

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 24 Sep 61		2. LOCATION N. of Tonopah, Nevada		12. CONCLUSIONS <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 <i>JUPITER</i> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2340 GMT 250740Z		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			
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 8 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 2		9. COURSE Stationary	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Intensely large, bright, light hovering over a high mountain ridge. Observed for 8 min. It then focused down in a vertical position and went out. No other objt observed later. Appeared as an orange-yellow colored glow. Traveled at a very high speed in a southerly direction which appeared to be fairly low over mountain range. In about 2 or 3 min it turned in an easterly direction and traveled away.				11. COMMENTS 1st objt was described as a large bright light hovering above mountains to W of witness. Planet Jupiter was in position reported, possibly a little lower. However, as it was just over the horizon it would appear to be at a higher altitude than it actually was. Second objt observed was like a very high altitude meteor, except for excessive duration and maneuver. Objt remains Unidentified.	

To : Air Force Intelligence
Washington, D. C.

September 29, 1961

From : ~~Alfred [redacted]~~, Geologist
Bureau of Land Management, Reno, Nevada

Subject: Unidentified Flying Object

Sunday night, September 24, 1961 at 11:40 P.M., 1.39 miles south of the Pine Creek Ranch on State Highway 82, Monitor Valley, Nye County, Nevada, the following occurred:

At that time I stopped my vehicle and observed an intensely, large, bright, light hovering over a high mountain ridge in the Toquima Range, which was from me in a west southwest direction on the south slope of Andrews Canyon. I observed this unusual, large, light for eight minutes. At 11:48 P.M. the light focused down in a vertical position and then went out. I waited for at least five more minutes and then drove to the Wilson Ranch, a distance of about twenty-six and a half miles. From this ranch I placed a collect call at 12:55 A.M. to the Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, D. C. The operator would not accept the charges.

Rather than to continue disturbing the ranch people, I then drove to the Frontier Tavern, a business establishment located about twelve miles east of Austin, Nevada on highway 50. There I placed a call at approximately 2:15 A.M. to Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nevada. Again, the operator would not accept the charges. Finally, at about 2:25 A.M. I talked with the sheriff of Lander County and told him what I had observed.


In returning to the Wilson Ranch I crossed Pete's Summit in the northern part of the Toquima Range at about 2:45 A.M. Roughly a mile and a half from the summit, just as I emerged from the wooded area, I again observed another large object which glowed with an orange-yellowish color. It was traveling at very high velocity in a southerly direction which appeared to be fairly low over the east-lying Monitor Range. In about two or three minutes it turned in an easterly direction and traveled away.

Unidentified Flying Object

The weather in Monitor Valley Sunday night was as follows: the wind was calm, the sky absolutely clear and the moon full.

While observing the first-described object, I was able to discern smoke or fumes which appeared cloud-like just above the light. The light was white. When the beam focused in a downward vertical position, it is my estimate that the diameter of the beam was one-hundred feet or more. There was no sound of engines.

On September 27 I traversed the entire area where the object could have landed (a distance of about three miles from my observation position), but found no evidence of landing gears, imprints or waste matter of any kind. Inasmuch as this particular area is quite inaccessible, I found no evidence of any truck or vehicle tracks nor any evidence that man or anyone had been in there on the ground within some time.



Geologist
Bureau of Land Management
Reno, Nevada

Copy to:
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C.

Map Reference - Army Map Service (KCSX) NJ-11-5
Tonopah Sheet

To : Air Force Intelligence

September 29, 1961

From : ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Geologist

Subject: Unidentified Flying Object

The following information is to be attached to my original report concerning the above subject:

The first observation of the above unidentified flying object was made through 7 x 35 power Bushnell binoculars.

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Geologist
Bureau of Land Management
Reno, Nevada

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Washington, D. C.

UFO ANALYSIS SHEET

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Location N. of Tonopah, Nevada

Date (Local) 24 Sep 61

Hour (Local) 2340

Hour (Z Time Group) 250740Z Sep 61

Satellite: -----

Astronomical Phenomena (Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc) #1 - Prob Jupiter

Radar Analysis (TD-E1) N/A

Natural Phenomena (Ball Lightning, etc) -----

Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc -----

Other #2 - Unidentified

Evaluation of Source Reliability Prob reliable

Analysis and Conclusions: The first object was described as a large bright light hovering above the mountains to the west of the witness. The planet Jupiter was in the position reported, possibly a little lower. However, as it was just above the horizon it would appear to be at a higher altitude than it actually was. The second object observed by the witness has the characteristics of a very high altitude meteor, except for the excessive duration and the maneuver. A possible explanation for this object cannot be made at this time, therefore, it is categorized as unidentified until such time that more information is received that will aid in identifying it.

~~Aug. 12, 1963~~
Carson City, Nev.

USAF Foreign Technology Div.
Wright-Patterson Air Base
Dayton, Ohio

Gentlemen:

According to an article appearing in the Nevada State Journal yesterday, you have a team of men who investigate every UFO or UAP report that you receive! I feel left out because no one ever checked with me.

On Sept. 24, 1961 I observed, on 2 occasions, such objects. I watch one hover for 8 minutes through 7X35 power binoculars at a distance of three miles.

On Sept. 29, 1961 I reported my observations to the CIA and Air Force Intelligence. The Air Force letter was sent to the Pentagon Bldg—never heard from either of them.

I work as a geologist for the Bur. of Land Management, Dept. of the Interior.

Respectfully yours,
~~[Signature]~~

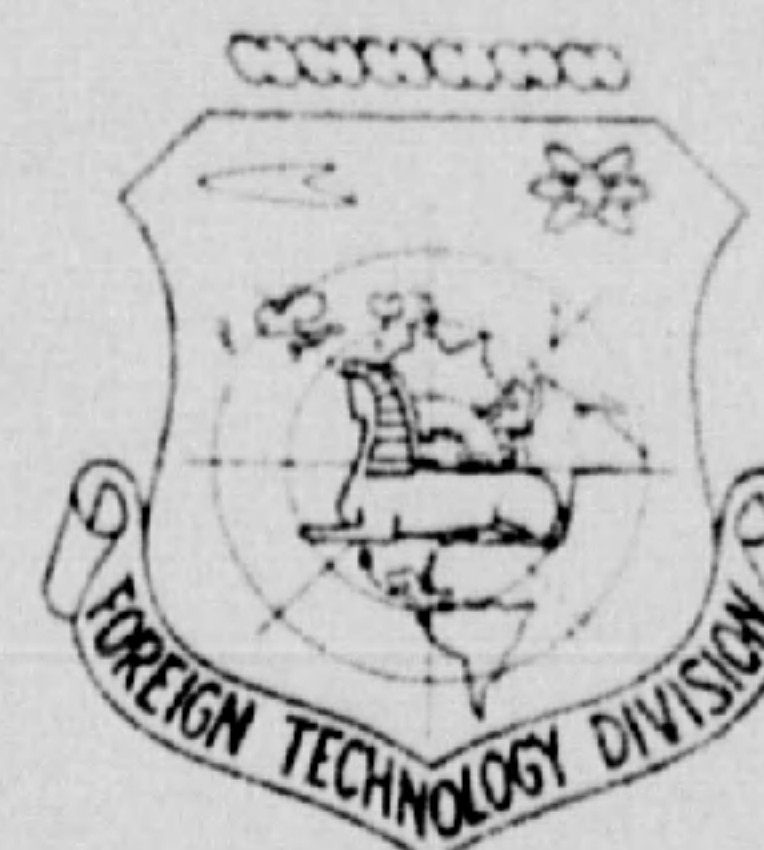
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Canon City, Nev.

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U.S.A.F. Foreign Technology Div.
Wright-Patterson Air Base
Dayton, Ohio

HEADQUARTERS
FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TDEW

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting (Mr. [REDACTED])

11 SEP 1963

TO: Hq USAF SAF-OI 3b (Mrs. Wells)
Wash 25 DC

1. Reference the attached letter from Mr. [REDACTED] requesting information on his UFO sighting of 24 September 1961. This letter is forwarded to you with background information to aid you in preparing a reply.
2. Mr. [REDACTED]'s report, forwarded to us by a personal letter of 29 September 1961, was evaluated and placed in the Air Force case file. The initial object sighted north of Tonopah, Nevada was evaluated as the planet Jupiter. The planet was in the position reported though possibly a little lower, being just over the horizon. The duration and maneuverability of the second object suggest a possible aircraft; however, this conclusion cannot be confirmed and the second object is carried as unidentified.
3. Due to the completeness of the initial report submitted by Mr. [REDACTED], no field investigation was made.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Eric T. de Jonckheere
ERIC T. de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems

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Ltr fm [REDACTED]
dtd 12 Aug 63.

September 20, 1963

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your letter of August 12, 1963, to the Foreign Technology Division at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, has been forwarded to this Headquarters for reply.

Your report of September 29, 1961, was evaluated and placed in the Air Force case file. The initial object sighted north of Tonopah, Nevada, was evaluated as the planet Jupiter. The planet was in the position reported though possibly a little lower, being just over the horizon. The duration and maneuverability of the second object suggest a possible aircraft; however, this conclusion cannot be confirmed and the second object is carried as unidentified.

Sincerely,

MASTON M. JACKS
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Carson City, Nevada

7.6.5, 1964

NAR

Fayetteville, Arkansas

National Investigations Committee
of Aerial Phenomena
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

If you would like another eye-witness
report of the sighting & observation of a flying
saucer, or UFO, suggest you check with the
Capt. of the Air Force, Washington, D.C., Winston
M. Jacobs, Major U.S.A.F., Public Information
& Liaison, Office of Information & Reference;
Memorandum Report dated Sept. 27, 1961, the
Air Force Intelligence; from Alexander M. Peterson,
Astrologist; subject: unidentified flying objects.

On the night of Sept. 27, 1961 I observed two of these
objects & observed one of them for a total of eight
minutes through 7X35 power binoculars, the
homing vehicle was exactly 3 miles from my
observational position.

In his letter of Sept. 20, 1963 Major Jacobs stated
that the first sighted object was evaluated as the
planet Jupiter; the second classed as unidentified.
If my ability to observe, or analyze were no
good, don't think I would be holding down a
\$1200 a month job. The evaluation failed to
note the observational characteristics as stated in

my report.

I got your address from a newspaper clipping which recently appeared in the Carson City, Nevada newspaper - Carson City was my place of residence prior to a few months ago.

I assure you that the articles I observed are as real as this Parker Ballpoint pen that I am presently using.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM W. WILSON