

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 23 Apr 52		2. LOCATION Hinkle, Oregon		12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1630 PST GMT 24/0030		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☒ Probably Astronomical METEOR ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE male-civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Silver flash followed by light green ball. Ball w/ trail. Dove vertically.				11. COMMENTS Brownish trail visible for 20-30 seconds after sighting. Think, object struck the ground.	

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COUNTRY USA-MATS	REPORT NO. IR-205-52	(LEAVE BLANK) AF 446502
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Object, Oregon		
AREA REPORTED ON Oregon, USA	FROM (Agency) Intelligence Division, Hq MATS, Andrews AF Base, Washington 25, D. C.	
DATE OF REPORT 6 May 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 23 April 1952	EVALUATION - F-3
PREPARED BY (Officer) James C. Lucas, Major, USAFR	SOURCE McChord Flight Service Center, McChord AF Base, Washington.	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) IR-190-52 USA-MATS		
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.)		

Report contains information concerning the sighting of an unidentified flying object northwest of Pendleton, Washington on 23 April 1952.

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1. The McChord Flight Service Center, McChord AF Base, Washington reported the sighting of an unidentified flying object by a civilian at Hinkle, Oregon (27 miles northwest of Bendleton and 3 miles south of Hermiston). The time of the sighting was 1630 PST, 23 April 1952.

2. No sketch or photograph of the object is available. Other details concerning the object sighted are:

a. Number	:	One
b. Shape	:	Ball
c. Size	:	Not known
d. Color	:	Silver flash followed by light green ball
e. Speed	:	Not known
f. Maneuverability:		Not known
g. Heading	:	Vertically toward the ground
h. Altitude	:	Not known
i. Sound	:	None
j. Exhaust Trail:		Light brown with brownish trail remaining visible for some 20 seconds after the object struck the ground.

3. The weather at the time of the sighting was 25,000 feet overcast; 25 miles visibility; temperature 73°; dew point 45; wind: North Northeast 13 mph.

4. Witness:

Mr. [REDACTED]

Walla Walla, Washington
Phone: 1654J
Railroad Engineer

5. Information submitted by witness at 1330 PST, 28 April 1952 to the INSAC (Interstate Air Communications-CAA agency) radio station Walla Walla, Washington and thereafter relayed to McChord Flight Service Center. No reason offered by witness for 5-day delay in reporting the sighting.

6. Witness claimed he saw phenomenon from the steps of the Hinkle Hotel, Hinkle, Oregon. First noticed a silver flash, followed by a light green ball descending vertically leaving in its wake a light brown trail. Object struck the ground beyond second or third ridge about 12 miles south of Hinkle. The brownish trail remained visible for 20 to 30 seconds. Other unidentified witnesses were alleged to have observed the brownish substance after the object struck the ground.

Preparing Officer's Comment:

If part or all of the object sighted struck the ground there is a possibility that the point of impact could be located and examination made of the immediate area to determine whether or not the object was a meteoric body.

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