

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 29 May 58	2. LOCATION Trenton, N.J.	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Photo Flaw</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>2330 to 2400</u> GMT <u>30/0430Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <u>Telescope</u> <input type="checkbox"/> No <u>camera</u>	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION N/A	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE N/A
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Photo taken of the moon which showed small, white unidentified speck.		11. COMMENTS In view of review & analysis by Photo unit, conclusion drawn that "speck" caused by crystallization of the grains of photographic emulsion.

ROUTING	COORDINATION
Ltr dtd 25 July 1958, Subj: (U) Unidentified Object Photographed by Moon, 29 May 58 by [REDACTED] at Trenton, N. J.	
AFCIN-4	AFCIN-4E4
Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio	
AFCIN-4X2b TO:	The Inspector General, USAF, 5th District Office of Special Investigations, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
AFCIN-4X2c	1. A review of subject photographs and attendant report has been made by this Center.
AFCIN-4X3	2. This Center does not concur with source's statement that the white speck photographed over the face of the moon is not the result of faulty equipment or poor developing materials. Examinations, involving both microscopic studies and photographic enlargements, indicate that the spot is a defect. Technically, it is the conclusion of this Center that the spot was caused by grain crystallization of the photographic emulsion on the film. These grains clump together and fuse during the development process. This is a common occurrence that in general appears in about one out of fifty photographs developed.
AFCIN-4X4	3. A review by a scientist and a professional astronomer who spent many years with the Harvard Observatory confirms this. This scientist has examined over 25,000 photographic plates and has noted many such defects.
AFCIN-4X5	4. Our investigators disclose that from official observatories and related agencies which were observing the moon at that specific time (2330 - 2400) as alleged by source, no reports were received of any object transversing the face of the moon.
AFCIN-4C	5. The fact that source, by his own admission, states that this was his first attempt at astro-photography, that he is unemployed, and that he saw fit to submit this photograph to LIFE magazine (apparently for sale), is considered significant and undoubtedly provides a clue as to the real motive behind the matter.
AFCIN-4D	6. Par. 19c, AFM 200-2, dated 8 February 1958, specifically directs that all original UFO photographs and related material be returned to the owner. Attached here is the original 35MM negative and two enlargements made therefrom for return to the owner.
AFCIN-4E	7. Inclosures, other than the original 35MM negative, have been withdrawn for entry into official UFO case files.
AFCIN-4F	
OTHERS	
1 Incl:	
1. w/d	
2. 35MM neg	
w.2 enlargements	

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AFCIN-4E4/Capt⁷ [REDACTED] ac
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(U) Unidentified Object Photographed by Moon, 29 May 58 at Trenton, N. J. OFFICIAL FILE COPY

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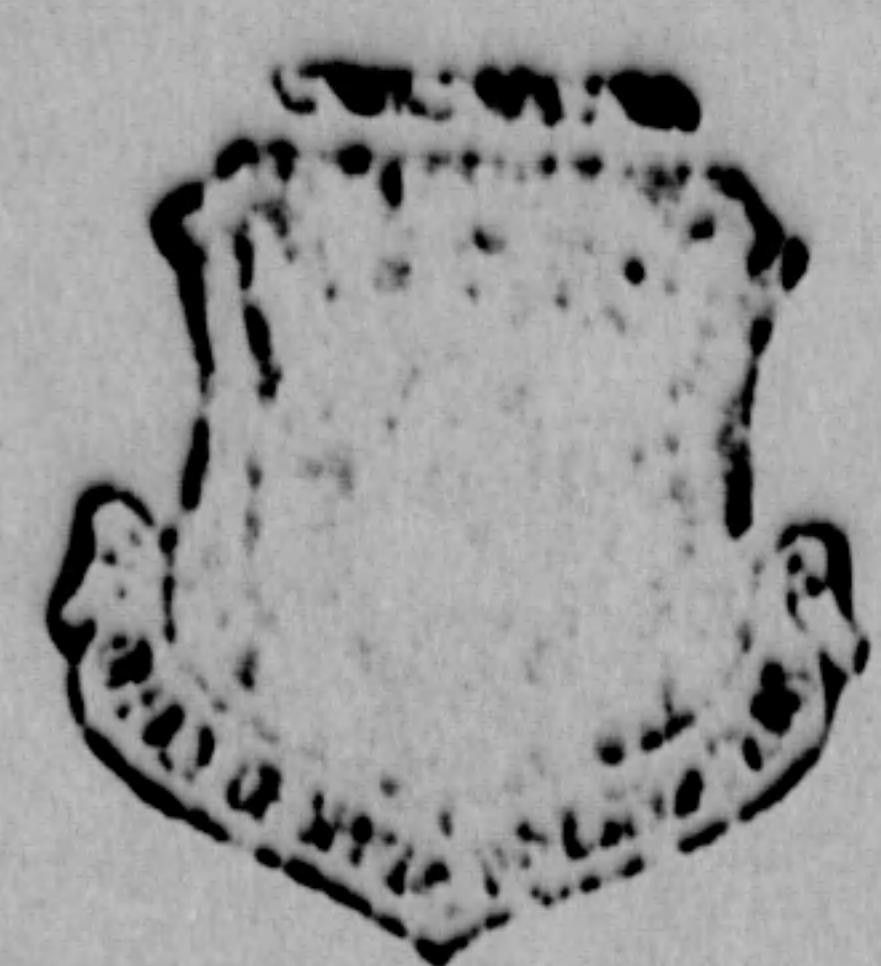
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Colonel, USAF

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WASHINGTON

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5th DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

25 July 1959

SUBJECT: (S)

Unidentified Object Photographed
in Moon, 27 May 1958, [REDACTED]
at [REDACTED], New

TO:

Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTB, AFCLN4476
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

1. Please advise Commandant for your information and any action deemed appropriate to be had (1) copy of Report of Investigation of Special Agent ALB322 S. WELLS, II, District Office No. 2, File 24-514, dated 21 July 1959, concerning subject matter.
2. It will be noted that the OSI investigation concerning this matter is in a closed status.
3. Your attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1, which prohibits the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

1 Incl

ROI, DO #2, dtd 22 Jul 58

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Dir OSI o/o 2nd

DOYLE BEES
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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TITLE
Unidentified Object Photographed
on Moon, 29 May 58 by HENRY J.
NICKLIN, at Trenton, N. J.

REPORT MADE BY
ALBERT B. WELLS II, S/A

REPORT MADE AT
DO#2, 111 E. 16th St., New York 3, N.Y.

PERIOD
16 June 1958

OFFICE OF ORIGIN
DO#2, 111 E. 16th St., New York 3, N.Y.

STATUS
CLOSED

CHARACTER
SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE
INITIAL REPORT

SYNOPSIS

Investigation initiated pursuant to request of District Commander, DO#3, subsequent to information supplied by JAMES A. REEDER, Chief, 2d U.S. Army Industrial Security Office, Philadelphia, Pa. REEDER indicated that [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Trenton, N.J., a professional photographer, had made a telescopic photograph of the moon, which reflected a small white unidentifiable speck. Original negative and copy of photograph accompanied by pertinent information supplied by [REDACTED] inclosed this report for ATIC, WPAFB, per AFR 200-2, paragraph 19.

AFR 205-8

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Dir OSI (ZI)(Incl)	2	APPROVED WILLIAM S. ROBERTS Lt Colonel, USAF For and in the absence of WILLIAM W. ROBERTS Colonel, USAF	
File	2	UNCLASSIFIED District Commander.	

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was initiated pursuant to request of District Commander, OSI District Office #3, File 24-203, dated 6 June 1958, subsequent to information supplied by Mr. JAMES A. REEDER, Chief, 2d U.S. Army Industrial Security Office, 5100 Princeton Avenue, Philadelphia 35, Pennsylvania. REEDER related that he had received a telephone call from MARTIN J. BAILEY, Superintendent, Plant Protection Department, U.S. Steel, Fairless Works, Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania. According to REEDER, BAILEY stated that a former employee, [REDACTED], Trenton, New Jersey, had produced a photograph taken of the moon on 29 May 1958 on which there was a small white unidentifiable speck. According to BAILEY, [REDACTED] is an expert photographer, presently doing research for Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey. [REDACTED] maintained that this white speck, approximately the size of a pin-head, is not the result of faulty equipment or poor developing materials.

AT PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

2. On 16 June 1958, the writer interviewed Mr. JAMES HENRY, Assistant Personnel Director, Stanhope Hall, Princeton, New Jersey, who advised that [REDACTED] had made application for work at Princeton University but was not at present hired. HENRY further stated that he was himself an amateur astronomer and had therefore asked [REDACTED] for a copy of his photograph, which he (HENRY) then forwarded for purposes of inspection to Dr. [REDACTED], Director, Project Matterhorn, Forrestal Research Laboratory, Princeton, New Jersey.

3. On 16 June 1958, [REDACTED] was interviewed by the writer. He stated he had seen a copy of the photograph in question which he considered to be "interesting". He added, however, that in the field of astronomy no opinions of a photograph could be made on a single exposure. SPITZER stated that in his opinion no significance could be paid a situation such as this without corroboration from several further photographs taken at different times.

AT TRENTON, NEW JERSEY

4. On 16 June 1958, [REDACTED] was interviewed by the writer, at his home, 944 S. Olden Avenue. He stated that the photograph was taken as one of a series of exposures on the night of 29 May 1958 between the hours of 2330 and 2400. He indicated he had been a "free-lance" photographer since 1937. He indicated the following information regarding himself:

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a. Date of Birth: 18 November 1905. Place of Birth: Trenton, New Jersey. Trenton resident for eighteen (18) years.

b. Employments:

- (1) August 1941 - September 1945. Pennsylvania Railroad - railroad police and photographer for the railroad, Trenton, New Jersey.
- (2) September 1948 - June 1950. J. A. Roebling Company, Trenton, New Jersey - guard. Free-lance photographer and night-club organist during unemployed periods.
- (3) January 1951 - 1954. Security Department, U.S. Steel, Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania.
- (4) 1952 - 12 December 1957. Industrial photographer, U.S. Steel, Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania.
- (5) 13 December 1957 to present ~~unemployed~~.

5.0 In accordance with paragraph 15, AFR 200-2, the following information was obtained regarding the photograph:

15 a. Description of the Object

- (1) Shape: round
- (2) Size compared to a known object: head of a pin
- (3) Color: white (on black and white negative)
- (4) Number: one (1) object
- (5) Formation, if more than one: N/A
- (6) Any discernable features or details: none
- (7) No tail, trail or exhaust
- (8) Sound: none.

b. Description of Course of Object

(1) Spot on 35 millimeter film negative, not observed on any other negatives exposed that or subsequent evenings.

(2) (3) (4) (5) (6) - N/A.

c. Manner of Observation

- (1) Ground visual
- (2) Statement of Optical Aids: telescope attached to camera.
(3" mirror, 40" reflector coupled to single lens reflex.)

d. Time and Date of Sighting

(1) Between 2330 and 2400 hours, Eastern Daylight Time,
29 May 1958

(2) Light Conditions: night.

e. Location of Observer: Trenton, New Jersey, 40° North -
 70° West.

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f. Identifying Data: Civilian; [REDACTED]; age: 53 years; residence: [REDACTED], Trenton, New Jersey; employment: unemployed.

g. Weather and Winds - Aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sighting(s):

(1) Observer account of weather conditions: Perfectly clear, no clouds or visable haze

(2) Report from nearest AWS or U.S. Weather Bureau Office of wind direction and velocity in degrees and knots at surface: WNW at 8 knots

6,000 feet:	320° at 16 knots
10,000 feet:	310° at 27 knots
16,000 feet:	300° at 46 knots
20,000 feet:	300° at 54 knots
30,000 feet:	300° at 73 knots
50,000 feet:	280° at 56 knots
80,000 feet:	not available

(3) Ceiling: clear

(4) Visibility: clear

(5) Amount of Cloud Cover: none

(6) Thunderstorms in Area: N/A.

The above information furnished by S/Sgt WILBUR D. JENNINGS, AF-38181443, McGuire Air Force Base, Weather Station.

h, i, j, k: N/A

1. Physical Evidence: Original negative of photograph which was furnished by NICKLIN.

6. In accordance with paragraph 17, AFR 200-2, the following comment is deemed advisable: [REDACTED] stated that subject photograph was his initial attempt at astronomical photography. [REDACTED] further stated that due to the lack of interest in his "discovery", he had forwarded a copy of the photograph to LIFE Magazine, on 11 June 1958. He further indicated he had received no answer from the magazine as of 16 June 1958. *apparently interested in monetary remunerations*

7. The following physical evidence is reported in accordance with paragraph 19, AFR 200-2:

Photographics:

- a. Type and make of Camera: Soligar, 35mm.
- b. Type, focal length, and make of lens: 40", focal length unknown, Sky-scope, respectively.
- c. Brand and type of Film: Eastman Panatomic.
- d. Shutter speed used: 100th sec.

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- e. Lens opening used: unknown - (f1.2 - 22).
- f. Filters used: N/A
- g. Tripod was used.
- h. Was "panning used": No.
- i. Direction camera was pointing with relation to true North: South-West.

INCLOSURES

FOR COMMANDER, AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER (ATIC), WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO

1. One (1) copy of photograph showing object in question, taken between 2330 and 2400 hours, 29 May 1958.
2. One (1) copy of photograph minus the object in question, taken the same night.
3. Original 35 mm negative from which photograph in question was produced.

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FOR COMMANDING GENERAL, AIR DEFENSE COMMAND, ENT AFB, COLO.

FOR DISTRICT COMMANDER, DISTRICT OFFICE NR. 5, OSI, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO

FOR COMMANDER, MCGUIRE AFB, TRENTON, NEW JERSEY

FOR DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS, WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

Copy of photograph showing object in question, taken between 2330 and 2400 hours, 29 May 1958.

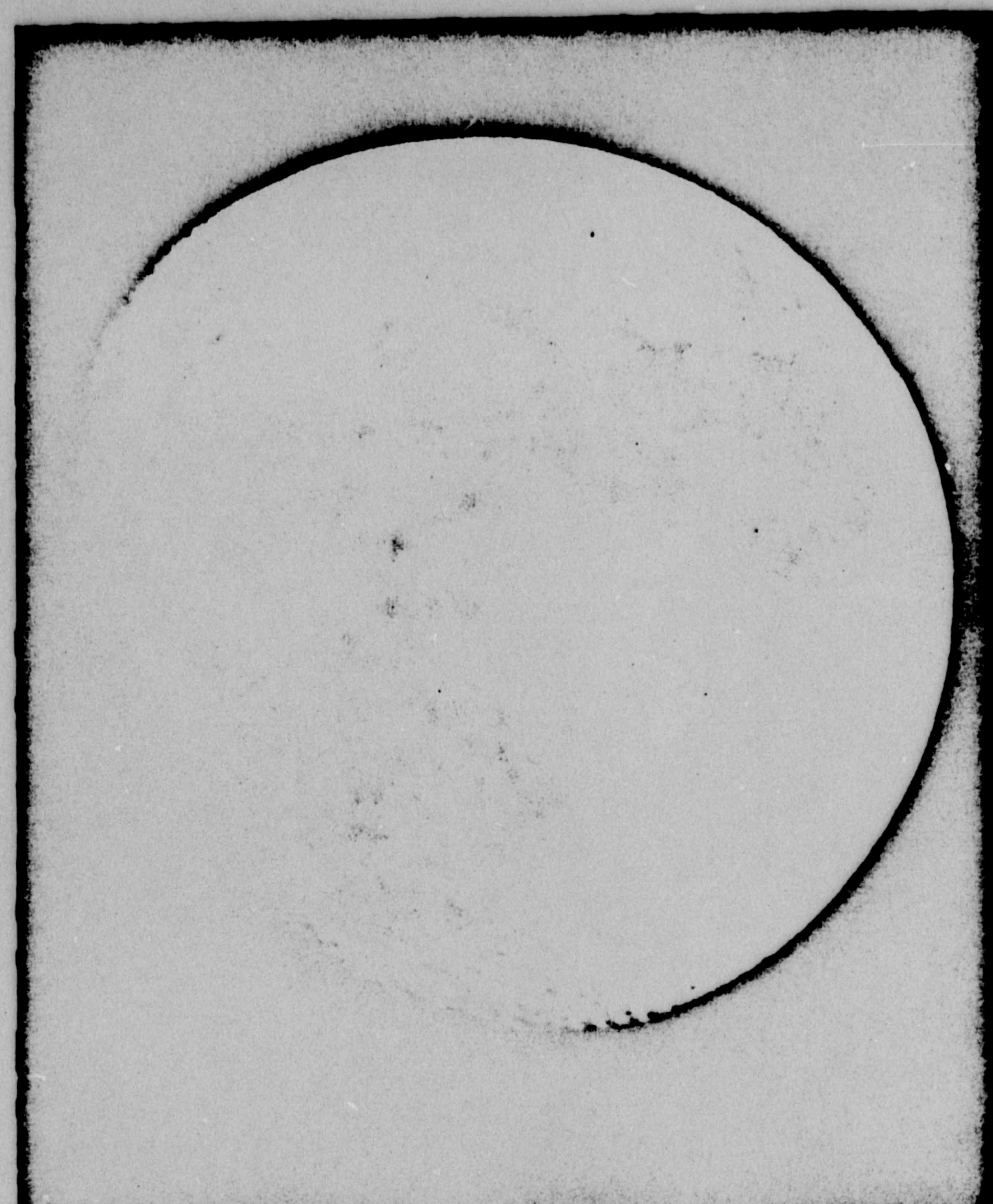
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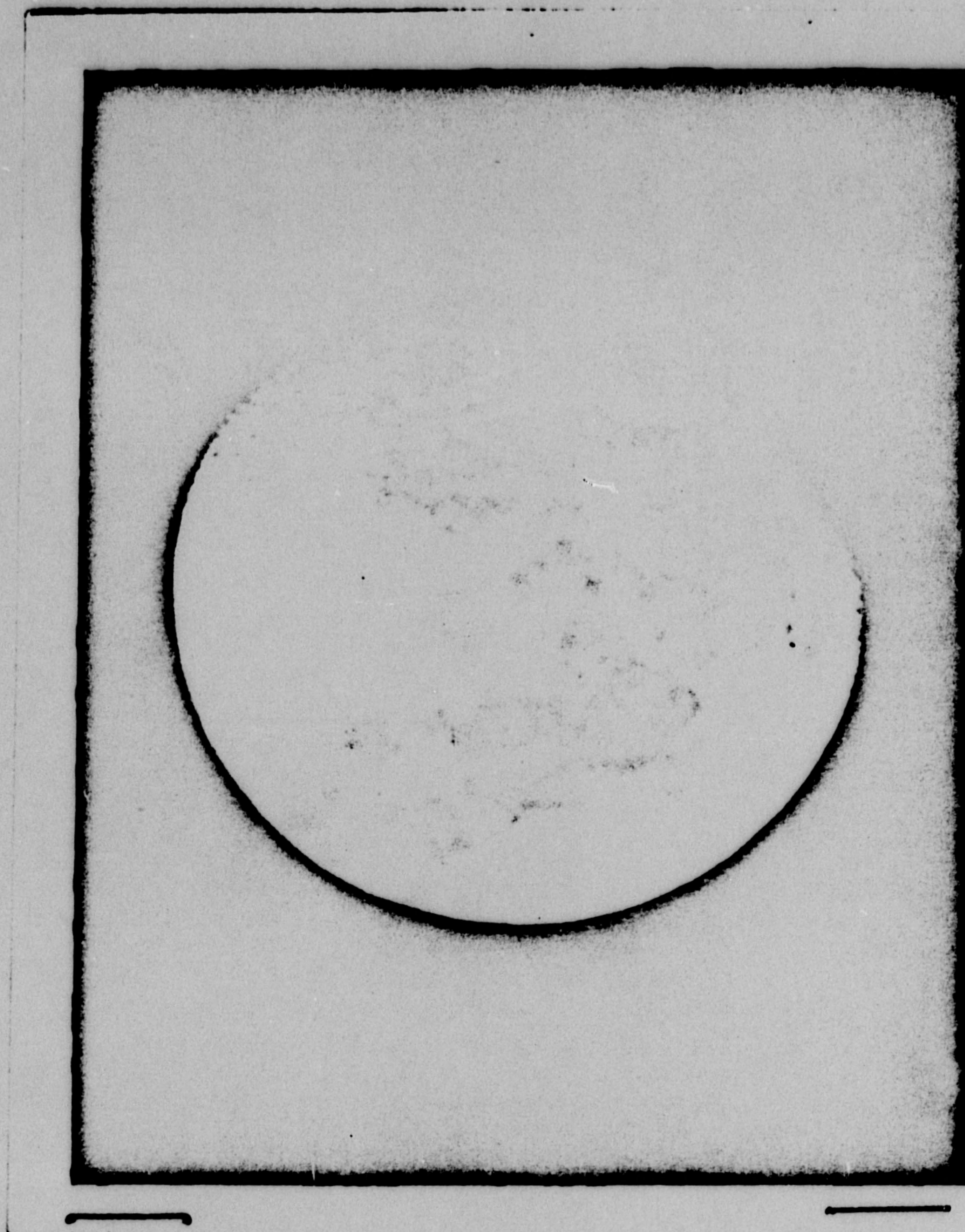
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INCLUSION

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1 ONLY 8X10
GLOSSY PHOTOGRAPH
SHOWING UNIDENTIFIED
WHITE SPECIE ON MOON

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(MAY 22) 1958

Note to Capt. "Kings"

This spot on the moon shown in enclosure 1 is
some sort of a crater. I have examined & around
25,000 photographic plates at Harvard College
Observatory and have not found such a feature.
That they were such was proved by the fact that
many pairs of plates taken with different telescopes
showed such spurious images on one plate and
nothing unusual on the other - in some cases less-
proving the suspicion of a recent move.

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29 May 1958 Trenton, New Jersey

ALL REVERSED
FLAWS

NEG = 35 MM

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>29 May 58</u>	2. LOCATION <u>N of Puerto Rico</u>	12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP <u>Local _____</u> <u>GMT 29/0759Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Meteor <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE <u>Civilian Pilots</u>		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>1½ to w seconds</u>	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>one</u>	9. COURSE <u>ESE</u>	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING <u>Yellow trail of light, appeared as meteoric, descending very rapidly ESE.</u>		11. COMMENTS <u>Probably meteor.</u>	

Witness

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/UNCLAS/OIN4782. SUBJECT: UFO

A. DESCRIPTION:

(1) UNDETERMINED - SHAPE

(2) UNDETERMINED - SIZE

(3) YELLOW (TRAIL OF LIGHT)

(4) ONE

(5) NA

(6) APPEARED AS METEORIC

NOTE

(7) UNDETERMINED

(8) NONE

*Definitely a
Meteor*

(S) DURATION 1 1/2 TO 2 SEC. RAPID DESCENT

E. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:

(1) UNDETERMINED

(2) 2430N 6835W 100 DEG N

2620N 6822W ESE POS. ELEV. UND.

(3) SAME AS ABOVE

(4) DESCENDING VERY RAPIDLY ESE

(5) UNREPORTED

(6) 1 1/2 - 2 SEC

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) AIR VISUAL 4 SEPARATE A/C

(2) UNREPORTED

0 (3) CLIPPER 297 DC6A 13M 170 DEG 250 K IDW

EASTERN 839 CONST. 19 M 170 DEG 260 K IDW

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTINGS:

(1) 29 MAY 0759Z 0727-9-4 = 0359

(2) NIGHT

E. 2430N 6835W

2620N 6822W

~~FROM~~ IDENTIFYING INFO OF ALL OBSERVERS:

(1) ~~██████████~~ 22 PERCUSSION (NY ARTC) CONTROLLER

(1) UNREPORTED

(2) SURFACE 090 DEG 10 KT 20,000' 290 DEG 25 KT
6,000' 070 DEG 10 KT 30,000' 330 DEG 15 KT
10,000 240 DEG 10 KT 50,000' 360 DEG 10 KT
16,000 260 DEG 20 KT 80,000' 360 DEG 10 KT

(3) UNREPORTED

(4) "

(5) "

(6) "

H. UNREPORTED

I. NA

J. CLIPPER 297 EASTERN 839

K. SENIOR CONTROLLER HQ 26TH AIRDIV (DEF) CAPT JOHN M FEAR

MOST PROBABLY THIS WAS A METEORITE

L. NONE

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