

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE Mid December 1958	2. LOCATION Approx 3 Mi S of Van Leer		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>(Hoax)</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>early evening</u> GMT _____	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Tennessee ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes Physical ☐ No Specimen	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION N/A	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS N/A	9. COURSE N/A	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Honeycombed material in several pieces, brownish-black, observed very high directly overhead, fell almost straight down & was recovered by observers.			11. COMMENTS The specimen was analyzed by materials lab, WADC, & was found to be partially oxidized or burned sugar.

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Aerospace Studies Inst
ATTN: Archives Branch
Maxwell AFB, Alabama

RETURN TO:

K 243.6012-1
Dec 1958

Headquarters
839TH AIR DIVISION
United States Air Force
Sewart Air Force Base, Tennessee

DO

12 JAN 1959

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Flying Object (UFO)

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

In accordance with AFR 200-2, dated 2 February 1958, Report of Unidentified Flying Object is forwarded herewith for evaluation and necessary action.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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AF Fm 112 & 112a
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COUNTRY OF ORIGIN Zone of Interior		REPORT NO.	(Leave blank)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
AREA REPORT CONCERNS West Tennessee			
AGENCY OF ORIGIN 839th Air Division Sewart Air Force Base, Tennessee		DATE OF REPORT 9 January 1959	
SOURCE OF INFORMATION Civilian		DATE OF INFORMATION 30 December 1958	
PREPARING OFFICER Major Virgil I. Lunning		EVALUATION	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) IAW AFR 200-2, dtd 2 February 1958			
SUBJECT Recovery of Astronomical Material of Unknown Substance			
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 112a.) IAW Requirement of Paragraph 15, AFR 200-2: a. (1) Honeycombed. (2) Largest portion about the size of a baseball. (3) Brownish-black. (4) One large and several smaller pieces. (5) Appears honeycombed. (6) Somewhat of an odorless plastic like material. (7) N/A (8) None. (9) None. b. (1) A bright glow which was observed high in the sky caused by intense burning. (2) Very high and directly overhead. (3) Object fell earthward and was recovered by observers. (4) Earthward almost straight down. (5) N/A (6) Estimate unknown. c. (1) Ground-visual. (2) No optical aids employed. (3) N/A d. (1) Unknown. (2) Night. e. (1) Approximately three (3) miles south of Vanleer, Dickson County, Tenn. Coordinates 37°27'W - 36°12'N. f. (1) Civilian - Mr. A [REDACTED], age 74 and wife, [REDACTED], Vanleer, Dickson County, Tennessee. g. (1) Unknown. (2) INCLS. Not available due to uncertain date of incident.			
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency) 839th Air Division Sewart Air Force Base, Tennessee	REPORT NO.	PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES
(3) Unknown. (4) Unknown. (5) Unknown. (6) Unknown. h. None known i. None j. None known k. Preparing Officer's Position Title - Air Division Operations & Training Officer. Comments - On 30 December 1958 the Air Provost Marshal received a telephone call from a Mr. [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Nashville, Tennessee reporting the possession of the above mentioned matter. Two (2) Air Policemen were dispatched to the above cited residence to receive the material. Upon the delivery of the material to the base, the preparing officer was contacted at which time a telephone conversation was established with Mr. [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that subject material had been recovered on the farm of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Vanleer, Dickson County, Tennessee approximately the middle of December 1958 and had been sighted by them during the early evening hours. It was observed, at first, to be high in the sky decending rapidly and burning intensely. As it decended its rate of fall decreased until near the earth it appeared as a floating object. This could account for the decreasing density of the substance which apparently was rather heavy upon initial observation. Recovered material is very light and porous. l. Subject material is in security at Sewart Air Force Base, Tennessee awaiting disposition instructions.		

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REVISED ESTIMATED DATE OF COMPLETION OF SUBORDER

TO: WORTO-2 P
ATIC-444 (IN TURN)
ATTN: Maj. R. Friend

FROM: WCLTYA

DATE: 27 Mar 59

This Laboratory finds it necessary to extend the time required to complete the following suborder dated 28 Jan 59, which was received from your organization.

WORK REQUESTED

Determine nature of material for use in analyzing U.F.O. Case.

WORK CONTROL NO.
Y-13

ORIGINAL EST COMPLETION DATE
31 Mar 59

REVISED EST COMPLETION DATE
6 April 1959

PROJECT ENGINEER Miss M. R. Ryan

TELEPHONE EXT.
26180

THIS EXTENSION IS A RESULT OF:

- () DELAY IN RECEIVING SAMPLES OR INSTRUCTIONS FROM YOUR ORGANIZATION.
- () HIGHER PRIORITY WORK REQUIREMENTS TAKING PRECEDENCE.
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- () EQUIPMENT FAILURES.
- () REPORT IN PREPARATION.
- () OTHER (Specify) Project Engineer on leave.

REMARKS:

SIGNATURE: *JAB*

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(27 Jun 55)

P. Y. STANTON
1947
Staff Assistant
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Development Branch
Operations Office
Materials Laboratory

SUBORDER

(See WADCR 83-16)

1. TO (Supporting Orgn) WCLTYA		2. DATE 28 Jan 59		3. FOR SERVICE IN SUPPORT OF: SYSTEM NO.		4. FILE OR LEDGER NO. INITIATING ORGN	
5. DATE COMPLETION REQ		6. PRIORITY		PROJECT NO. #5741		SUPPORTING ORGN	
7. SECURITY CLASSIFICATION OF WORK REQUESTED N/R		8. PRECEDENCE RATING		TASK NO.			
9. A/C TYPE, MODEL AND SERIAL NO.				TECH GROUPING		OTHER	
WADC FORM 56 ☐ HAS ☐ HAS NOT BEEN INITIATED.				TITLE Project Blue Book			
10. DESCRIPTION OF WORK 1. Determine nature of material for use in analyzing U. F. O. case. m P-5117 (69216)							
CONTINUED ON REVERSE SIDE ☐							
FOR USE OF RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATION							
11. INITIATOR Robert J. Fernald (May) ATIL ORGN CODE AF 144 EXT 69216		12. SECTION CHIEF ORGN CODE EXT		13. CHIEF (Responsible Orgn or Rep)			
FOR USE OF SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION							
14. ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE 31 Mar 59 MAN-HOURS 20		15. PROJECT ENGINEER OR PLANNER M. RYAN WCLTYA ORGN CODE EXT 26180		16. CHIEF (Supporting Orgn or Rep) F. F. BENTLEY Chief, Analytical Section Materials Physics Branch Materials Laboratory			
CLOSING ACTION							
17. REASON: ☐ COMPLETED ☐ CANCELLED		20. CHIEF (Supporting Orgn or Rep)		21. CHIEF (Responsible Orgn or Rep) JAN 1959			
18. DATE COMPL		19. M/HRS EXP					

WRIGHT AIR DEVELOPMENT CENTER
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

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EVALUATION REPORT

PROJECT BLUE BOOK

REPORT NR: WCLTY-59-30

DATE: 6 April 1959

PROJECT NR: 5771

TYPE EVALUATION:

MANUFACTURER:

SPEC NR:

SUBMITTED BY: ATIC-4E4
ATTN: Maj. R. Friend

ITEM SERIAL NR:

I. PURPOSE:

Determine nature of material for use in analyzing U.F.O. Case.

II. FACTUAL DATA:

1. A dark brown amorphous material was submitted and assigned Materials Physics Branch Serial No. 5117.
2. The solubility of the material was examined. It was found to be insoluble in the usual organic solvents (chloroform, ether, benzene, etc). The material was soluble in water and methanol and formed a syrup.
3. Infrared spectra of the methanol extract and of a pyrolozate of the sample were obtained. The spectra were compared with a spectrum of a pyrolozate of sucrose and found to be similar. The submitted sample appears, therefore, to be a sugar.
4. To confirm this, a small quantity of the sample was dissolved in ethanol and some 2,4 dinitrophenylhydrazine reagent added. A crystalline precipitate formed on standing.
5. A water solution of the submitted sample was found to readily reduce Fehling's solution. If the sample was pure sucrose, it would not reduce Fehling's solution, but in the partially oxidized state of the sample, some hydrolysis products would be present.
6. An emission spectra of the submitted sample shows between 0.1 to 1% silicon plus a trace of magnesium, aluminum, iron and calcium.

III. CONCLUSIONS:

The submitted sample MP 5117 appears to be a partially oxidized or burned sugar. The results of the tests run on it indicate it is probably a mixture of mono and disaccharides.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS:

None, data merely submitted.

COORDINATED BY:

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PUBLICATION REVIEW

This report has been reviewed and is approved.

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