

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 23 Mar 58	2. LOCATION Alexandria, Virginia		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1130 PM GMT 24/0430Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civlian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10-12 secs	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE ESE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Bright obj not appearing to burn traversed sky fm WSW to ENE in 10-12 secs. Color orange or yellowish about the brightness of a first mag star. No tail.		11. COMMENTS Speed as estimated fm the distance obj traveled together w/the impression that the obj was at great height indicate th that it was a slow meteor entering at an aggle close to the tangent & not penetrat- ing to any great depth.	

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Alexandria, Va.
March 23, 1958

Dear Sir:

at about 11:30 P.M. this evening as I was returning home I noticed a strange object in the heavens which I could not identify - nor had I ever seen anything like it before.

The light was orange to yellowish, about the brightness of "Arcturus", and about the size of a star in the handle of the Big Dipper. The object had no tail such as a comet, nor did it seem to turn ^{with} up & down. It appeared in the WNW and traversed the sky in about 10-12 seconds (roughly) passing between the 2nd + 3rd stars in the handle of the Big Dipper and just north of the first star. The object moved at a uniform rate and disappeared in the ESE.

If this report is of any value or if you know what the object was I would appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,
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MEMO ROUTING SLIP

NEW USE FOR APPROVALS, DISAPPROVALS,
CONCURRENCES, OR SIMILAR ACTIONS

1 NAME OR TITLE

[Signature]

INITIALS

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CIRCULATE

ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION

DATE

4/7/58

COORDINATION

2

Major Tacker

FILE

SAFIS-3

INFORMATION

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NECESSARY
ACTION

NOTE AND
RETURN

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SEE ME

SIGNATURE

REMARKS

1. Suggested reply to letter from general public.

a. Note of thanks for reporting.

b. A check of earth satellite orbital tracks indicate the object seen was not Sputnik.

c. Although the object has not been conclusively identified as yet, we are of the opinion that it probably was a meteor.

d. The report will be used as part of our continuous study and investigation of aerial phenomena.

FROM NAME OR TITLE

James Bolieu
T Sgt James Bolieu

DATE

4/7/58

ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION

AFCIN-4E4

TELEPHONE

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FORM
1 FEB 50

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Replaces DA AGO Form 895, 1 Apr 48, and AFHQ
Form 12, 10 Nov 47, which may be used.

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11:30 PM local

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14 April 1958

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of 23 March 1958 concerning an unidentified flying object.

A check of earth satellite orbital tracks indicate the object was not a satellite.

Although the object has not been conclusively identified, a tentative analysis indicates that it probably was a meteor.

Your report will be used as a part of our continuous study and investigation of aerial phenomena.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Major, USAF
Executive Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information Services

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Alexandria, Virginia

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READER-SAFIS-1