

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 MARCH 1952	2. LOCATION CENTREVILLE, QUEEN ANNES COUNTY. MD.	3. SOURCE CIVILIAN (BUSINESS MAN)	
4. TIME Local 2242 Z 0942	5. NUMBER OF OBJECTS ONE	6. SHAPE SAUCER. SHAPED LIGHT	7. COLOR ORANGE - YELLOW
8. COURSE E	9. ALTITUDE	10. ANGULAR VELOCITY 0 per second	11. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No
12. TYPE OF OBSERVATION GROUND VISUAL	13. LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED APPROX. 30 SECONDS	14. MANEUVERS HORIZONTAL PAANE, TWO VERTICAL JUMPS	
15. CONCLUSIONS		16. COMMENTS	
No conclusions UNKNOWN		SOURCE WAS IN ARMY WWII HAS FLOWN A LOT.	

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THE SIGHTING OF A FLYING SAUCER-TYPE OBJECT

Place Observed:

Centerville, Queen Anne's ^{COUNTY} ~~Chesapeake~~, Md.

Date and Time:

March 20, 1952 - 10:42 p. m.

Length of Time Object was in Sights:

Approximately 30 seconds

DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

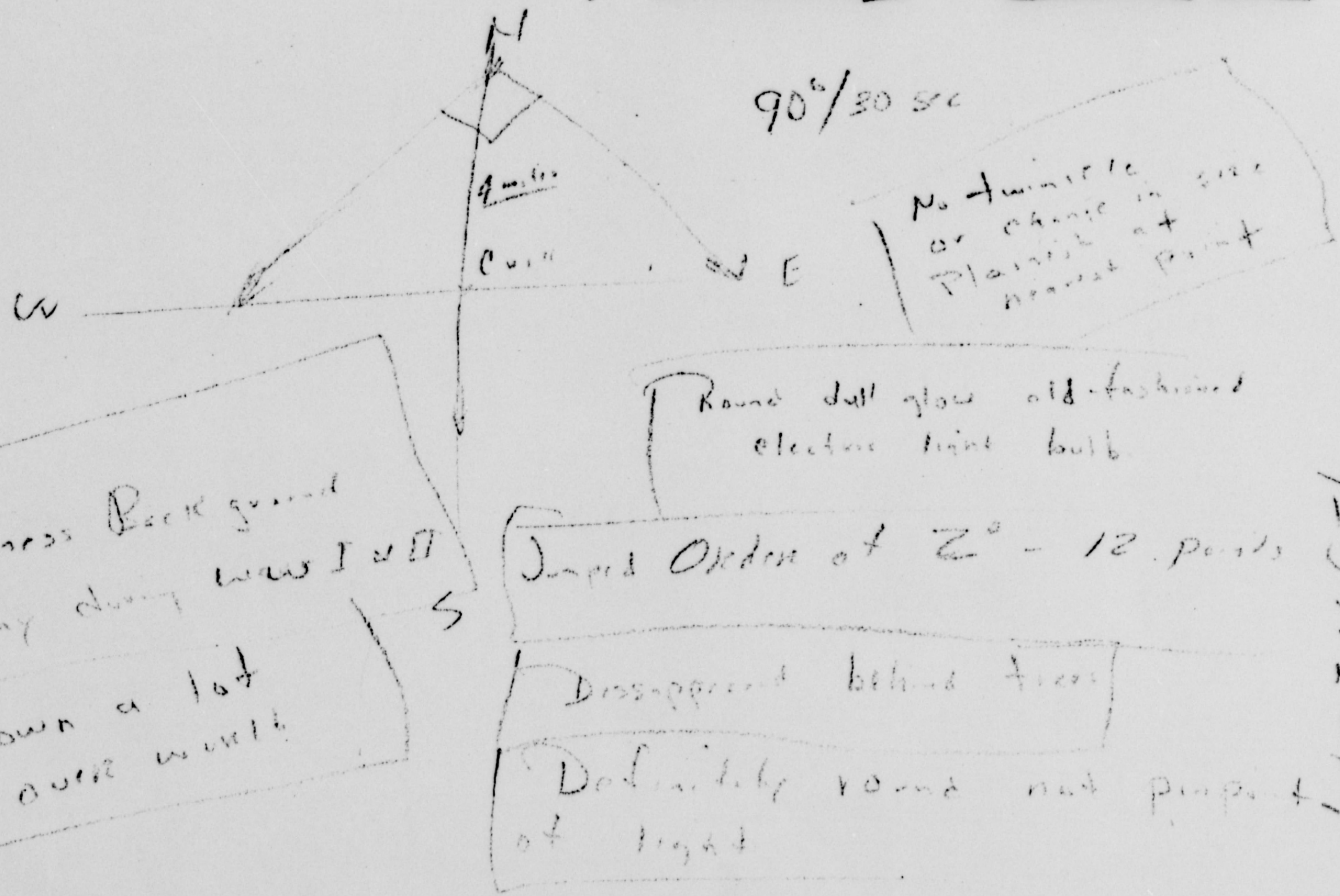
An orange-yellow saucer shaped light, two or three times the size of the average wing light on an airplane. It was travelling about half-way between the horizon and zenith from the southwest to southeast at a very fast rate of speed, and twice it jumped vertically at an extremely fast speed and continued on at the higher level. Its upward jump did not appear to be very high. The object appeared to be near enough to hear some noise from it, if there was any, but no noise was heard.

In Country - no sound - very clear night

No trail -

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Observed by: [redacted] and [redacted]



On 1 May 1952 Lt. F.J. Ruppelt interviewed Mr. [REDACTED] Three possibilities exist.

- a. aircraft
- b. meteor
- d. unknown

A. If it were a jet aircraft traveling ^{or 480 mph} 90° in 30 seconds it would have been about 2 miles or 10,500' away from the source. At 10,000' the source would have heard the noise, he reported no sound.

If the object were 4 miles away, the distance at which the sound of an aircraft may not be heard under certain conditions the speed would have had to be 2 times 480 or 960 mph ~~at~~ which is higher than any known A/C speed. i.e. A/C that would be over the Washington area at night.

B. The sudden climb would eliminate a meteor.

C. Therefore the object has not been identified by AFIC.

Report of Sighting

Mr. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Washington, D. C.,

[REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. The sighting took place at Centerville, Queen Anne's County, Md., on 20 March 1952 at 2242.

The object was described as a dull, orange-yellow, saucer-shaped light resembling an old-fashioned light bulb. The size of the light was twice to three times that of an ordinary a/c wing light.

The object was traveling very fast and seemed about five miles away from the observer halfway between the horizon and zenith.

The only maneuver performed by the object was twice jumping vertically a distance equal to what looked like a foot at that range. The jumping is similar in nature to the bounce of a basketball.