

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 11 Dec 53 12/0050Z	2. LOCATION Rome, New York
3. SOURCE civilians	10. CONCLUSION ASTRONOMICAL: METEOR Local astronomer agrees that it was meteor.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 sec	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Bright ball of light observed by four persons. Moving east to west, brightened then faded out.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ground visual	
7. COURSE west	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☐ No	

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ITEM PD FORMAT IAW AFR 200-2 PD PAREN ONE PAREN DESCRIPTION OF THE
OBJ PAREN A PAREN S DASH ONE BALL OF LIGHT S DASH TWO TRAIL OF LIGHT
S DASH THREE BALL OF LIGHT S DASH FOUR BALL OF LIGHT PAREN B PAREN S
DASH ONE NEGATIVE S DASH TWO NEGATIVE S DASH THREE SIZE OF SOFTBALL
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PAREN NEGATIVE [REDACTED] ONE TRAIL OF GREEN DASH BLUE
LIGHT S DASH TWO TRAIL OF LIGHT SIMILAR TO COMET TRAIL S DASH THREE
TAIL OF BLUE LIGHT EQUAL IN LGTH TO THE DIAM OF OBJ S DASH FOUR TAIL
OF GREEN LIGHT APPEARED THREE TIMES THE DIAM OF THE OBJ IN LGTH [REDACTED]
S [REDACTED] ONE NEGATIVE S DASH TWO NEGATIVE S DASH THREE NEGATIVE
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TWO SLIGHT ARC S DASH THREE DESCENDING IN STRAIGHT LINE S DASH FOUR
DESCENDING IN GENTLE ARC PAREN E PAREN S DASH ONE FADED FROM SIGHT

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ABOVE HORIZON S DASH TWO DISAPPEARED IN MANNER OF TURNING OFF LIGHT
BULB S DASH THREE DISAPPEARED BELOW HORIZON S DASH FOUR AS OBJ
NEARED HORIZON IT FADED IN INTENSITY THEN BRIGHTENED MOMENTARILY AND
FINALLY FADED OUT QUICKLY PAREN F PAREN S DASH ONE FIVE SECONDS S
DASH TWO ONE SECOND S DASH THREE THREE TO FIVE SECONDS S DASH FOUR
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OF ALL OBSERVERS PAREN A PAREN S DASH ONE [REDACTED] AGE THIRTY
FIVE ONE TWO THREE C STREET AIR CITY CMA ROME CMA NEW YORK PLASTIC
FORM WKR S DASH TWO MRS [REDACTED] AGE THIRTY TWO ONE ZERO NINE
CROSS ST ROAD CMA ROME CMA NEW YORK HOUSEWIFE S DASH THREE STANLEY
A PIETRAS AGE THIRTY ONE ZERO ONE FIVE [REDACTED] ST CMA ROME CMA NEW
YORK STEEL WKR S DASH FOUR JONATHAN L WILLSON AGE SIXTEEN NINE ONE
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ALL OBSERVATIONS WERE MADE W/I THE CITY LIMITS OF ROME THUS THE
OBSERVERS FLD OF VISION WAS LTD BY BUILT UP AREAS. ALL ELEVATIONS
AND AZIMUTHS ARE ROUGH APPROXIMATIONS PD LOCAL AMATEUR ASTRONOMER
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METEORS

The Hydrographic Office is cooperating with astronomers who are studying meteors. Mariners reporting their observations of these bodies are greatly assisting in this work. It is desired to have the Greenwich time and point of appearance and disappearance as accurate as possible, either by bearing and altitude, or by relation to fixed stars, or both.

Complete observations on long-enduring trains and their direction of drift are of especial importance, as they determine wind direction in the upper atmosphere.

GULF OF MEXICO

Second Officer Kenneth Davis of the American SS. *Esso Linden*, Capt. A. H. Lankford, Master, reports the following meteor observation:

At 0620 G. M. T., December 12, 1953, in lat. $25^{\circ}44'$ N., lon. $86^{\circ}00'$ W., a bright red and green meteor was observed bearing 310° true just below the star *Capella*. The meteor traveled vertically, leaving a large red trail, visible for 1 minute after falling. The meteor disappeared bearing 295° true at about 10° of arc.

Wind east, air temperature 76° F., sea temperature 80° F., barometer 29.93 inches falling.

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Second Officer Holger Pihlgren of the Swedish MV. *Stella Polaris*, Capt. Hilmer Lundqvist, Master, reports observing a very strong flashing light just west of *Canopus* on December 13, 1953, at 0501 G. M. T., in lat. $17^{\circ}40'$ N., lon. $74^{\circ}01'$ W.
The light was observed bearing 198° , altitude 20° , greenish in color, and lasted for about 3 seconds.
