PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	12. CONCLUSIONS
30 June 1955	Pantelleria Island, Mediterraenean	☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local morning GMT Unk	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** XXX ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes XX ☐ No	**6. SOURCE** civilian	☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 16 min +	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** 1 / **9. COURSE** unk	☐ Other_____ XX ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Obj, oblong, emitted a strong light. Appeared to"fall" fr sky then stood wavering and gradually became smaller and smaller

11. COMMENTS

Not much info in orginial rpt. Insufficient data for evaluation.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

EXTRACTED FROM ATIC 234724, IR-1683-55 fr Germany

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"A radio message of the Dutch tanker "Gadila" was received at Amsterdam on 30 June 55 according to which the Captain, the first officer and the radio operator observed during morning hours, a cigar-shaped body in about 7,000 meters altitude over the Mediterranean Sea. This body emitted a strong light, at first fell from the sky, then stood slightly wavering at the mentioned altitude for about 16 minutes, and finally became smaller and smaller until it disappeared entirely. This phenomenon was observed by other tankers, and appeared in the vicinity of Pantelleria Island."

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Auth: AFR 205-10
Para 2-176 (ii)
By H. Quintanilla

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United States Air Force Mar. 30, 1965
Unidentified Flying Object Div
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs -

Am writing about U.F.O's and belatedly I was wondering if there was anything similar reported to the Air Forces U.F.O. division, at around the time. It's occurred to my memory, since the date, when I read of other reports

I was living at a hotel at Hoopeston, Ill., on the C & EI railroad 100 miles south of Chicago, during the summer of 1955. I had lunched late, after reading, at 11 p.m, and was getting air & walking the sidewalk between hotel and railroad, looking at constellations as I knew some of them from amateur telescope experience.

Looked at Scorpius, was

on July, no date recalled and noticed nothing unusual and was turned to look at others, and turned to look back, and there were three yellow-white lights in a group. I wondered, at the time looked like bright stars but they seemed to swop down-wards slowly, and towards me, over the railroad right of way in the south. They came fast from a tremendous height and the lights were of star-like smallness & intensity.

The city limit of the town is 8 blocks south and they leveled off just before there and went very slowly north, to-wards me, then the two on the east went out, I never saw or heard them again, but the remaining one came north a little ways and made a long sweeping turn to the west, It couldn't have been over a mile, or less, away.

As it turned, about 8 orange oval lights came into view and the yellow-white light wasn't visible, just these 8 ovals of a red hot poker brightness, like this, ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ ○. It was noiseless, on a balmy sharp seeing mild 1130 p.m., C.D.S.T., and extremely slow then. At say a mile, I guessed the row of lights was 75 or 100 feet long, and going 20 or 30 miles an hour. When it swung west, the orange lights couldn't be seen, and the intense yellow white light became visible, and I watched it by that light for the 15 minutes it took to get out of sight in the west, at its passing altitude of, I've guessed, of 1000 feet.

The changes of speed and odd appearing in less than 3 minutes at first doesn't seem like a cabin airplane, & no wing cut of the row of orange

lights, it had no helicopter blade noise, no engine noise. It came down at the beginning, like a slow meteor in a steepish 45° slant, straight towards my direction. None of the three had aircraft wing, tail, or body lights, but the yellow-white light, of about the brightness of Jupiter was a front light. I have normal hearing and later took railroad medical tests for employment and my eyes were 20/20 a month later and reflexes normal. I passed a Santa Fe telegraph operator medical exam and was rejected for too heavy an auditor.

This story is plain odd. About 3 weeks after the above a sister, who lives in a country home 1½ miles from the hotel mentioned, had loaned me 2 paperbacks on flying saucers after I related the odd light thing to her. One was [redacted]

[redacted] book. Was reading one of them from 9 p.m. on in my hotel room one warm evening around the 1st of August in 1955, and when I came to the chapter on green fireballs, I read 2 or 3 pages, suddenly got tense, hot, & very fidgety, couldn't stand to read anymore, and got up to walk around the room for a couple minutes. My clock said 10 15 pm. I read more & went to bed some time later, all ok.

Next noon I called this sister on phone about mail or something She said say, I saw a green fireball last night. I recalled and asked what time it was. She said at 1015 pm at window, when she went there to go to bed. She said went slowly from northeast to horizon trees in southwest, size of moon, leaving a murky misty short trail.

I reported it to the American Meteor Society, they acknowledged it. But the coincidence was

uncanny. She says in 14 years on the 10 acre country home she has seen 3, has clear horizons and observes with an 8 inch reflecting telescope & knows about the heavens, was an aurora observer for the IGY at least one year.

I have never seen one, but a curious occurrence at a railroad signal tower near Gary Ind., at 3 a.m. after hours of 1952 being busy at desk and interlocking that tapered off, I turned the swivel chair sideways to the desk, the only tower light a pantagraph tubular fluorescent light. As the chair got turned suddenly in a phone pole guy wire there appeared a blue-green ball for a second or two no noise, no shock, no smell. The wire was 15 feet from me and was dumbfounded. I turned on a 300 watt floodlight and looked around, as near as could tell the fireball originated at a

cable-dividing ceramic insulator.

The next account was a terrible experience. It happened at about Dec 20, 1952 on a 10 acre farm which has a 6 room 1 story ranch style red brick bungalow, cement floors, Haydite block inside walls fireproof green shingle roof. I had visited my sister 2 months; she is still living there and can verify this. Her name is Mrs. C.E. Fencken, Route 3, Hoopeston, Ill., has a telephone.

This morning about 9 a.m. she was washing breakfast dishes and I was talking it easy in an easy chair, near a newly dressed Xmas tree. Weather was 20° low grey clouds, almost windless

It got very dark out & I pressed against a 12 foot picture window with 18 inch metal frame panels, a dark cloud was coming from the northwest. I said to her some kind of weather coming & had dislodged a bubble type lighted tree candle, was

adjusting it when an object I sensed was diving at an angle of 50 or 60 degrees whistled screamingly in a dozen tones, seemed to be going to hit the house. It got so loud was terrifying, and I threw myself almost on floor, whirling around to protect myself and heard my sister yell out in panic. It broke into discordant howl as seemed to level & pass over, the window frames banged and almost crashed in, and the cement floor shook under feet, I heard the ceiling joists bang like jolted niches and there were 3 or 4 concussive explosions and the thing disappeared quickly the shrill hollow whistles seemed to go east rising slightly. It came from the west. You might say a jet. We heard them close but was only 5 seconds start to finish

My sister yelled "what was that." scared badly & I replied a flying saucer or an earthquake maybe an exploding meteor. I ran outside to look around and tuned in news on radio all day but heard nothing of any odd occurrence. Her husband works 2 miles away

a chief auditor in a factory office. He drove home at noon and he heard nothing, and nothing in local newspaper of unusual occurrence.

It snowed 50¢ size snowflakes within seconds of the noise & jarring, windless, thoughts powder the ground, and turned lightly cloudy again. It was a close passage & no jet would dive out of maybe a 3000 foot ceiling and as I wrote the Meteor Society, it seemed from the duration was going many thousands of miles an hour. I noticed that the electric lights were pulsing slightly dimmer in about 10 second pulses 5 minutes before the scare.

The Meteor Society - I used to chart meteors for it when in high school; I am now 53, wrote that they checked their records for a week before and after that indefinite date and found nothing of any large meteor in Illinois and they contacted a sky phenomena outfit, it had 5 letters

in it, a U.S. agency and they had no record of anything unusual.

I believe it was real, as it shook floors & rafters and frightened, and windows banged heavily 5 or 6 times. But the time it took to start and finish is absurd for a jet, and delusions or whatever don't shake sturdy brick & cement houses.

I don't believe in saucers or spaceships, & we saw nothing, no smell or light, no bang from sky like sonic booms but I jus experienced it.

I've not read of a weirder UFO report, if it was.

Yours truly

[redacted]

[redacted] St.

Kankakee, Ill.

P.S. Read in press of 30 UFO reports last year, one of maneuvers of a broom and an ear of corn. Is it possible to receive any description of the occurrence, briefly & no names?

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AISOP Subject: Monthly UFOB Summary, June 1955

Investigative Effort (con't)

	INVESTIGATIVE UNIT	LOCATION OF SIGHTING	CONCLUSION
4 June	1. Flight 1-C	Parker, Arizona	Probably Astronomica JUPITER
14 June	2. Flight 2-D	Bryan AFB, Texas	Probably Balloon
	~~3. Flight 2-D~~	~~Dallas, Texas~~	~~Not Concluded~~ 20 June A/C
22 June	4. Flight 1-A	Poulsbo, Washington	Probably Balloon
25 June	5. Flight 3-H	Washington D.C.	Probably Balloon

HILLCREST HEIGHTS, MD

b. In addition to the above, one (1) limited follow-up investigation is being conducted by Headquarters, 4602d AISS, by means of ATIC Form 164 (U.S. Air Force Technical Information Sheet). The above forms were sent to the observers of a UFOB sighting at Holt, Florida. OTHER UNREMARKABLE REPT 26 June

C. UFO STATISTICS (Continued)

4. UFO Reports From Foreign Countries

	Number	Percentage
a. Balloon	7	30.4%
b. Aircraft	4	17.4%
c. Astronomical	3	13.1%
d. Other	2	8.6%
e. Insufficient Data	6	26.1%
f. Unknown	1	4.4%
Total	23	

Foreign UFO sightings are generally difficult or impossible to thoroughly investigate, or evaluate towards some firm conclusion. They should not, therefore, be considered in any statistical breakdown, which primarily concerns itself with sightings within the continental USA.

5. UFO Sightings Reported Directly to ATIC by General Correspondence, (From (Non AF Sources, General Public - Category IV Reports) 1 Jun 55 - 31 May 56

MONTH	LOCATION OF SIGHTING	CONCLUSION OR EVALUATION
June 1955	South Bend, Indiana	Other
	Cincinnati, Ohio	Insufficient Data
	Wichita, Kansas	Balloon
	Dayton, Ohio	Balloon
	Dayton, Ohio	Probably Aircraft
	Mayertown, Pennsylvania	Balloon
	Dayton, Ohio	Insufficient Data
	Long Beach, California	Unknown
July 1955	Paris, Illinois	Astronomical
	Dayton, Ohio	Possibly Astronomical
	Dayton, Ohio	Possibly Balloon
	Cincinnati, Ohio	Possibly Balloon
	Ochlochnee, Georgia	Balloon
Aug. 1955	Nicholsville, Kentucky	Aircraft
	Cincinnati, Ohio	Possibly Balloon
	Dayton, Ohio	Probably Astronomical
	Sonora, New Mexico	Balloon
	Park Ridge, Illinois	Balloon
	Cimarron, New Mexico	Other
	Dayton, Ohio	Astronomical
	Stroudsberg, Illinois	Astronomical
	Cincinnati, Ohio	Balloon
	Rio, Illinois	Unknown
	Bedford, Virginia	Aircraft
	Dayton, Ohio	Possibly Balloon
	Temple, Texas	Aircraft
	Lake Village, Indiana	Astronomical

NO CASE INFO ONLY

SUMMARY
KANKAKEE, ILL
ALDRICH

Mrs Hunt/SAFOIGC/72842/29 Jun 65

30 Jun 65

Dear Mr. [redacted]

This is in reply to your letter concerning unidentified flying objects.

The investigation of unidentified flying objects reported in the skies over the United States is the responsibility of the Air Force. The name of this project is Blue Book. A copy of the report on this project is attached for your information.

In 18 years of investigating over 9000 reports of unidentified flying objects, the evidence has proved almost conclusively that reported aerial phenomena have been objects either created and sent aloft by man, generated by atmospheric conditions, or caused by celestial bodies or the residue of meteoric activity.

There has never been any evidence that UFOs reported to the Air Force represented extraterrestrial vehicles. No such object reported to the Air Force has given any indication of a threat to the United States nor has any evidence been presented that any unidentified flying object exhibited characteristics beyond the scope of current technical or scientific knowledge.

We are unable to evaluate your report due th the great time lapse.

Sincerely,

JOHN P. SPAULDING
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, [illegible]

1 Atch
Blue Book Report

Mr. R. W. Aldrich
120 E. Jeffery Street
Kankakee, Illinois

SOURCE: IAPA - SEP 63

Formation of six UFOs over Stadt-
park, Hamburg, Germany, in the
summer of 1955. 9 objects were
originally sighted.

NO CASE (IFORMATION ONLY)

15 Jun 55
Adelaide, Australia

SOURCE: CRIFO Newsletter, 3 Feb 56

FIREBALL FINDS RANGE, WRECKS WORKSHOP

Case 128, Adelaide, Australia, June 15, 1955—Pardon the idiom, but let's face it, something's screwy. In a special report prepared by the Australian Astronomical Society, June 1955, we learn more about the ubiquity and character of the fireball. The report reads as follows, "There seems little doubt that the mysterious explosion that totally wrecked a shop in the Adelaide suburb of Flinders Park at 2:20 a.m. on June 15 was caused by a meteorite. The shop measuring 15' x 20' had its walls blown out, roof blown off and contents destroyed. Authorities have ruled out normal causes. Investigating the site before the dangerous walls and roof had been demolished, the secretary found no marks that could have been tributable to a meteorite striking the building. Later a search was made as several tons of brick and mortar rubble was removed, much of it charred by the fire that followed the explosion. But, no trace of anything meteoric was found or could be seen. From the large amount of debris present, however, it was possible that the meteorite shattered into small fragments upon impact. Evidence favoring the meteorite theory was given by an eyewitness account by a neighbor who stated that before the explosion she had seen a bright fireball flash across the sky in that direction. . . . The direction of the fall of the fireball described by the witness agrees with the apparent entry of the meteorite into the building as it was evident from the way the masonry fell. . ."

Ed: The report also stated, ". . . the earth was passing through a Scorpius meteor stream on the date concerned." While we are aware of the fact that the fireball in question may have been a wayward *Scorpid*, we wonder what "meteor stream" can be blamed for the "meteor" that crashed into the home of Mrs. Hewlett Hodges of Sylacauga, Alabama, November 30, 1954.[5] Too often, the writer believes, it is convenient for astronomers to blame meteors for anomalies in the sky such as in the Adelaide case, or the "meteoric" explosion causing a gaping crater near Logan, Utah, May 1, 1954. See Case 21. See also CRIFO *Newsletter*, Vol. II, No. 8 for the story of fireball concentrations over Sweden, 1954-55. Paralleling the Adelaide case, we note the following incident from the Swedish report: ". . . Some reported that they have seen the bombs crash. The strangest report came from central Sweden where a newly built barn collapsed this afternoon without visible cause. Shortly after the collapse flying bombs had been seen. Then there was a sharp crack and the barn fell. . ."

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4 Credit, Fred Stone, Pres. of The Australian Flying Saucer Research Society.

5 See CRIFO Newsletter, Feb. 4, 1955.

1 - 15 JULY 1955 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
July	Hollywood, California	[redacted]	Other (UNRELIABLE RPT)
1	Sacramento, California	Military (AIR VIS & GD RADAR)	Balloon
5	Newfoundland	Military Air (Vis) Ground (RADAR)	1. Astro (Venus) 2. Anamolous Propagation
5	Georgetown, Massachusetts	[redacted]	Aircraft
5	St. Marlboo, Massachusetts	[redacted]	Astro (SATURN)
5	Manhasset, New York	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
5	Charleston, Maine	Military	Insufficient Data
6	Culliver, Michigan	[redacted]	Balloon
7	Baltimore, Maryland	Multi (PHYSICAL S)	Other (SOAP BUBBLES)
7-12	Penbrook, Pennsylvania	[redacted]	Other (UNRELIABLE RPT)
8	Augusta, Maine	[redacted]	Astro (METEOR)
8	Tampa, Florida (CASE MISSING)	Military	Insufficient Data
8	Mira Loma, California	[redacted]	Astro (METEOR)
8	Hollywood, California	[redacted]	Astro (METEOR)
8	Arlington, California	[redacted]	Astro (METEOR)
9	Newport Beach, California	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
11	Toulab, France (CASE MISSING)	Military Air	Balloon
11	Big Foot, Texas	[redacted]	Balloon
11	Charlesto, - Greenville, Maine	[redacted] (Multi)	Aircraft (MILITARY OPR)
11	Stockton, California	Multi (Mil & Civ)	Astro (METEOR)
	Bakersfield, California	Military Air	
11	China Lake NAS, California	Military (RADAR)	Balloon w/Package
12	Steward AFB, Newark Valley, New York	Mil & Civ	Balloon
12	Trent, Michigan	Multi	Aircraft
12	LaCanada, California	[redacted]	Aircraft
12	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Astro (METEOR SHOWER)
13	La Habra, California	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
13	Long Beach, California	[redacted]	
	Glen Avon, California	[redacted]	Aircraft
14	Orlando, Florida	[redacted]	Insufficient Data
14	Madrid, Spain	[redacted]	Aircraft
14	Orlando, Miami, Palm Beach, Florida	Multi	Astro (METEOR)
14	Palm Beach, Florida	[redacted]	Astro (METEOR)
15	Gulf of Mexico (Off New Orleans)	[redacted]	Balloon

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

DATE	LOCATION	SOURCE	EVALUATION
July	Paterson, New Jersey	CSI Bulletin	