO METEORITE-TYPE PHENOMENON. IT IS THE OPINION OF THE PREPARING OFFICER THAT THIS IS THE MOST PROBABLE EXPLANATION.

1. NONE.V

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23/152" 53: 4'38(4 44?"2