

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 10 Jul 59		2. LOCATION Potsdam, New York		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2030 GMT 11/0130Z Jul 59		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		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Civilian		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 mins		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 2		9. COURSE W	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING A streak of brilliant light (like lightning, but constant) about three ft long & one inch thick. There was a space of about 1 ft, and there was a second one. The two appeared to be moving rapidly.				11. COMMENTS Delay in rpt & info given did not warrant follow-up questioning. Sighting too slow for meteor. Possessed characteristics of a/c.	

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Potsdam, N.Y.
July 12, 1959

Secretary of Defense
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:


The following experience and observation is one which I believe should be reported to the proper authorities. On the evening of ^{Friday} July 10, 1959 between 8:30 and 9:00, while driving, a friend and I noticed in the sky, considerably above the horizon, a streak of brilliant light (like lightning, but constant), about three feet long; it appeared to be about one inch thick. There was a space of about one foot and then there was a second one. The two appeared to be moving rapidly. My friend said, there was a brighter light at the front end. We watched as closely as we could for about two minutes but before we could park the car they gradually grew faint and out of sight. They were moving west (at least we saw them in the western sky). Potsdam is in northern N.Y. state.

about twenty miles from Massena (St. Lawrence
Power Development and Seaway).

I expected perhaps others had seen the phenomenon
but saw nothing in the papers until this morning.
I am enclosing the clipping. It is a very similar
description of what we saw.

The reason for reporting it is that the same
observation was made by us in northeastern
U.S. as was seen by these pilots in western U.S.

I hope my description sounds coherent; it
is a little difficult to describe something
not seen before.

P. J. We are both college graduates and have not imagined this! (Miss) 

Very truly yours,

The clipping is from Syracuse Herald American
July 10, 1959, Syracuse, N.Y.

SAUCERS ARE FLYING THE PACIFIC

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Pilots of three Pan American passenger planes reported sighting unidentified flying objects early today as they headed for Honolulu.

Capt. George Wilson radioed that objects with "extremely bright light, surrounded by smaller lights" and traveling very fast, appeared to be bearing down on the plane at an altitude of 21,000 feet. Suddenly the y veered to the south and disappeared, after about 10 seconds, he said.

Wilson gave his location as about 840 miles from Honolulu, en route from San Francisco, and the time as 6:02 a.m. Pacific daylight.

Capt. Noble Sprunger, flying from Los Angeles to Honolulu, and Capt. E. G. Kelley, whose flight left San Francisco for Hawaii about half an hour ahead of the Wilson plane, also radioed they had seen the objects around 6 a.m.

The reports were turned over to military authorities.