

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 14 Sep 59		2. LOCATION Philadelphia, Pennsylvania		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical (ALTAIR) ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 15/0106Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 hr & still visible		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE generally S	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Circular obj observed as a glowing white obj near the moon. At 45° elev & about 5° fm the moon. Movement was rptd as East & generally South. Additional info was requested & at the second observation the obj had moved to 15° North of the moon.				11. COMMENTS Star Altair (magnitude 0.9) was in the position indicated. Color changes probably due to atmospheric conditions at the time of the sighting.	

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/UNCLAS/OIN 09338. SUBJ: UFO. FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2:

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT.

- (1) CIRCULAR IN SHAPE
- (2) PEA AT ARMS LENGTH
- (3) GLOWING YELLOWING WHITE WHEN FIRST OBSERVED. ONE HOUR LATER
HAD CHANGED TO A BLUE GREEN.
- (4) ONE
- (5) NOT APPLICABLE
- (6) NONE

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(7) NONE

(8) NONE

(9) NONE

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

(1) YELLOWISH WHITE OBJECT FIRST THOUGHT TO BE A FALLING STAR. AFTER BEING OBSERVED FOR 5 - 6 MINUTES, OBSERVER REPORTED SIGHTING TO OSI, MCGUIRE AFB. OBJECT WAS BROUGHT TO ATTENTION OF WIFE AT TIME OF SECOND OBSERVATION ONE HOUR LATER. REPORTED SHE HAD DIFFICULTY AT FIRST OBSERVING OBJECT.

(2) 80 TO 50 DEGREES ABOVE THE HORIZON CLOSE TO OVERHEAD. 30 DEGREES DUE EAST GOING IN A SOUTHERN DIRECTION. SEEMED TO BE VERY HIGH.

(3) STILL VISIBLE WHEN OBSERVATION CEASED.

(4) OBJECT APPEARED TO BE IN ORBIT IN OR NEAR THE MOON AT TIME OF FIRST OBSERVATION. ONE HOUR LATER, IT APPEARED TO BE FURTHER SOUTH AND NOT NEAR THE MOON AT ALL. DURING THE FIRST 5 TO 6 MINUTE OBSERVATION PERIOD, THE OBJECT MOVED SOUTH ABOUT 50 FEET IN A WAVERING ELLIPTICAL PATTERN GOING AROUND AND AROUND.

(5) OBJECT STILL VISIBLE WHEN LAST OBSERVED.

(6) FIRST OBSERVATION FOR A PERIOD OF 5 TO 6 MINUTES. ONE HOUR

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LATER, OBJECT AGAIN OBSERVED FOR 5 TO 6 MINUTES.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

- (1) GROUND-VISUAL
- (2) NAKED EYE
- (3) NOT APPLICABLE

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

- (1) 15/0106 30 59

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER(S):

NORTHEAST OF PHILADELPHIA, 2123 OAKMONT ST

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER(S):

- (1) CIVILIAN, [REDACTED] (NMI) [REDACTED], AGE 37, [REDACTED] ST.,
PHILADELPHIA, PA. HOME 'PHONE: [REDACTED]; BUSINESS 'PHONE:
[REDACTED]. OCCUPATION: ASST DIR OF A TECHNICAL DIVISION
WITH THE U.S. MARINE CORPS, PHILA.

ESTIMATE OF CREDIBILITY: UNKNOWN

- (2) CIVILIAN, [REDACTED], WIFE.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING:

- (1) NO WIND. MOON VERY BRIGHT. BEAUTIFUL FALL NIGHT WITH FALL
SKY.

- (2) 12TH WEATHER SQUADRON, DET NR. 4, NEW YORK ADS. ALTITUDE/

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EGREES/KNOTS:

SURFACE 200/03

5,000/260/10

10,000/290/50

20,000/290/55

30,000/280/65

38,000/280/125

50,000/280/85

80,000/UNK/UNK

(3) 15/0100Z SCATTERED AT 7,000 FT.

(4) 15 MILES

(5) LESS THAN 3/10THS

(6) NONE

H. NO OTHER UNUSUAL ACTIVITY OF CONDITIONS.

I. NO INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN DUE TO DELAY IN RECEIPT OF REPORT.

J. CONSIDERABLE AIR TRAFFIC IN THIS AREA AT ALL TIMES.

K. REPORT PREPARED BY MAJ WILLIAM H. GREENHALGH, JR., 33799A, CHIEF INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, HQ, NEW YORK AIR DEFENSE SECTOR, MCGUIRE AFB, NJ. THERE IS NO CORRELATION BETWEEN THIS SIGHTING AND ANY KNOWN OR

JOINT MESSAGEFORM				SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED			
SPACE BELOW RESERVED FOR COMMUNICATION CENTER							
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PRECEDENCE		TYPE MSG (Check)			ACCOUNTING SYMBOL	ORIG. OR REFERS TO	CLASSIFICATION OF REFERENCE
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INFO					X		
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ATIC W-P AFB							
TO:							
NYADS, McGuire AFB, N. J.							
/UNCLAS/FROM: AFCIN-4E4g <u>9-1924-E</u> YOUR MSG OIN 09338, DTD 15 SEP 59. AT FIRST OBSERVATION THE OBJ WAS REPORTED IN OR NEAR THE MOON, CLOSE TO OVERHEAD. AN ASTRO PLOT SHOWS THE MOON TO BE IN THE SE, APPROX 40 DEG ABOVE THE HORIZON. REQ A CLARIFICATION OF THIS POINT. HOW DID SOURCE DETERMINE THAT BOTH OBJECTS WERE ONE AND THE SAME WHEN THEY WERE SIGHTED ONE HOUR APART? DID EITHER OBJECT DISAPPEAR? WHAT WAS THE ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH WHEN THEY WERE OBSERVED? SOURCE STATES THE FIRST OBJ MOVED ABOUT 50 FT. HOW WAS THIS DETERMINED? COORDINATION: AFCIN-4E4 <u>Richard R. Shoop</u> ^{Col.} DATE <u>18 Sept</u> AFCIN-4E <u>Gluey</u> DATE <u>18 Sept</u>							
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		17		1310			
		MONTH		YEAR			
		SEP		1959			
SYMBOL AFCIN-4E4g TYPED NAME AND TITLE. (Signature if required) Major Robert J. Friend PHONE 69216 SECURITY CLASSIFICATION UNCLASSIFIED				SIGNATURE TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE PHILIP G. EVANS Colonel, USAF AFCIN-4E			

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SUSPECTED OBJECTS OR EVENTS WHICH MIGHT EXPLAIN IT. OTHE UFO REPORTS
HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED BY OTHER OBSERVERS FROM THIS PART OF PHILADELPHIA
IN THE PAST BUT NO CORRELATION HAS BEEN POSSIBLE IN ANY OF THESE
CASES.

L. NONE

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/UNCLAS/OIN 29653. SUBJECT: FOLLOW UP ON "UFO". REFERENCE YOUR MESSAGE AFCIN 44G 9-1924E, 171810Z SEP 59. ITEM 1. CLARIFICATION ON POSITION OF OBJECT WHEN INITIALLY OBSERVED. ANSWER. FURTHER INTERROGATION OF OBSERVER REVEALS THAT OBJECT WAS SIGHTED APPROX 45 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON AND APPROX FIVE DEGREES ABOVE MOON. ITEM 2. SOURCE COULD NOT DEFINITELY STATE THAT OBJECT OBSERVED AT 150200Z WAS THE SAME AS OBJECT OBSERVED AT 150100Z. SOURCE INDICATED THAT HE LOOKED IN SAME DIRECTION BOTH TIMES. HE INDICATED THAT THE MOON HAD MOVED DURING THE ONE-HOUR TIME LAPSE IN OBSERVATION PERIODS. OBJECT (2nd) VIEWED AT 150200Z APPEARED ABOUT 15-20 DEGREES NORTH OF THE MOON.

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ITEM 3. OBJECTS DID NOT DISAPPEAR DURING OBSERVATION PERIODS, OBJECT STILL VISIBLE WHEN SOURCE CEASED OBSERVATION. ITEM 4. ELEVATION AND AZIMUTH. AT FIRST SIGHTING: MOON AZIMUTH 135 DEGREES FROM NORTH, ELEVATION 40 DEGREES. OBJECT AZIMUTH 165 DEGREES FROM NORTH, ELEVATION 45 DEGREES. AT SECOND SIGHTING: MOON AZIMUTH 150 DEGREES FROM NORTH ELEVATION 40 DEGREES. OBJECT AZIMUTH 165 DEGREES FROM NORTH, ELEVATION 45 DEGREES. ITEM 5. DETERMINATION OF DISTANCE OBJECT MOVED. SOURCE IS QUITE VAGUE ON THIS SUBJECT. HE SAID HE BASED THIS FIFTY FOOT STATEMENT ON HIS ESTIMATE OF A FIFTY FOOT CIRCLE ON THE EARTH AND COMPOSED THIS CIRCLE TO THE DISTANCE COVERED BY THE OBJECT, HE APPEARED CONFUSED AND VAGUE AND UNABLE TO CLEARLY OR ACCURATELY DESCRIBE THIS ESTIMATE.

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Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

TO: New York Air Defense Sector (OIN), McGuire AFB, New Jersey

Reference paragraph three, basic correspondence, request contact be made with as many of the witnesses as possible, and a detailed statement of their impressions of the sighting be forwarded to this Center. A list of the witnesses is attached.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Philip C. Evans
PHILIP C. EVANS

Colonel, USAF

Deputy for Sciences and Components

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2. List of names and addresses

COORDINATION:

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/UNCLAS/OIN 09399. SUBJ: "UFO INFORMATION." REFERENCE YOUR MSG
AFCIN 4E4G 8-1725-E. THIS HQ HAS BEEN UNABLE TO CONTACT OBSERVER IN
QUESTION. EFFORTS WILL CONTINUE AND REQUIRED INFORMATION WILL BE
FORWARDED WHEN RECEIVED.

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