

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 7 July 66 7/0732Z	2. LOCATION Cedar Rapids, Iowa two witnesses
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro(Meteor) ✓ JH
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION few seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Observers watched a multi-colored object travel toward the ground being visible for only a few seconds. Unknown was compared to that of a skyrocket. It was as bright as a auto headlight at a few feet in distance. The object did not give off smoke, sparks, or vapor, nor did it appear to stand still. Dr. Charles Olivier was consulted for his comments and he said that all indications are such that a bright meteor or fireball was observed. He said that there is no question to its identity.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE Eastward	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

7 Jul 66 Cedar Rapids, Iowa
[Signature]

TDETR/Maj Quintanilla, Jr/70916/h1/22 Sep 66

UFO Sighting, 7 July 1966, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

SEP 26 1966

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1. Reference the attached unidentified flying object report from Robert Lynn, Associate Member National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena. Contact was made with Dr. Charles Olivier, of the American Meteor Society regarding the observation of Mrs. [REDACTED].

The following is extracted from Dr. Olivier's letter.

"The object reported from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, by two people is absolutely a bright meteor or fireball; there is no question as its identity. The date was night of July 6/7 2:32 a. m.

I wish most cases were as easy to decide on! The reports will be placed in our fireball card file."

2. Request you inform Mr. [REDACTED] and Mrs. [REDACTED] of our findings.

FOR THE COMMANDER

W. S. Wheeler
WARREN S. WHEELER, Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology & Subsystems

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UFO Rpt, 7 July 66
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

COORDINATION
ORIGINATOR:

[Signature]
TDETR MAJ H. QUINTANILLA, JR

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[REDACTED]
Cedar Rapids, Iowa 52404
August 8, 1966

Project Blue Book
Wright-Patterson AFB
Dayton
Ohio

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is the report on a UFO observed by two people who live over two miles from each other. A copy of this report is being sent to the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, 1536 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. I would appreciate it, if this report was investigated, and a copy of your evaluation be sent to me and to Mrs. [REDACTED]

I would also like a set of forms (complete set - including forms for radar reports) which you send to observers.

Sincerely

Robert Lynn

Robert Lynn
Associate Member
National Investigations
Committee on
Aerial Phenomena

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Report of sighting on July 7, 1966, at 2:32 AM (CDT).
Sighted by, Mrs. [redacted] of [redacted] S.W., Cedar
Rapids, Iowa 52404. Telephone [redacted].

Mrs. [redacted] gave the following information to me:
Mrs. [redacted] and her husband had been sitting in the front yard because of the heat. A brisk breeze came up, so they went in the house. She was standing at the front door, ready to shut it, when she observed a bright green fireball come "downward from the sky in an arch toward the ground". See diagram. It disappeared "behind neighbors house". She said it looked like "a 4th of July skyrocket, if they made them green in color", and "it looked like it fell in neighbor's back yard. I told her to look for anything odd when they mowed next time, but they found nothing". She said it was larger than a grapefruit at arm's length, but smaller than a basketball at arm's length. She estimated that it was "about 400 feet" away. She did not recall if there had been aircraft in the area prior to, during, or immediately after the sighting. She was looking East when she made the sighting (through a screen door). The observance lasted for a "few seconds". It was compared to the brightness of an auto headlight several yards away. There was no sound and the object appeared solid. The object did not give off smoke, sparks, or vapor. Nor did it appear to stand still, suddenly speed up, explode, flicker, throb, pulsate, change shape, or brightness. The moon was hazy, scattered clouds were present. She did not make a report to police or newspaper officials, but called a woman who also made the sighting (copy of news story included). She spun her "husband around by the arm, but it was gone before he could focus on it."

It was also observed by Mrs. [redacted] S.W.
(E.M. [redacted]) Mr. [redacted] is the head of Carroll Realty Co. The news account appeared as follows (on the 8th):

WOMAN REPORTS SEEING A UFO IN C.R. SKIES — Mrs. [redacted] 11, [redacted] Twenty-first avenue SW, didn't put much stock in Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) stories. Not until 2:32 a.m. Monday, that is. At that time, Mrs. Carroll's sleep was disrupted by a noise. Looking outside, she discovered that the wind was rustling bushes adjacent to the house. Looking skyward, however, Mrs. Carroll was amazed. She told the Gazette Monday that she saw a brilliantly colored object appear to the right of the moon and angling toward the ground. "The colors were magnificent. It was just beautiful," she related. At first glance, Mrs. [redacted] impression of the object was that it was a helicopter. It was visible only "a couple of seconds", however, before it "just disappeared." "I never saw anything like it before," Mrs. [redacted] said. She said she plans to set her alarm clock for 2:15 a.m. Tuesday and study the skyline over the Wilson & Co. packing plant and the area formerly described as Stumptown for another glimpse of the UFO.

Report submitted by Robert Lynn

Date AUG. 8 1966

Report # 5 and 6

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FTD (TDETR) *mls*
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio 45433
15 August 1966

Dr. [REDACTED]
American Meteor Society
521 North Wynnwood Avenue
Narberth, Pennsylvania 19072

Dear Dr. [REDACTED],

I wish to thank you for your comments on the 14 July 1966 sightings over Nebraska. They were most helpful.

The attached report of an observation on 7 July 1966 over Cedar Rapids, Iowa appears to be quite interesting. We would appreciate your comments as to the possibility of this being a meteor observation.

Your assistance on various sightings over the past years has proven to be quite valuable. We soon hope to have the first six months of 1966 sightings completed. Upon completion we will send you the meteor observations for this period, excluding those for 25 April which were forwarded to you previously.

Sincerely,

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HECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Major, USAF
Chief, Project Blue Book

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Rpt, 7 Jul 66, Cedar Rapids,
Iowa

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1966-8-18

Major Hector Quintanilla, Jr. USAF
Wright-Patterson, AFB.

Dear Major Quintanilla:

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Sincerely yours,

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