

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 3 Oct 60	2. LOCATION 1 mi NW of Wheaton, Maryland		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical Fomalhaut ☒ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 04/0335Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE stationary	☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Shapeless object, ten times the diameter of an average star and much brighter, extremely bright yellowish cast. The intensity diminished during a five second interval to the brightness of a normal star. A few seconds later the object disappeared completely.		11. COMMENTS Probably the star Fomalhaut which was in the position reported for the object. Possibly viewed with atmospheric refraction causing undue brightness.	

[REDACTED]

5 October 1960

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This will confirm our telephone conversation of this date concerning the sighting of an unidentified flying object by you.

Since you furnished insufficient information for a valid conclusion, we ask that you fill out the attached Air Force Questionnaire and send the completed document to the Commander, Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio for their analysis and evaluation.

Also inclosed for your information is the latest Department of Defense fact sheet on the subject of unidentified flying objects. This press release clearly states the position of the Air Force and the Department of Defense on this subject.

Sincerely,

2 Inclosures

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Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [REDACTED]
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Silver Spring, Maryland

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UNCLAS/OG/0002M/ SUBJECT: UFO IAW PAR 15 AFR 200-2 THE

FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED:

A.(1) SHAPELESS

(2) PEA-OBJECT TEN (10) TIMES THE DIAMETER AF AN AVERAGE
STAR BUT MUCH BRIGHTER.

(3) EXTREMELY BRIGHT YELLOWISH CAST.

(4) ONE (1)

(5) N/A

(6) NONE

(7) NONE

TELEPHONED
TO Cpt Turner
NO. 71 22 2
TIME 0600Z
Date 7 Oct
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(8) NONE

(9) NONE

B.(1) CASUAL GLANCE WHILE OPERATING AUTOMOBILE.

(2) 30 DEGREES ABOVE THE HORIZON DUE SOUTH

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(4) STATIONARY OBJECT

(5) THE INTENSITY DIMINISHED DURING A FIVE (5) SECOND PERIOD TO THE BRIGHTNESS OF A NORMAL STAR. A FEW SECONDS LATER THE OBJECT DESAPPEARED COMPLETELY.

(6) THREE (3) MINUTES

C.(1) GROUND VISUAL

(2) NONE

(3) N/A

D.(1) 0335Z 4 OCT 1960

(2) NIGHT

E. 3904N 7706W ONE MILE NORTHWEST OF WHEATON, MARYLAND.

F. MR. [REDACTED] 33 [REDACTED], SILVER SPRINGS, MARYLAND. ELECTRONICS ENGINEER, APPLIED MATHEMATICS LABRATORY [REDACTED] BASIN, US US NAVY BUREAU OF SHIPS, WASHINGTON, D.C.

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OBSERVER APPEARED TO BE FAIRLY RELIABLE AND STATED HE
HAD AN AMATEUR INTEREST IN ASTRONOMY

G.(1) EXCELLENT BRIGHT MOON VISIBLE

(2) WINDS 2324Z 3 OCTOBER 1960

SFC 020/4

6000 290/26

10,000 300/30

16,000 280/25

20,000 290/33

30,000 280/46

50,000 250/29

80,000 190/05

92,000 340/08

(3) 15,000 SCATTERED HIGH SCATTERED

(4) 10 MILES

(5) FOUR TENTHS

(6) NONE

(7) TEMPERATURE INVERSION BETWEEN 5000 AND 9000 FT

TROPOPAUSE 38,000 FEET.

H. NONE

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I. NONE

J. NONE

K. ASST. BASE OPERATIONS OFFICER. INVESTIGATOR QUERIED USWB, AWS AND AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL AGENCIES IN THE WASHINGTON, D.C. METROPOLITAN AREA FOR ADDITIONAL POSSIBLE SIGHTINGS, HOWEVER, NONE WAS REPORTED. NAVAL OBSERVATORY REPORTED NO SIGHTINGS, BUT INDICATED THE OBJECT MAY HAVE BEEN A METEOR. HOWEVER, NAVAL OBSERVATORY DOUBTED A METEOR WOULD HAVE BEEN VISIBLE FOR THREE (3) MINUTES. ONLY REASONABLE CONCLUSION IS THAT THE OBJECT OBSERVED WAS THE LANDING LIGHT OF AN ONCOMING AIRCRAFT. WASHINGTON NATIONAL AIRPORT, BOLLING AFB AND ANACOSTIA NAS ARE LOCATED DUE SOUTH OF WHEATON, MARYLAND. LANDING PATTERNS AT THE TIME OF THE SIGHTING WERE TO THE NORTH AT ALL THREE AIRPORTS, AND IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE OBSERVER SAW THE LANDING LIGHT OF AN AIRCRAFT ON A STRAIGHT-IN APPROACH. THUS GIVING THE APPEARANCE OF A STATIONARY OBJECT.

L. NONE

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