PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 21 July 1960	2. LOCATION Hyattsville, Maryland Patuxent River, Maryland	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft XX Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other_____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2130 GMT 22/0130Z 0129Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION XX Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar XX Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes XX No	6. SOURCE Civilian & Military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE falling

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Three or four sightings from same general area of falling object. No tail or trail. Color varied with witness as did other characteristics.

11. COMMENTS

Brief duration and area of sighting indicate that the object was a meteor.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

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[illegible] NAS [illegible]
TO RBE[illegible] [illegible] 00 09 09M
INFO RBEPW/CNO [illegible] 07 70 73 76 94 JCS
RJEZFF/ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE NAVAIDE ARMY AF NIC OLA COGARD CMC IP
NAVY GRNC FLAGPLOT BPR OOD
BT DLVY NR 34/GH/DM

//UNCLASS// PRNC INST 3820.1A REFERS

1. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

(A) [illegible] (OBSERVERS 1 AND 2): OUND

[illegible] OBSERVER NO. 3): UNCERTAIN

(B) [illegible] COMPARED TO KNOWN OBJECT AT ARMS LENGTH:

(OBSERVERS 1 AND 2): A 25 CENT PIECE

(OBSERVER NO. 3): A PEA

(C) COLOR: (OBSERVERS 1 AND 2): PALE YELLOW

(OBSERVER NO. 3): BLUISH WHITE

(D) NUMBER: ONE

(E) FORMATION: NONE

(F) DISCERNIBLE FEATURES OR DETAILS: NONE

(G) TAIL TRAIL OR EXHAUST: NONE

(H) SOUND: NONE

(I) OTHER PERTINENT OR UNUSUAL FEATURES: NONE

2. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:

(A) CHANCE OBSERVATION

(B) 45 DEGREES ELEVATION APPROX. 275 DEGREES TRUE

(C) (OBSERVER NOM 1): 15 DEGREES ELEVATION

(OBSERVER NO. 2): 5 DEGREES ELEVATION

(D) FELL STRAIGHT DOWN: NO MANEUVERS

(E) (OBSERVERS 1 AND 2): FELL FROM VIEW BEHIND OBSTRUCTING BUILDING AND TREES

(OBSERVER NO. 3): OBJECT POSSIBLY STRUCK EARTH AT DISTANCE OF APPROX 15 TO 20 MILES

(F) ABOUT 5 SECONDS

3. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(A) (OBSERVERS 1 AND 2): GROUND VISUAL

(OBSERVER NO. 3): AIRBORNE VISUAL

(B) NO OPTICAL AIDS

(C) OBSERVER NO. 3 IN WV-2 AIRCRAFT NAVY NO. L45939, ALTITUDE 1000 FT, HEADING 270 DEGREES, SPEED 140 KNOTS, HOME STATION VW2, NAS, PATUXENT RIVER, MD.

4. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(A) ABOUT 220129Z JULY 1950

(B) NIGHT, NO MOON

5. LOCATIONS OF OBSERVERS:

(A) (OBSERVERS NOS. 1 AND 2) - 76 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 30 SECONDS W
38 DEGREES 15 MINUTES 50 SECONDS N

(OBSERVER NO. 3) - 76 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 30 SECONDS W
38 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 50 SECONDS N

6. (OBSERVER NO. 1) (GROUND VISUAL):

[redacted], USN

AGE 31, FLIGHT ENGINEER, VW13, NAS, PATUXENT RIVER, MD.

CONSIDERED RELIABLE

(OBSERVER NO. 2) (GROUND VISUAL):

[redacted]

AGE24, HOUSEWIFE, [redacted], LEXINGTON PARK, MD.

RELIABILITY UNDETERMINED

(OBSERVER NO. 3) (AIRBORNE VISUAL)

[redacted]

AGE 41, VW-2, NAS, PATUXENT RIVER, MD.

CONSIDERED RELIABLE

7. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT:

(A) [illegible] NIGHT, NO MOON

(B) [illegible] TIDE	WIND DIRECTION	VELOCITY (KTS)
SURFACE	135	10
6,000'	270	08
10,000'	310	08
15,000'	290	14
20,000'	310	30
30,000'	310	27
50,000'	330	27
60,000'	360	09

(C) CEILING: UNLIMITED

(D) VISIBILITY: 15 MILES

(E) CLOUD COVER: SKY CLEAR: ZERO-TENTHS OF CLOUDS

(F) NO THUNDERSTORMS IN AREA

8. NO UNUSUAL METEOROLOGICAL OR ASTRONOMICAL CONDITIONS NOTED TO PREVAIL BY WEATHER SERVICE PERSONNEL. HOWEVER, OBSERVER NO. 3 CONSIDERED OBJECT TO BE A "FALLING STAR".

9. (A) NO INTERCEPTION ACTION TAKEN.

(B) IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN: AIRBORNE NAVY S2F AIRCRAFT NO. 870 DIVERTED TO AREA OF OBJECT SIGHTING. NO OBSERVATIONS EXCEPT FOR A BURN-

TNG TRASH DUMP APPROX. 4 MILES [illegible] 280 DEGREES FROM LOCATION OF OBSERVERS 1 AND 2.

10. AIR TRAFFIC (NAS PAX RIVER CONTROL AREA)

(1) WV-2

(1) [illegible]

(1) FRU

(1) YAO

11. PROCURING OFFICER: SECURITY OFFICER, NAS, PATUXENT RIVER, MD.

12. INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION FOR PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF PROBABLE CAUSE OF THIS INCIDENT.

13. NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE.

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22 July 1960

Dear Mr[redacted]

Mrs.[redacted] reported to the United States Air Force the fact that you sighted an unidentified flying object on Thursday night 21 July 1960 at 9:30 p.m. near Hyattsville, Maryland.

Your report contains insufficient information for a valid conclusion. Therefore, request you complete the attached Air Force Questionaire in regard to the sighting and forward the completed paper to the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio for analysis and/or evaluation.

For your information I am inclosing latest Department of Defense Press Release on this subject dated 21 July 1960. It plainly states the Air Force position on unidentified flying objects.

Sincerely,

Incls

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Lt. Col. USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [redacted]
% Mrs. [redacted]
West Hyattsville, Maryland

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oi-1 reader