

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 10 Oct 61		2. LOCATION Middle Village, N.Y.		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical <i>METEOR</i> ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1115 PM GMT 11/0415Z		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 S	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Shooting star burning out. Looking E fm N.Y. Flat trajectory. Objt moving fm N to S at 30° elev. Size, distance, unknown. Lide 4th of July rocket. Initially looked like star but moved fast and then sparks formed tail. Light blue color.				11. COMMENTS Duration not included. Additional info requested and not asnwered. Case considered as Meteor sighting since another info indicates this conclusion.	

U F O Department

On October 10th at 11:15 PM. I saw what might have been a shooting star burning out or something that might be of interest to your office when correlated with other information.

From a position at Metropolitan Avenue and Elliot Avenue Queens, New York City, facing East I saw what appeared to be the burn out of a rocket.

The trajectory was almost flat or horizontal with the earth, going from North to South. The angle of my line of sight and the object and the ground was approximately 30° .

Distance is unknown as size is unknown, but relative appearance would be comparable to a high fourth of July type rocket - but on a flat trajectory & without sparkles, except as it burned out.

At first it was as bright as a star, but moved very fast, then a few sparks formed a short straight tail & it burned out with a light bulb color - not a carbon white or very white white.

Burn out location relative to my position was approximately at 2 o'clock.

23 October 1961

Dear [REDACTED]

Your recent letter to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration has been referred to the Air Force.

In your letter you describe what might have been a bolide or fireball type meteor. However, there are some additional details we would like if you can furnish them. Consequently, I have enclosed a questionnaire which we would like for you to complete. When completed, please enclose in the pre-addressed franked envelope and mail.

Your interest in reporting this sighting is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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