

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 22 Sep 61		2. LOCATION Danbury, Connecticut		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Prob flare</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0315 GMT 220815Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE Descending	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Fall rapidly to earth at about a 40-50° angle and burned brightly. Seemed to be operating mechanically, spurring flares and lighting up brilliantly every few seconds, as a mechanism emitting at regular intervals. Seemed to be diving rather than falling as a star.				11. COMMENTS Witness does not state how long objt was in view, but her report indicates that it was in view longer than duration of a meteor. It is quite possible that objt was a flare. It has been previously reported that there has been instances where flares have been sent up attached to balloons which were subsequently reported as UFO's. It is therefore concluded that objt was probably a flare.	

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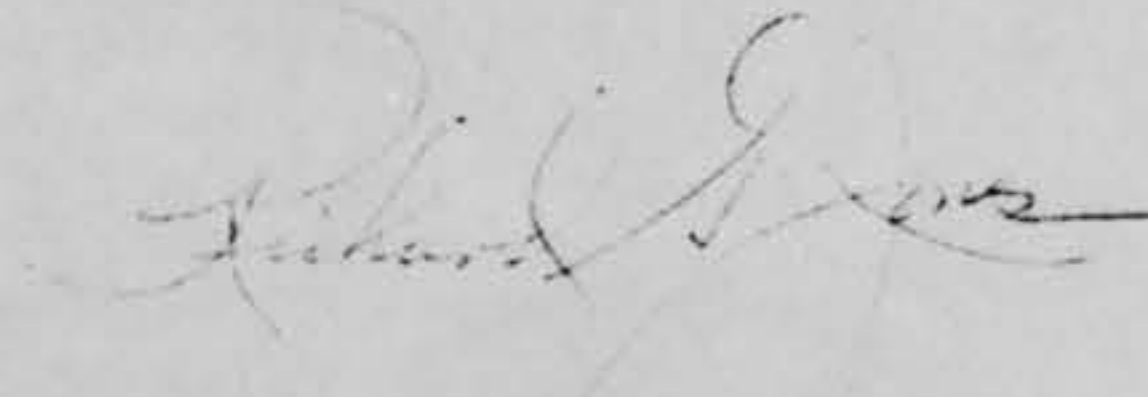
REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AFCIN-2

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Flying Object

3 OCT 1961

TO: AFSC(FTD)

Forwarded herewith for your action, attachment 1 is a letter reporting a possible unidentified flying object. Attachment 2 is this office's reply to Mrs Voit.


RICHARD G. JONES
Lt Colonel, USAF
Directorate of Warning
and Threat Assessments
OS Intelligence

- 2 Atchs
1. Ltr Mrs [REDACTED] 25 Sep 61
re: Unidentified Flying Object
2. Ltr AFCIN-2, 4 Oct 61 Rpt of UFO

The Honorable Robert McNamara
Secretary of Defense,
Washington 25, D.C.

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September 23, 1961.

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Secretary of Defense,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. McNamara:

Because I realize that there may be some small value to be gleaned from my telling, please be good enough to see that this letter reaches the proper individual.

At about three-fifteen last Friday morning, September 22nd., I was startled to see what appeared to be a large falling star. This object was falling rapidly to earth at about a forty to fifty degree angle and was burning brightly.

As I watched my interest and alertness increased because the object simply was not behaving as any falling star I had ever observed. Then I realized that it seemed to be operating mechanically, alternating flashes and lighting up brilliantly every few seconds, as if mechanically emitting at regular intervals. It also seemed to be diving at the earth, at an above horizontal angle, rather than falling straight down.

When it was only some 2000 to 3000 feet high I saw a light flash from the object and it fell out as it fell through the dark haze. Then to my surprise, as I got to the spot it landed and to my surprise it went out - it disappeared. I was so close to it that I could see the light flash and I was so close to it that I could see the light flash and I was so close to it that I could see the light flash. The object was about fifty to one hundred feet above the ground. I was about 100 feet away when it stopped burning and it was within about a half mile of my house.

I trust that this has been of some help and would welcome knowing whether or not there is any value to you in such a recounting. Also is it possible that this object was still carrying messages as it descended?

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Very truly,
[REDACTED]

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As I watched my interest and alertness increased because the object simply was not behaving as any falling star I had ever observed. Then I realized that it seemed to be operating mechanically, starting fires and lighting up brilliantly every few seconds, then becoming dimmer at regular intervals. It also seemed to be diving at the earth, at the above mentioned angle, rather than falling straight down.

When it had only come on up to this point all the way to the horizon it suddenly disappeared. I was sure it had gone down. Then it came back. As I got up to see it I noticed it was in a dark spot, it went out - it came back - it went out - it came back - I was sure it was a falling star. It was burning up in the air. The object was about fifty to one hundred feet above the ground. I was sure it was a falling star. It was burning and it was falling. It was a falling star.

I trust that this is a bona fide report and that you will be able to determine if there is any value to you in such a reporting. Also is it possible that this object was still carrying messages as it descended?

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

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