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| 1. DATE<br>6 Oct 59 | 2. LOCATION<br>Approx 13 Mi W of Woodruff, Wisc. | 12. CONCLUSIONS<br>☐ Was Balloon<br>☐ Probably Balloon<br>☐ Possibly Balloon |
| 3. DATE-TIME GROUP<br>Local 2055<br>GMT | 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br>☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar<br>☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar | ☐ Was Aircraft<br>☐ Probably Aircraft<br>☐ Possibly Aircraft |
| 5. PHOTOS<br>☐ Yes<br>☒ No | 6. SOURCE<br>Civilian | ☒ Was Astronomical Meteor<br>☐ Probably Astronomical<br>☐ Possibly Astronomical |
| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>15 secs | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>one | 9. COURSE<br>WSW |
| | | ☐ Other<br>☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation<br>☐ Unknown |

**10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING**

Whitish light changing to red as it burned streaking across the sky. About a minute after disappearance of the obj, observers heard four distant sounds, similar to the rpt of an 88mm Gun.

**11. COMMENTS**

The observers probably saw a meteor. No association between the sighting and the sound is evident, and the sound is attributed to coincidence.

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SUBJECT
Unidentified Flying Object

| AREA REPORTED ON | FROM (Agency) |
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| Northern Wisconsin | Directorate of Intell, 30AD(SAGE) |

| DATE OF REPORT | DATE OF INFORMATION | EVALUATION |
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| 22 October 1959 | 6 October 1959 | B-2 |

| PREPARED BY (Officer) | SOURCE |
|---|---|
| Frederick H. Willcox, Major, USAF | Civilian |

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
None

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 112—Part II.)

On 6 October 1959, in Northern Wisconsin, two civilians observed a brightly glowing object streak from East Northeast to West Southwest at a high rate of speed. This sighting took place during a display of the Aurora Borealis. About a minute after the object disappeared from view, the observers heard four distinct reports, similar to the sound of an 88MM Gun.

The observers probably witnessed a phenomenon which is a part of the Aurora Borealis or a jet aircraft cutting in its afterburner.

a. Description of the object:
(1) Shape: No definite shape.
(2) Size: Cannot estimate.
(3) Color: Whitish changing to red as it burned.
(4) Number: One.
(5) Formation: N/A.
(6) Discernible Features: Smooth, constant movement - not erratic.
(7) Tail; Trail or exhaust: None observed.
(8) Sound: None.
(9) Unusual Features: About a minute after disappearance of the object, observers heard four distinct sounds, similar to the report of an 88MM Gun.

b. Description of Course of Object:
(1) Why noticed: Observers were outdoors, looking at Aurora Borealis display
(2) Initial elevation and azimuth: Ten miles elevation, azimuth unknown.
(3) Final elevation and azimuth: Ten miles elevation, azimuth unknown.
(4) Flight path and maneuvers: Flying straight and horizontal, East Northeast to West Southwest.
(5) Manner of disappearance: Object became samller and smaller, but light remained at same intensity.
(6) Length of time in sight: Fifteen seconds.

c. Manner of Observation:
(1) Method: Ground-visual
(2) Optical Aids: None
1 INCLS (3) Airborne sighting information: None

d. Time and date of sighting:
(1) Date-time group of sighting: 6 Oct 59, 0255Z.
(2) Light conditions: Night.

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e. Location of observers:
(1) Northern Wisconsin between Buckskin Lake and Booth Lake on the Northwest shore of Booth Lake, one half mile south of the Northern Boundary of Oneida County Line. See attached sketch.

f. Identifying information on observers:
(1) Civilian: 1. [redacted], Age 45, [redacted], [redacted], Wis. Illustratorfor Wisconsin Conservation Department, and (2) [redacted], Age unknown.
Reliability of Mr. [redacted]: Mr. [redacted] seemed to be an intelligent person and sincere in his reporting. A former soldier in the German Army, he is by profession an artist and nature observer. As such, I believe his description of the sighting is accurate. [redacted] as not interviewed
(2) Military: None.

g. Weather and winds aloft at time and place of sighting:
(1) Observers account of weather: Clear sky, shooting stars, and Northern Lights.
(2) AWS Report:

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| (1) | Surface: | 040/05 | (5) | 20,000: | 250/30 |
| (2) | 6,000: | 090/120 | (6) | 30,000: | 250/55 |
| (3) | 10,000: | 100/15 | (7) | 50,000: | 240/50 |
| (4) | 16,000: | 240/10 | (8) | 80,000: | ------- |

(3) Ceiling: None
(4) Visibility: 10 Miles.
(5) Cloud Cover: Scattered at 12,000'; high scattered.
(6) Thunderstorms in Area: None
(7) Temperature gradient:

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| 4730': | 10° |
| 9960': | 2.5° |
| 18630': | -14.2° |
| 24070': | -25° |
| 30070': | -41.1° |
| 34710': | -47.5° |
| 39500': | -51.3° |
| 45550': | -58° |
| 53790': | -62.9° |
| 68040': | -57.4° |
| 82490': | -54.9° |

h. Unusual activity in area: Low overcast and fog along Lake Superior Coast.
(1) Meteorological: None
(2) Astromomical: None.
(3) Other: Aurora Boreaus, Shooting Stars

i. Interception or identification action taken: None.

j. Air traffic or Balloon releases in area: Little or no known aircraft activity in area. Green Bay weather station releases a balloon at approximately 2400Z daily.

k. Position, title, and comments of preparing officer.
Major Frederick H. Willcox, Intelligence Officer.

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Preliminary Analysis.
The sounds heard, as well as the sighting could have been part of the Northern Lights display. The sighting may also have been a jet aircraft cutting in its afterburner.
Movement of lights within the Aurora Borealis is common. According to the Observatory at the University of Wisconsin, a crackling type of sound or a Brush Discharge is not infrequent.
Although no definite evidence was obtained concerning air traffic in the area, it is possible that a jet aircraft was in the general region. Flying conditions were VFR at the time and the FAA at Minneapolis had no record of times of flights.

1. Physical evidence:
   (1) Photographs: None
   (2) Material evidence: See sketch attached.

COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

See Analysis Above.

Frederick H. Willcox

FREDERICK H. WILLCOX
Major, USAF
Intelligence

COMMENTS of Approving Officer:

N.N. Mihailov Jr.

N.N. MIHAILOV, JR.
Lt Col, USAF
Director of Intelligence

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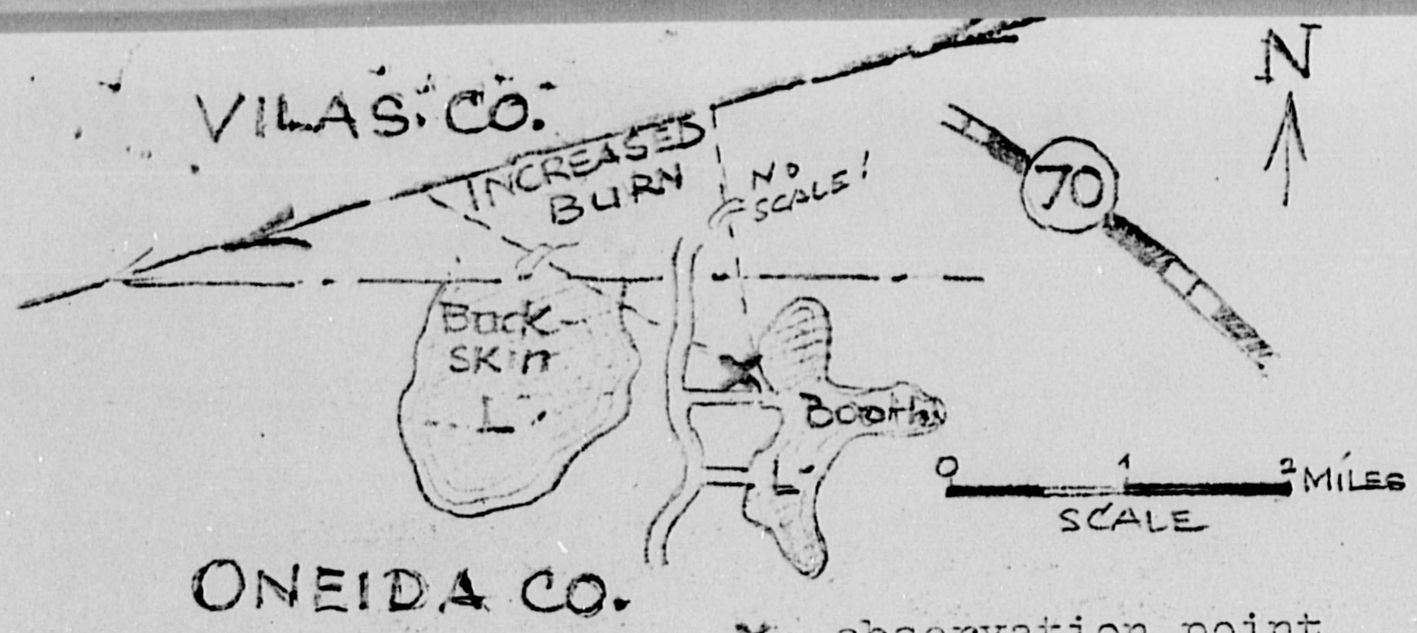


[redacted] Madison
Phone [redacted] (Studio
residence)

October 10, 1959.

X= observation point
at Booth Lake shore line

Cpt. Harry Scarborough
Public Relations Officer
United States Air Force
Madison, Wis.

15 sec
3-4 sec

Sir:

On Oct. 6, $8^{55}$ p.m. St. T., Mr. [redacted] from Madison and I watched the clear sky with its constellations. Shortly after a passing airliner(or private plane?), presumably going to Woodru we both recognised a burning substance flying in the direction ~~XXXX~~ ENE - WSW, as indicated in the above sketch. The very high speed, estimated at least more than 3000 m.p.h., was constant, height and distance were not clearly to estimate, but more than 10 m. both. We both watched a zone of "increased burn", starting and ending abrubtly.

Shooting stars were occasionally to be seen too, but this phenc non was different regarding the very constant speed and height.

We feel an obligation to make this report for checking the data Satellite or what is commonly called a flying saucer, any way, we would be glad to have your answer; if you need more details, give us a call please, but do not put the report into the waste paper basket!

Thank you!

Sincerely: [redacted]
[redacted] for the
Wis. Conservation Departme