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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 May 60	2. LOCATION Rhodesia, Africa	12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 200355Z May 60	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 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 type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical Meteor <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE SW-NE	11. COMMENTS Probably a fireball.
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Greenish colored, size of tennis ball, traveling approx 3000 mph.			

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

FORM DS-14
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

INTERDEPARTMENTAL REFERENCE

DATE

June 7, 1960

REFERRED TO

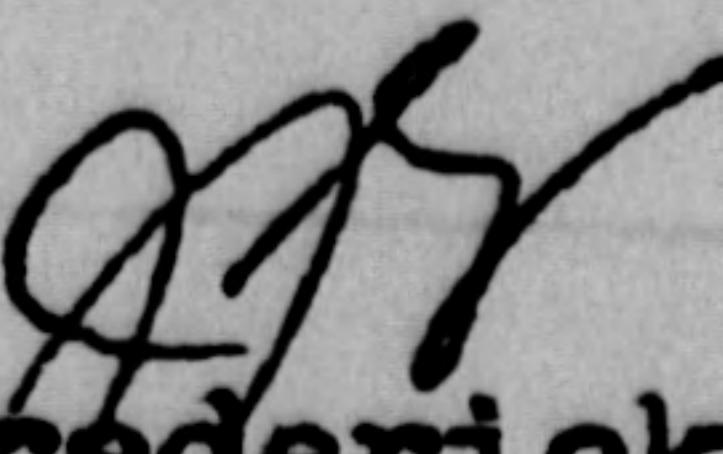
Major Friend
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base,
Dayton, Ohio

RE:

WRITER HAS HAS NOT BEEN INFORMED OF THIS REFERENCE

COMMENTS:

The Pentagon has referred me to you for possible information with regard to telegram No. 335 from the American Consulate General at Salisbury, which is attached. It would be appreciated if you could advise me what reply to make to the Consul General.


James Frederick Green
Politico-Military Adviser
Bureau of African Affairs

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INCOMING TELEGRAM

Department of State

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Action

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Control: 15747

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Rec'd: May 21, 1960
5:28 a.m.

Info

FROM: Salisbury

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TO: Secretary of State

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NO: 335, May 20

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RMR

Headquarters RRAF informs CONGEN unidentified flying object (UFO) seen over Northern Rhodesia today May 20 by several observers including Civil Aviation Department personnel. RRAF would appreciate any information available re identity.

UFO described as follows: greenish colored, tennis-ball sized sphere travelling approximately 3,000 MPH from SW to NE. Observed at 0355Z over Lusaka; 0358Z over Ndola, distance of 150 miles.

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AFC IN-452/Maj Friend/amc/69216/typed 16 June 60

Unidentified Flying Object (Rhodesia)

Department of State
Politico - Military Adviser
Bureau of African Affairs
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference attached telegram #335, from the American Consulate General at Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia.
2. The information is very limited; therefore, no positive conclusion can be reached. However, it is the opinion of the Aerospace Technical Center that the object responsible for this sighting was a very bright meteor called a fireball.
3. A fireball is defined as a meteor as bright or brighter than -3 magnitude, bright enough to cast shadows. These meteors may appear white, blue, green, red, yellow, orange, pink or purple. Often a trail is left which may also be varicolored, or may change color after being left. Trails, when seen in the daytime, appear as smoke. These meteors may have curved or irregular paths due to irregular shapes, and a fluttering or whirring noise may be associated with them. A good percentage of these meteors burst at the end of their path and may leave a cloud of smoke which expands uniformly or in a specific direction. When these meteors are heard or seen to explode they are then identified as bolides.
4. The speed reported in the referenced message is far below that of a meteor. However, this may be due to errors in the timepiece of one or all of the witnesses.
5. If a more comprehensive study of this case is desirable, or required, it is suggested that the following information be forwarded to ATIC:
 - a. Names and/or positions of all witnesses.
 - b. Duration of sighting.
 - c. Prevailing weather at time of sighting.
 - d. Apparent brightness of object.
 - e. How object disappeared.
 - f. Did object leave a trail or have a tail?

COORDINATION:

Dent Friend Major AFC IN 452 16 June 60
Jack O'Peace 452 16 June 60

6. For your information, paragraph #15 of AFR 200-2, dated 14 September 1959, spells out the minimum information required by ATIC to insure an adequate evaluation of a report of an unidentified flying object.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

NICHOLAS POST
Acting Deputy
Science and Components

1 Atch:
Cy telegram #335, May 20, 1960