

MULTIPLE SIGHTING

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 Sep 60	2. LOCATION Washington and 50 mile area of Portland, Oregon		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical Meteor ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 21/0405Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Military and Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15-30 sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE NE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING White glowing object aprox the size of a marble which broke into several pieces. Pieces trailed and burned. Object had flashing tail, tapering in size, somewhat longer than object. Straight flight with no maneuvers, disappeared low in the east.			11. COMMENTS Description is characteristic of a meteor. No satellite reentries this date, although portions of 1960 Epsilon reentered during Sep and Oct on unidentified dates. General description and color indicate that the object was a "bolide" class of meteor. Correlates with Seattle sighting of same time and date.

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UNCLAS 3370DC 9-3824. ACTION ADC, 25TH AIR DIV, AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER, AFCIN-1B1, SAFIS, AFCIN-4A, AND PROJECT SPACE TRACK.

FOLLOWING REPORT OF UFO SIGHTING IS SUBMITTED PER PARAGRAPH 15, AFR 200-2, 14 SEP 59.

- A.
- (1) LARGE, WHITE BALL
 - (2) APPROXIMATELY THE SIZE OF MARBLE HELD AT ARMS LENGTH.
 - (3) WHITE, GLOWING
 - (4) ONE LARGE OBJECT BREAKING INTO SEVERAL PIECES.
 - (5) NONE

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(6) PIECES TRAILING AND BURNING

(7) FLASING TAIL, TAPERING IN SIZE, SOMEWHAT LONGER THAN
OBJECT.

(8) NONE

(9) NONE

B. (1) RAPIELY MOVING, GLOWING OBJECT.

(2) APPROXIMATELY 30 TO 45 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON.

(3) DISAPPEARED LOW IN THE EAST.

(4) STRAIGHT FLIGHT, NO APPARENT MANEUVERS.

(5) BEHIND BUILDING, MOUNTAINS, HORIZON DEPENDING ON OBSERVERS
LOCATION.

(6) 15 TO 30 SECOND.

C. (1) GROUND VISUAL

N (2) N/A

(3) N/A

D. (1) 0405 TO 0415Z, 21 SEPTEMBER 1960

(2) DARK

E. 45 DEGREES 30' N, 123 DEGREES 35' W, AND IN THE GENERAL AREA
WITHIN A 50 MILE RADIUS OF PORTLAND, OREGON.

F. (1) MR. [REDACTED], W.K., AGE 40, FAA TOWER OPERATOR (ON DUTY)

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- (3) SHERIFF, HAPPY VALLEY, SKAMANIA COUNTY, STEVENS, WASH. RELIABILITY UNKNOWN.
- (4) MR. [REDACTED], STATE POLICE: SALEM, OREGON. TWO CARS SIGHTING SAME OBJECT IN VICINITY OF SALEM. SENT ONE CAR TO INVESTIGATE AREA WHERE OBJECT APPEARED TO GO INTO MOUNTAINS. RELIABILITY UNKNOWN.
- (5) A/2C [REDACTED], AGE 23, FLIGHT LINE SECURITY, PORTLAND INTL APRT. SIGHTED A LARGE WHITE FIERY OBJECT OVER ROCKY BUTTE FALLING RAPIDLY AT A SHARP ANGLE. DISAPPEARED BEHIND A BUILDING. IT WAS OUT OF SIGHT BY THE TIME HE ROUNDED THE BUILDING.
- (6) MISS [REDACTED], AGE 19, [REDACTED], PORTLAND, OREGON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE, CONFIRMS OTHER REPORTS.
- (7) MISS [REDACTED], [REDACTED], PORTLAND, OREGON, CONFIRMS OTHER REPORTS.
- (8) MRS [REDACTED], [REDACTED], PORTLAND, OREGON CONFIRMS OTHER REPORTS.

- , (9) MR. [REDACTED] SOUTHWEST HILLS OF PORTLAND, ORE. CONFIRMS OTHER REPORTS.

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, (9) MR. [REDACTED], SOUTHWEST HILLS OF PORTLAND, ORE.
CONFIRMS OTHER REPORTS.

G. (1) CLEAR AND 10 PLUS MILES VISIBILITY.

(2) WINDS AS FOLLOWS: 6,000 360/25: 10,000 360/25: 16,000
360/30: 20,000 360/40: 30,000 290/35: 50,000 300/40:
80,000 909/10.

(3) CLEAR (NONE)

(4) 10 MILES PLUS

(5) NONE

(6) NONE

(7) SURFACE TEMPERATURE 58, DEW POINT 44

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. NONE

K. [REDACTED] 1/LT 58183A, ASST OPS OFFICER 337TH FTR GP

L. NONE

THE INFORMATION IN ALL REPORTS WAS FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES
IDENTICAL IN ALL RESPECTS. DIFFERENCES EXISTED ONLY IN DISCRIPTIVE
LANGUAGE CONCERNING THE OBJECT. ALL TIMES REPORTED TO THE OFFICER
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PERIOD. CONSIDERING ERRORS IN TIME PIECES AND ACCURATE MEASUREMENT OF TIME, ALL REPORTS WERE WITHOUT ANY DOUBT CONCERNED WITH THE SAME OBJECT.

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INFO RJEDHF/AWS SCOTT AFB ILL

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UNCLAS DET 5 35WS 20 J 2: ATTN AFCIN-1B1, AFCIN-4A, AWSSS.

CODE MOONDUST: UNUSUAL SHOOTING STAR LIKE OBJECT TRAILING

SPARKS REPORTED STREAKING ACROSS SKY FORM SOUTHWESTERLY TO

NORTHEASTERLY DIRECTION. OBJECT WAS REPORTED LOW ON HORIZON

BEARING NORTHWEST OF PAINE FLD WASH, AT 0405Z 21 SEPT 60.

SIGHTING REPORTED BY TWO CIVILIANS NEAR SNOHOMISH, WASH

ONE NAVAL GCA OPERATOR AT NAS WHIDBEY ISLAND, ALSO CONFIRMED

BY COAST GUARD PILOT FLYING A UF2G AT 1600 FT OVER PAINE FLD

THIS SIGHTING WAS NOT REPEAT NOT SEEN BY THE DUTY WEATHER

OBSERVER.

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RJEZDK/SPACE TRACK LAWRENCE G HANSCOM FLD MASS

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UNCLAS FROM DET 1-35CO 21-J-2.

ACTION HQ USAF ATTN: AFCIN-1B1, ATIC ATTN: AFCIN-4A, SPACE
TRACK; INFO HQS AWS ATTN: AWSBS. REFERENCE OUR MESSAGE
DET 1-35CO 21-J-1 REFERRING TO "MOON DUST". CONTROL TOWER
OPERATOR AT PORTLAND IAP, OREGON REPORTS A FIREBALL FLASHED
THRU THE OREGON SKY TUESDAY NIGHT AT APPROXIMATELY 23/2006P 0496Z
FROM SSV TO MNE, ELEVATION ANGLE APPROXIMATELY 30 DEGREES.

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(Handwritten notes and signatures)
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UNCLAS 3370DC 9 3836. ACTION ADC, 25TH AIR DIV, AIR

TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER, AFCIN-101, SAFIS, AFCIN-4A,

AND PROJECT SPACE TRACK

REFERENCE MESSAGE THIS HEADQUARTERS, 3370DC 9-3824, 21 SEP 68.

LOCAL EVALUATION INDICATES THIS IS A MOON DUST MESSAGE.

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PRECEDENCE		TYPE MSG (Check)			ACCOUNTING SYMBOL	ORIG. OR REFERS TO	CLASSIFICATION OF REFERENCE
ACTION	ROUTINE	BOOK	MULTI	SINGLE	AF	DET 5, 35WS 20 J 2	UNCLAS
INFO							
FROM: ATTC, W-P AFB TO: PAINE FLD, WASH /UNCLAS/FROM: AFCEH-4E2x DET 5, 35TH WEA SQ, YOUR MSG DET 5, 35WS 20 J 2, DTD 21 SEP 60, REQ THE RPTD SIGHTING BE THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2, DTD 14 SEP 59. EVERY ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE TO CONTACT ALL WITNESSES.						SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS	
						DATE 21	TIME 1455
						MONTH SEP	YEAR 1960
WRITER	SYMBOL AFCEH-4E2x				SIGNATURE		
	TYPED NAME AND TITLE (Signature, if required) Major Robert J. Friend				TYPED (or stamped) NAME AND TITLE		
	PHONE 69216	PAGE NR. 1	NR. OF PAGES 1		PHILIP G. EVANS Colonel, USAF Deputy for Science and Components		
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REPLACES DD FORM 173, 1 OCT 49, WHICH WILL BE USED UNTIL EXHAUSTED

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UNCLAS FROM 3260DC 93343 FOR COMMANDERS ADC, ATIC; AFCIN, USAF;
SAFIS, SEC OF AF; 250IN, 25ADIV. FOLLOWING UFOB REPORT FORWARDED
IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2. A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT. 1. FIRE-
BALL. 2. ONE HALF SIZE OF DIME. 3. REDDISH YELLOW WHITE. 4.
1. 5. NOT APPLICABLE. 6. NOT APPLICABLE. 7. TRAIL OF SPARKS
OR FLAME, THREE TIMES LENGTH OF FIREBALL. 8. NONE, OBSERVER IN
AIRCRAFT. 9. APPEARED TO BREAK UP PRIOR TO BURNOUT. B. DESCRIP-
TION OF COURSE OF OBJECT. 1. APPEARED IN LINE OF SIGHT, TRAVELING
FROM SW TO NE. 2. ELEVATION 15 DEGREES, AZIMUTH 225 DEGREES TRUE.
3. ELEVATION 3 DEGREES, AZIMUTH 060 DEGREES TRUE. 4. NORMAL

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TRAJECTORY INCLINED ABOUT 15 DEGREES TO HORIZON. 5. APPEARED TO

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TRAJECTORY INCLINED ABOUT 15 DEGREES TO HORIZON. 5. APPEARED TO
BURN UP. 6. 5 TO 10 SECONDS. C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION. 1.
UNAIDED VISUAL. 2. NOT APPLICABLE. 3. USCG UF2A SERIAL 1273,
1500 FEET, 95 KNOTS, 160 DEGREES. USCG-AS PORT ANGELES WASH. D.
TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING. 1. 0405 ZULU 21 SEP 1960. 2. NIGHT.
E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER. IN PATTERN AT PAINE FIELD ONE MILE
WEST OF AIRPORT LOCATED 47-55N, 122-17W. F. LT JG DAVID W. IRONS,
USCG, USCG-AS PORT ANGELES WASH. PILOT, GOOD. G. WEATHER AND
WINDS. 1. CLEAR. 2. WIND IS IN TABULAR FORM, 3 COLUMNS. COL.
ONE ALTITUDE, COL. 2 DIRECTION, COL. 3 VELOCITY.

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NONE. I. NONE. J. NONE. K. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS,
LT. A. C. HONEY. JR.: USN: INTERVIEW WITH WITNESS INDICATES VALID

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LT. A. C. HONEY, JR., USN: INTERVIEW WITH WITNESS INDICATES VALID
SIGHTING OF POSSIBLE SATELLITE VEHICLE REENTRY. EQUAL POSSIBILITY
OF ORDINARY METEORITE. THIS MESSAGE PRECEDED BY MOON DUST REPORT
OF SIGHTING TO AIR WEATHER SERVICE BY DETACHMENT 5, 35TH WEATHER
SQUADRON, MESSAGE NUMBER 20J2 OF 21 SEP AT 0734 ZULU. WITNESS
DESCRIPTION CORROBORATED BY CIVILIAN WITNESS, MRS. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], HOUSEWIFE, 29 YEARS OF AGE, [REDACTED] ENGLISH,
WASH.

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Detachment 1
35th Weather Squadron (MATS)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
Adair Air Force Station
Corvallis, Oregon

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: PUCNK

SUBJECT: Reported Meteor

26 SEP 1960

TO: HQS, USAF, ATTN: AF CIN-101

HQS, ATIC, ATTN: AF CIN-4A

Space Track, Laurence G. Hanscom Field, Mass.

1. Code words "Moon Dust" are cited for this letter. Reference is made to our TWX DET 1-3500 21-J-1 and DET 1-3500 21-J-2 dated 21 September 1960.

2. Enclosed is a copy of the article which appeared in the Portland "Oregonian" Wednesday morning 21 September 1960.

Harold E. Gennard, Major USAF
for JOHN M. STEIGNER
Major USAF
Commander

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Article on Meteor

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HQS, AWS, ATTN: AWSSS

Meteor Flits Across Sky

A fireball flashed through the Oregon sky Tuesday night, at approximately 8:05 p.m.

Its bright passage was seen in western and central Oregon. In Portland, many persons thought it was an airplane crashing, guessing it had gone down in the vicinity of Rocky Butte. So vivid was this impression that two police cars were sent to investigate.

But three observers in the control tower at Portland International Airport saw it come from behind Rocky Butte and vanish to the north.

Reports Widespread

It was seen in Hood River. A clergyman in Bend saw it, as did others.

The path was generally described as from west to east or northeast. Some observers said it trailed sparks, others that it had a glowing tail. Some insisted they saw it disintegrate, others that it disappeared over the horizon.

At Bend, Phil Brogan, member of the American Meteorological Society, said the descriptions suggested it was a big meteor—they call it a fireball when it attracts attention—which began to burn as it entered the atmosphere about 200 miles up. *AKH*