

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 31 July 50 0205Z/01		LOCATION St John's, Newfoundland	
3. SOURCE E Military		10. CONCLUSION Astro (METEOR)  Evaluated as a meteor observation.	
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One			
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 Seconds		11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS  Object was travelling very fast. It moved in a straight line and I watched it for about 10 seconds. It was dark and all I could see was the light portion. It appeared as a small round light, very bright, but made no reflection on the clouds. No sound. Object broke into two distinct pieces and each became a dull colored light, then they disappeared. When it broke, the pieces kept going for a short distance on the level before they dropped slightly and went out without leaving sparks or any other visible trace.	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual			
7. COURSE West			
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No			



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OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION

18 August 1950

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unconventional Aircraft sighted in vicinity St. John's  
Newfoundland, 31 July 1950 by [REDACTED]

TO : Commander  
Military Air Transport Service  
Washington 25, D. C.  
ATTN: Office of Special Investigation

1. Synopsis:

Shortly after 2200 hours on 31 July 1950 an unidentifiable object was sighted travelling in a westerly direction over the vicinity of St. John's, Newfoundland. No details of the object were visible and it appeared as a bright greenish light under the overcast. It seemed to break into two distinct pieces each of which became a dull colored light and then to disappear.

2. Details:

[REDACTED] AACS Pepperrell Air Force Base was questioned, and stated that at 2205 hours 31 July 1950, I was in front of Building 805 driving Southwest along the roadway on Pepperrell AFB. At the intersection of Snelling Avenue and Cabot Avenue. We turned East and as we turned we looked South and saw a moving green light under the overcast. I stopped the car and saw the object going from east to west. It was travelling very fast. It moved in a straight line and I watched it for about 10 seconds. It was dark and all I could see was the light portion. It appeared as a small round light, very bright, but made no reflection on the clouds. I distinguished no sounds; as I watched it broke into two distinct pieces and each became a dull colored light, then they disappeared. When it broke, the pieces kept going for a short distance on the level before they dropped slightly and went out without leaving sparks or any other visible trace.

[REDACTED] Auditor General Department, USAF was questioned, and stated, at approximately 2200 hours 31 July '50, I was in my room in the BOQ looking out of the window toward Signal Hill which overlooks St. John's, Nfld. I saw an object which appeared in all details to be a comet going from East to West on a track south of my position. It was impossible to determine the distance to the object or its size. It appeared as a burning object with a long wake. I watched it for several seconds, after

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which it appeared to split into two portions and dissipate before any angle of descent was noticed. It broke up in mid-air much in the manner of a disintegrating comet. I first noticed it at approximately a 45° angle to my left and it crossed before me and disintegrated at approximately a 45° angle to my right. My window faces magnetic South.

[REDACTED], Pepperrell Air Force Base was questioned and stated at 2205 local time, 31 July 1950, [REDACTED] and I left the NCO Club. We followed the sidewalk that runs along the north side of the NCO Club. We were facing in a westerly direction. Upon coming to the end of the club building, [REDACTED] called my attention to a flame that could be seen in the air. No object was discernable. The general direction of travel was Northwest. The estimated altitude was between 3 to 5 thousand feet. Approximate distance from the NCO Club put object, I would say, over the west end of Quidi Vidi Lake. The object appeared from the general direction of Cabot Tower and seemed to disappear near the top of Kanaws Hill. In my opinion, the burning charge was of a rocket type. The flame was of a bluish color changing to a reddish orange at the tail of the flame. At one point the flame seemed to renew itself as though fresh charge had been set off. It is possible that the object could have passed behind a scud cloud. The weather at the time of sighting was good. There were some strata clouds to the west and some scud clouds overhead. Cloud coverage was about 3/10. Stars were visible. The object was not travelling at a great rate of speed. The object was seen for no longer than 15 seconds.

Constables [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police were questioned and made statements substantially the same as that of [REDACTED]

*Carl M. Swenson*  
CARL M. SWENSON  
Lt. Colonel, USAF  
Air Inspector

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**HEADQUARTERS  
NEWFOUNDLAND BASE COMMAND  
PEPPERRELL AIR FORCE BASE  
APO 862, c/o POSTMASTER, N.Y., N.Y.**

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**AUG 19 1950**

**SUBJECT: Transmittal Report of Investigation  
NFBC/OSI 24-185.**

**TO : Commanding General  
Air Materiel Command  
Wright Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio**

Transmitted herewith is OSI report of investigation  
24-185 for your information and disposition.

**FOR THE COMMANDING GENERAL:**

*N. H. Holbrook*

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N. H. HOLBROOK  
Major, USAF  
Adjutant General

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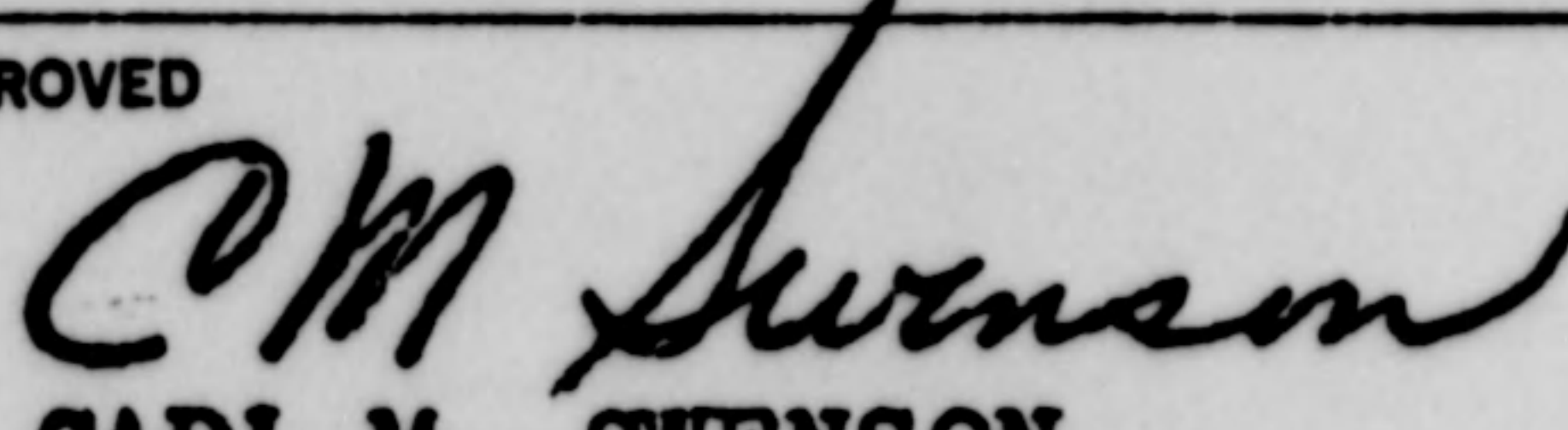
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<b>UNITED STATES AIR FORCE</b> <b>THE INSPECTOR GENERAL</b> <b>OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION</b> <b>REPORT OF INVESTIGATION</b>		FILE NO. <b>24-185</b>	DATE <b>17 August 1950</b>
TITLE  <b>UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT</b> <b>31 July 1950, St. John's, Nfld.</b> <b>Captain [REDACTED]</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>S/A Ralph O. Robillard</b>	
		REPORT MADE AT <b>Pepperrell AFB, Newfoundland</b>	
		PERIOD <b>1 August to 15 August 1950</b>	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN <b>D. O. #4</b>	
STATUS <b>R.U.C.</b>			
CHARACTER <b>Special Inquiry--Unconventional Aircraft</b>			
REFERENCE <b>AFCSI Letter 106</b>			
SYNOPSIS  <p>Shortly after 2200 hours on 31 July 1950 an unidentifiable object was sighted travelling in a westerly direction over the vicinity of St. John's, Newfoundland. No details of the object were visible and it appeared as a bright greenish light under the overcast. It seemed to break into two distinct pieces each of which became a dull colored light and then to disappear.</p>			
DETAILS:  <p>[REDACTED] I AACS Pepperrell Air Force Base was questioned, stated at 2205 hours 31 July '50, I was in front of Building 805 driving Southwest along roadway on Pepperrell AFB. At the intersection of Snelling Avenue and Cabot Avenue. We turned East and as we turned we looked South and saw a moving green light under the overcast. I stopped the car and saw the object going from east to west. It was travelling very fast. It moved in a straight line and I watched it for about 10 seconds. It was dark and all I could see was the light portion. It appeared as a small round light, very bright, but made no reflection on the clouds. I distinguished no sounds; as I watched it broke into two distinct pieces and each became a dull colored light, then they disappeared. When it broke, the pieces kept going for a short distance on the level before they dropped slightly and went out without leaving sparks or any other visible trace.</p> <p>[REDACTED] Auditor General Department, USAF was questioned, and stated, at approximately 2200 hours 31 July '50, I was in my room in the BOQ looking out of the window toward Signal Hill which overlooks St. John's, Nfld.</p>			
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APPROVED  <div style="text-align: center;">   <b>CARL M. SWENSON</b>          Lt. Colonel, USAF          Air Inspector       </div> <div style="text-align: right; margin-top: 10px;"> <b>UNCLASSIFIED</b> </div>		FILE STAMP  <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;"> <i>District Commander.</i> </div>	



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[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] of the R.C.M.P. were questioned and made statements substantially the same as that of [REDACTED].

STATUS: Referred Upon Completion to Office of Origin.

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August, 1950  
Tucson, Arizona

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TUCSON, ARIZONA SIGHTING AUGUST, 1950

"About 9:30 p.m. a strange object suddenly appeared, and seemed to be heading directly for our house. We had been looking up into the sky, but did not see this object until it was almost upon us. We sprang up, expecting it to pass over our house, but instead, it stopped almost directly over us, so that we were looking at the bottom of it. It hung motionless for perhaps a second, then very deliberately turned and we watched it disappear over the mountain about 2 miles away.

12. The object was low, as compared to stars,

etc., or even a high-flying plane. It all happened quickly, but I have always had the feeling that there was no sound of any kind.

As it approached us it gave the appearance of a small flock of birds, in perfect formation, surrounded by light. As it hung over us -- we were looking at the bottom of the thing -- it gave the appearance of a group of pontoons or perhaps tanks. Because we were under it, these were dark, and we could distinguish merely the shape of them, which was longer than wide. I can't be positive that there were nine, but they were in rows of three each, and there seemed to be more than six. These things were underneath and completely dark, but whatever was above them was well lighted.

The light seemed to shine out from all sides of the top part, but we could not see what was within the light. The dark, pontoon-like objects seemed to be rigidly fixed, because they all turned in unison as it moved away.

As it moved away, and we were no longer under it, and could no longer see the dark objects, it appeared as a round ball of light. The light was bright, but not with the hard brilliance of an ordinary electric light. It seemed to emanate from the top and sides in a softer, glowing light. As it moved away from us and sailed over the mountain it looked like a softly glowing ball." MRS. [REDACTED]

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