

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 September 1963		2. LOCATION Pori, Finland FINLAND		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2030 GMT 20/1830Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Several Seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One		9. COURSE SE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Strange light observed for several seconds travelling from NW to SE at a speed less than that of a meteor. Spherical with fiery tail no sound.				11. COMMENTS Finnish Academy Professor evaluated object as a meteor.	

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COUNTRY
FINLAND

REPORT NO.
IR-190-51

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT
"Flying Saucer"

AREA REPORTED ON
FINLAND

FROM (Agency)
Office of Air Attache, Helsinki, Finland

DATE OF REPORT
1 October 1951

DATE OF INFORMATION
21 and 23 September 1951

EVALUATION

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SOURCE
Finnish Press

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
IR-179-51

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112--Part II.)

1. Following are translations of two articles which recently appeared in the newspaper, "Helsingin Sanomat," concerning an object sighted at Pori on 20 September 1951:

"At approximately 2030 hours Thursday evening a strange light was seen in Pori for several seconds travelling from northwest to southeast, its speed being appreciably less than that of a meteor. The object was spherical with a fiery tail and no sound from a motor was heard. It is reported that it could not have been an airplane." (21 September 1951) UNCLASSIFIED

"Professor Yrjö Väisälä, member of the Finnish Academy, when asked about the light phenomenon seen on Thursday night north of Pori stated that it was an ordinary meteor. The professor refused to comment specifically about the "flying saucer" but explained that meteors can often be seen for several seconds and are sometimes ball-shaped with a clear tail behind. This was the case with the Pori light phenomenon." (23 September 1951) UNCLASSIFIED

2. Although Professor Väisälä's explanation of the object as a meteor is probably correct, it is interesting to note the coincidence in description of the two objects reported from Pori and Mikkeli (IR-179-51)--(1) both objects seen were travelling in a direction from northwest to southeast; (2) they were both circular or spherical in shape; (3) they were both soundless; and (4) the time of day was approximately the same in each case. The sighting at Pori, although at nearly the same time of day, was during the hours of near darkness, while the sighting at Mikkeli was during daylight. CONFIDENTIAL

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