

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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| 1. DATE <u>24 Sep 59</u> | | 2. LOCATION <u>North Carolina, Va. Area</u> | | 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 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 | |
| 3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>24/2341Z</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 | | | |
| 5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | | 6. SOURCE <u>Civilian & Military</u> | | | |
| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>max 30 secs</u> | | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>one</u> | | 9. COURSE <u>West</u> | |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Six rpts w/generally the same info of obj burning w/tail. Predominant color green or blue-green. Movement generally West. Speed slow for meteor. | | | | 11. COMMENTS Multiple rpt describing the obj indicated that it was a slow moving meteor & very bright. | |

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Williamsburg
Virginia

August

1960

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1960 AUG 10 PM 3 00

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NASA

National Aeronautics and Space Administration
Washington, D.C.

Subject: Unidentified aerial object (meteor ?)

Sirs:

Not knowing what Government agency is interested in reports and description of unusual aerial objects, I decided to write to you, thinking you would have some interest in such reports, or could advise me where to send them.

Last September (1959) I sighted by chance an object moving through the sky in the manner of a meteor. It was larger than most meteors, however, and was bright green. The local newspapers had reported a day or two before that several green objects had been sighted in the early evening and were thought to be meteors. The object that I sighted was seen in the middle of the night, and I read no reports of it. I wrote down as detailed data as I could, all angles, etc. being estimated since I had no instruments.

If you should be interested in the data that I put down, I will be glad to send it to you. It will cover about one page, typewritten.

It was only recently that I decided it might be of some interest or value. If this subject is not of direct interest to your organization, I will appreciate it if you will send this letter to the proper agency.

Yours truly,
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NATIONAL
AERONAUTICS
AND SPACE
ADMINISTRATION



NASA HEADQUARTERS
1520 H STREET NORTHWEST
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
TELEPHONE: EXECUTIVE 3-3260 TWX: WA 755

IN REPLY REFER TO

AB 2450

March 16, 1961

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Williamsburg, Virginia

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

This is in further response to your letter of August 8, 1960, in which you report the sighting of an unidentified flying object.

We wish to thank you for your interest in submitting the information contained in your letter. As you may know, a number of similar observations have been reported for which there is no particularly satisfactory explanation. This agency has neither the assignment nor the facilities to investigate such occurrences. We have, therefore, forwarded your letter to the Department of the Air Force which has the primary responsibility for investigating this type of phenomenon.

Very truly yours,

James A. Hootman

[REDACTED], Secretary
Inventions and Contributions Board

cc: Commander
Air Tactical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

Enclosure: Letter from Mr. [REDACTED]

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AEROSPACE TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AFCIN-4E2x

SUBJECT: UFO Sightings

30 MAR 1961

TO: SAFOI-3d (L/Col *Adelman* ~~Tucker~~)

1. Attached are copies of letters which were forwarded to ATIC by the CAA and the NASA reporting the sighting of unidentified flying objects. The information contained in these letters is not sufficient for a conclusion to be reached by ATIC; therefore, request ATIC Forms #164 be sent to the witnesses for their completion and forwarding directly to this Center, Attn: AFCIN-4E2x.

2. Addresses of the witnesses are as follows:

M. [redacted] th
[redacted] et
Lanett, Alabama

[redacted]
[redacted]
Williamsburg, Virginia

3. If the above witnesses know of any other witnesses to the sightings, request this information be included in their reports.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Philip G. Evans
PHILIP G. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science and Components

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1. Fax cy ltr 5 Mar 61 fr

[redacted] to CAA

2. Fax cy ltr 8 Aug 61 fr

[redacted] to NASA

4 April 1961

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your letter of August 8, 1960, addressed to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration was referred to this office April 3, 1961.

The Air Force is assigned the responsibility for investigating all reports of unusual aerial objects over the U.S., including those that become labeled unidentified flying objects.

To insure adequate evaluation of these sightings it is necessary that cases be reported as soon as possible after sighting and that complete information be included. Since the sighting made by you occurred in 1959 it would be most difficult, if not impossible, to render an evaluation that would lead to a conclusion. However, I am enclosing ATIC form #164 for you to complete if you so desire. The completed form should be mailed to: Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, ATTN: AFCIN-4E2x.

For your information, I am also enclosing a copy of the latest Department of Defense fact sheet, Air Force UFO Report.

Your interest in this matter is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

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ATIC Form #164
DOD Fact Sheet

WILLIAM T. COLEMAN, JR.
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Williamsburg, Virginia

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INCOMING

23 SEPT 59

UNCLASSIFIED
ROUTINE

AF IN : 1753 (1 Oct 59) R/T/dq
ACTION: CIN
INFO : OOP, SAFS, SMD
FROM : COMDR 4TH TAC FTR WG SEYMOUR JOHNSON AFB NC
TO : ADC ENT AFB COLO
32D ADIV DOBBINS AFB GA
WPAFB OHIO
HQCOMDUSAF BOLLING AFB WASH DC
NR : TFO-I 09-0704 252200Z SEP 59

Subject: UFO

A. Description of object:

1. Round
2. Size of an orange
3. Bluish-Green color
4. One
5. None
6. None
7. Tail-very long streak-100 times diameter
8. No sound
9. None

B. Description of course:

1. Sitting in Tower and facing South East
2. 30 degrees angle of elevation-5000 to 7000 feet
3. 30 degrees angle of elevation-5000 to 7000 feet
4. Travelled at constant altitude
5. Evaporated in west
6. Visible for about 5 seconds

C. Manner of observation:

1. Ground visual
2. No optical aids used
3. Ground sighting

D.

1. Sighted at 2341Z Sep 59
2. Night

E. Observer was located at Seymour Johnson AFB, Tower, Goldsboro, North Carolina (3520-7758W).

F.

1. None
2. A/2C Reed, Jan C., AF14578480, Det 12, 3rd Weather Sq.

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AF IN : 56002 (25 Sep 59)

INCOMING

ACTION: CIN

INFO : OOP, SAFS

24 SEP 59
JFO file

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OO RJEZHQ

DE RJEZBL 27

O 252140Z

FM BASE OPS BOLLING AFB DC

TO RJWFALB/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJEZSN/26AIR DIV SYRACUSE AF STN NY

RJEDSQ/COMDR ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/ASST CHIEF OF STAFF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASH DC

RJEZHQ/OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES HQ USAF WASH DC

INFO RUEPBL/1006 AISS FORT BELVOIR VA

AF GRNC

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UNCLASS/OG/0020J/UFO REFERENCE AFR 200-2 PAR 15:

A. (1) ROUND WITH TAIL

(2) APPROX. 1/2 SIZE OF NOON DAY SUN

(3) BRIGHT GREEN WITH WHITE TAIL AND ENCIRCLED WITH WHITE AURORA.

(4) ONE

(5) N/A

(6) HAD BRIGHTNESS OF A HALF-FULL MOON AND 1/2 SPEED OF A
SHOOTING STAR.

(7) ARCING WHITE TAIL

(8) NONE

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AF IN : 1753 (1 Oct 59)

NR : TFO-I 09-0704 fm 4th TACFTRWG, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC (Cont'd)

Seymour Johnson AFB, NC., 24 years of age, weather observer for 3 years.

G.

1. Weather was clear, visibility unlimited
2. Seymour Johnson AFB weather reported. Winds.
 - 2000 feet 130 degrees 5 kts.
 - 5000 feet 070 degrees 5 kts.
 - 10000 feet 140 degrees 5 kts.
 - 15000 feet light and variable.
 - 20000 feet 260 degrees 25 kts.
 - 30000 feet 270 degrees 10 kts.
 - 40000 feet 270 degrees 25 kts.
 - 50000 feet 270 degrees 20 kts
3. Ceiling, none
4. Good visibility
5. No cloud cover
6. No thunderstorms

H. No known meteorological activity

I. No interception action taken

J. B-66 serial number 530431, Pilots name: Lt. Finfinger took off 2333Z. No sighting reported.

K. The preparing officer is Captain Greenberg, Max W. Intelligence Hq. 4th Tac Ftr Wg. This object was also seen from the ground by the following Seymour Johnson personnel: Major Lundy, Glenn E, Pilot, OPS Off 4TACFTRWG, Lt. Gaffney, John t, Pilot 4TH TACFTRWG, S/Sgt Smith, Larry, Control Tower Tech, 7 years experience 1043-1 AACS, Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C. They all agreed that the object was round with a long tail blue green in color and no sound. They also agreed that the object was traveling parallel to the ground at approximately 30 degrees elevation, and then suddenly disappeared. The description of the size of the object varied from the size of a orange to the size of a basketball. Although each one reported the altitude as constant their estimated ranged from where officer, here, Lt. Bates called it a meteor, however, he was puzzled by the level flight and low altitude. The direction of travel is contrary to known man made satellites.

L. None-no radar pickup by AC & W Site at Kure Beach, N.C.

NOTE : Msg received from Bolling AFB by courier.

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(9) NONE REPORTED

B. (1) BRIGHT REFLECTION IN SKY

(2) 45 DEGREE ARC APPROX. 25 DEGREE TO 30 DEGREE ABOVE THE
HORIZON COVERING AN ARC OF 15 DEGREES BETWEEN 2 AND 3 SECS.

(3) IT DISAPPEARED BEHIND TREE TOPS.

(4) STEADY PATH ARC

(5) SEE B4

(6) VISIBLE FOR 8 TO 10 SECONDS BEFORE OBLITERATED BY TREES

C. (1) GROUND VISUAL - IN AUTOMOBILE.

(2) NONE

(3) N/A

D. (1) 2344ZULU, 24 SEPTEMBER 1959

(2) DUSK

E. (1) OBSERVER WAS DRIVING AUTOMOBILE AT FORT BELVOIR VA

F. (1) N/A

(2) MILITARY [REDACTED] LT/COL, [REDACTED] DCS/O, HQ USAF
AFOOP-RC., AMATEUR ASTRONOMER TEL: 76827

G. (1) CLEAR 7 MILES WITH HAZE.

(2) SURFACE CALM, 4000 - 250-16, 10,000 - 280-14, 15,000 - 280-17.
20,000 - 280-25, 25,000 - 270-29 50,000 - 280-33

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(3) NONE

(4) 15 PLUS

(5) HIGH THIN SCATTERED

(6) NONE

H. NONE REPORTED AT ADW

I. NOT KNOWN

J. NOT KNOWN

K. TO BE DETERMINED

L. NONE. LTCOL COLLINS WIFE ALSO SAW THE OBJECT.

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25/2145Z SEP RJEZBL

NOTE : Advance copy delivered to CIN

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8. NO SOUND

9. NONE

B.

1. DRIVING IN CAR AND HAPPENED TO LOOK UP AND SEE IT

2. APPEARED NOT TOO HIGH: AZMUTH UNCERTAIN

3. SAME AS 2. ABOVE

4. EAST TO WEST - SPEED SLOW- STRAIGHT LINE OF FLIGHT

5. DISAPPEARED BEHIND MOUNTAIN

6. VISIBLE FOR ABOUT THIRTY SECONDS

C.

1. GROUND - VISUAL

2. NO OPTICAL AIDS

3. N/A

D.

1. 24/2345Z SEPT

2. DUSK

E.

1. 37 DEGREES 25 MINUTES NORTH; 79 DEGREES 10 MINUTES WEST

2. 5 MILES NORTHWEST OF LYNCHBURG VA

F.

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D/H/ms

AF IN : 56299 (26 Sep 59)

ACTION: CIN

INFO : OOP, SAFS

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P 252000Z

FM 649TH RADARON BEDFORD VA

TO RJWFAL/ADC

RJEZSN/26 ADIV

RJEDSQ/ATIC

RJEZHQ/ASST CHIEF OF STAFF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF

RJEZHQ/OIS HQ USAF

INFO RJWFAL/1006 AISS

RJEDAM/WAADS

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UNCLAS UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORT

MSG FORMAT REFERENCES AFR 200-2 PAR 15.

A.

1. CIGAR SHAPED

2. APPROX SIZE OF NIKE ROCKET

3. GREEN BODY, RED NOSE, AND WHITE TRAIL LIKE FIRE OR EXHAUST

4. ONE

5. N/A

6. NO VISIBLE WINGS OR COCKPIT

7. WHITE TRAIL (SEE 3. ABOVE) SIZE OF TRAIL UNKNOWN

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1. CIVILIAN--~~ALBERT D. BENDERS~~

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~
MARLTOWN NJ

5. PHONE ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~

T. SALES ENGINEER

G.

1. CLEAR WEATHER

2. WINDS-- NEGLIGIBLE UP TO 30000 FT. ABOVE THIS 270 AT 15-20 K

3. UNLIMITED

4. UNLIMITED

5. NNE

6. NONE

H.

1. POSSIBLE METEOR IN AREA (SEE K. BELOW)

I.

1. NONE

J.

1. NONE THAT PROBABLY COULD HAVE CAUSED SIGHTING

K.

1. ROBERT L BUTTERFIELD 1/LT USAF OPERATIONS OFFICER

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2. AT THE SAME TIME AS THIS SIGHTING MANY OTHER REPORTS OF A SIMILAR OBJECT WERE RECEIVED BY OTHER AGENCIES.

ONE OF THESE REPORTS CAME FROM THE BASE WEATHER STATION AT SEYMOUR-JOHNSON AFB NC. THIS REPORT WAS TO THE WEATHER SECTION OF WASHINGTON NORAD SECTOR FORT LEE VA. IT STATED THAT AT 24/2342Z A LARGE METEOR WAS SIGHTED. THE WEATHER STATIONS AT LANGLEY AFB VA AND AT DOVER AFB DEL ALSO REPORTED A METEOR AT 24/2342Z. IF THESE REPORTS ARE CORRECT THEN THE IDENTICAL TIMES BETWEEN THESE REPORTS AND THE SIGHTING IN THIS REPORT WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE THAT MR [REDACTED] PROBABLY SAW A LARGE METEOR OR SHOOTING STAR.

L.

1. NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE AVAILABLE

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25/2005Z SEP RJEDAML