

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 Sep 63		2. LOCATION Arcada, California Redbluff, Calif Klamath, Calif Ukiah, Calif Medford, Oregon		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 _____ GMT 21/0540Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE civilian and military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 - 8 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE NW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Five FAA ground stations reported flaming object. Picket ship off coast also reported object. Two a/c flights in area reported obj. Long tail to burning obj. Burned brightly lighting entire sky.				11. COMMENTS Contact with SPADATS revealed that there was no reentry for this period. With decay ruled out object determined to be meteor.	

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UNCLAS RUCDSC 21-J-23. FOR AFCIN AND SAFIS AT WASH DC.

U.S.O.B. IS FORWARDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 230-2.

I. 1. ROUND 2. UNKNOWN 3. RED 4. 1 5. W/A 6. GLOWING BRIGHTLY

7. SEE SECTION II 4 BELOW 8. NONE 9. APPEARED TO BE FALLING.

II. 1. PICKET V ESSEL PV-3 2. 50 DEGREE ELEVATION 270 DEGREE

HEADING 3. OBJECT TRAVERSED DIRECTLY OVER HEAD 390 DEGREE HEADING

4. AF33654, FLYING NORTH OF REF BLUFF C ALIF. SPOTTED OBJECT 29 5

DEGREES FROM HIS POSITION... BURNING BRIGHTLY AT 3040Z. 21ST

UNITED AIRLINES 733, 70 MILES SOUTH OF WASHINGTON ALSO

OBSERVED AN OBJECT LIGHTING UP THE ENTIRE SKY. FOR 93, 1013 5,

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11. 1. PICKET V ESSEL PV-3 2. 50 DEGREE ELEVATION 270 DEGREE

BEARING 3. OBJECT TRAVERSED DIRECTLY OVER HEAD 390 DEGREE BEARING

4. AF33654, FLYING NORTH OF AFB BLUFF G ALIF. SPOTTED OBJECT 29 5

DEGREES FROM HIS POSITION... GLOWING BRIGHTLY AT 0240Z.

UNITED AIRLINES 733, 73 MILES SOUTH OF WASHINGTON ALSO

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PATCH THROUGH To → at Seattle
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TOOK A CELESTIAL ON OBJECT...IT DISAPPEARED AT 42 DEGREES NORTH
FROM HIS POSITION OF 40 MILES WNW OF MEDFORD ORE...AND OBJECT
WAS SO BRIGHT IT LIGHTED UP THE WHOLE SKY. THE FOLLOWING COMM-
UNICATIONS STATIONS SPOTTED THE SAME OBJECT ALL APPROXIMATELY 2544Z
MEDFORD ORE...OBJECT WAS BEARING 253 DEGREES FROM STATION
ARCATA CALIF...OBJECT WAS BEARING 353 DEGREES FROM STATION
CLAYTON CALIF. ..OBJECT WAS BEARING 243 DEGREES FROM STATION.
IN ADDITION, A FLYING TIGER HEADED NORTH OVER UTAH CALIF. SAID
OBJECT APPEARED IN FRONT OF HIM, THEN DROPPED STRAIGHT DOWN...
ALTHOUGH HE COULDN'T ASCERTAIN THE DISTANCE. PV-3 REPORTED VISUAL
SIGHTING OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT BELIEVED TO BE SATELLITE.

POSITION 45 DEGREES 22 MINUTES NORTH 135 DEGREES 34 MINUTES WEST.
OBJECT SIGHTED AT TIME OF 2545Z BEARING 270 DEGREES TRUE AT HEIGHT
OF 30 DEGREES. OBJECT HAD APPEARANCE OF A FIRST MAGNITUDE STAR
AND TRAVERSED DIRECTLY OVERHEAD ON APPARENT TRUE COURSE 090
DEGREES. OBJECT HAD COMPLETED OVERHEAD ARC IN APPROXIMATELY 10
MINUTES. 5. 4/4 6. 13 MIN

III. 1. VISUAL, GROUND TO AIR, AND AIR TO AIR 2. UNKNOWN
3. 4 ACFT SEE II 4. ABOVE
IV. SEE II 4 ABOVE

PORTLAND Oregon
AT 748 PM ECHOWAS N of city 76° elev
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TELEPHONE INFORMATION
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TO RUWGALE/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RUWHBH/25 AIR DIV MCCORD AFB WASH

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UNCLAS ~~POODC-D 25-J-7~~

THE FOLLOWING IS SUPPLEMENTARY INFO TO UFOB REPORT POODC-21-J-20
DTD 21 SEP 63. FAA GROUND STATIONS MEDFORD AND ARCADE REPORT
OBSERVING OBJECT FOR FIVE TO EIGHT SEC. BOTH STATIONS CONFIRM
LONG TAIL TO BURNING OBJECT.

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Request for UFO Information

7 SEP 1963

Dr E C Ebbighausen
Dept of Physics & Astr
University of Oregon
Eugene, Oregon

1. We have received a report of a possible meteor sighting from your area. The fireball entered the atmosphere at about 0540Z on 21 Sep 63, 9:43 pm (PST). It was reported from Medford, Oregon, Klamath, California and Arcada, California, in addition to several air visual sightings.
2. We would appreciate any information which you may have regarding this object. Please send any information you have to:

Captain Hector Quintanilla, Jr
FID(TDEW/UFO)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, 45433

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology
and Subsystems

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1. POODC 21-J-20,
23 Sep 63, msg
2. POODC-D 25-J-7,
25 Sep 63, msg

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EUGENE, OREGON

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

October 16, 1962

Captain Hector Quintanilla, Jr.
FID(TDEM/UFO)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, 45433

Dear Captain:

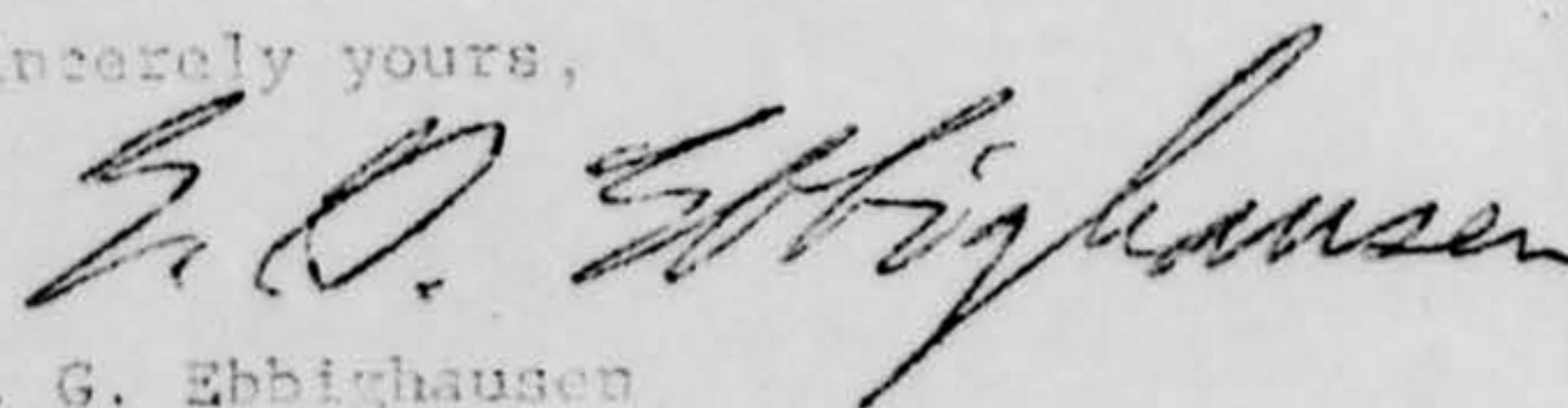
Thank you for your letter of October 7 regarding UFO information about the meteor siting of the 21st of September. I am sorry that this reply has been delayed this long.

I do not have any information concerning this siting, but I am referring you to Mr. Phil Brogan of the Bend Bulletin newspaper in Bend, Oregon. Mr. Brogan acts as a coordinator for the collection of such information for the American Meteor Society, and I am quite sure that he will give you whatever information is available. Let me assure you that Mr. Brogan is a very highly competent individual in this respect, and I have a great deal of faith in his ability.

I am sending directly to Mr. Brogan a copy of your letter to me, and I rather suspect that you will hear from him in a short time.

If I can be of any further service to you, please let me hear from you.

Sincerely yours,



E. G. Ebbighausen
Professor of Physics

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THE BEND BULLETIN
BEND, OREGON

PHIL F. BROGAN
Associate Editor

October 26, 1963.

Captain Hector Quintanilla, Jr.,
Wright-Patterson AFB., Ohio.

Dear Captain Quintanilla:

Dr. E.G. Ebbighausen of the University of Oregon has forwarded to me your letter relative the the fireball sighted in southern Oregon and Northern California on September 21.

So far as I am able to ascertain, the object was not sighted in the Pacific Northwest. I saw no mention in area newspapers, ^{heard none} or on radio news.

Dr. Ebbighausen reports that he also is without information.

Kindest regards,

Phil F. Brogan
Phil F. Brogan,
Northwest Director,
American Meteor Society.