

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 16 May 62	2. LOCATION Charleston, W. VA.		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 17/0145Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	9. COURSE SW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round objt like yellow light. With hazy ring and hazy trail fm ring. Appeared to be moving many times faster than a jet type a/c. But not as fast as a shooting star. Observed at 45° elev in NNE. Disappearing over horizon in SW after 5 sec flight.			11. COMMENTS Reported as slow. However duration and distance traveled indicate normal speed for meteor sighting. Objt has all characteristics of a "Fire Ball" sighting and there is no reason to suspect that this was anything other than a meteor.

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ACTION: CIN-17

INFO : OOP-2, OOP-CP-1, SAFS-3, DIA-7 (31)
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INCOMING

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NCZCHQB564ZCYJA992

PP RJEZHQ

ZNR ZDK

BWL114

PP RJEDAH

ZNR ZFH-1

PP RJWFAL

DE RJEDBWL 7

ZNR

P 182100Z

FM 783D ACWRON GUTHRIE AFS CHARLESTON W VA

TO RJEDAH/30TH ADIV TRUAX FLD WISC

RJWFAL/ADC ENT AFB COLO

RJEDSQ/AIR TECH INTEL CEN WPAFB OHIO

RJEZHQ/HQ USAF WASH 25 D C

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UNCLAS 7830C005-576. FOR ADOIN, 300IN, ATIC, AFGIN, SAFIS. REPORT

OF UFO IS SUBMITTED IAW AFR 200-2. REPORT IS FROM TWO(2) OBSERVEGRF
IN DIFFERENT LOCATIONS, APPROXIMATELYFOURTEEN (14) MILES APART.

15A (1) ROUND

(2) BASKETBALL OR MOON

(3) LIGHT YELLOW

(4) ONE(1)

(5) N/A

(6) HAZY RING AROUND OBJECT

(7) HAZY TRAIL FROM HAZY RING

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(8) NONE

(9) APPEARED TO BE TRAVELING MANY TIMES FASTER THAN A JET TYPE AIRCRAFT, BUT NOT AS FAST AS A SHOOTING STAR.

15B (1) BOTH OBSERVERS STATE THEY JUST HAPPENED TO GLANCE UP

(2) OBSERVER ONE(1) FORTY FIVE (45) DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON TO THE NORTH NORTH EAST.

OBSERVER TWO(2) FORTY FIVE (45) DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON TO THE NORTH NORTH EAST.

(3) BOTH OBSERVERS- STATED OBJECT DISAPPEARED OVER HORIZON TO THE SOUTHWEST.

(4) OBSERVER ONE(1) APPEARED TO BE ARCING TOWARD EARTH. OBSERVER TWO(2) APPEARED TO BE CLIMBING SLIGHTLY.

(5) BOTH OBSERVERS- UNSTANTLY IN SOUTHWEST.

(6) BOTH OBSERVERS - FIVE(5) SECONDS.

15C (1) OBSERVER ON (1) GROUND VISUAL FROM MOVIE AUTOMOBILE.

OBSERVER TWO (2) GROUND VISUAL STANDING ON GROUND.

(2) BOTH OBSERVERS- NO VISUAL AIDS.

(3) N/A

15D (1) OBSERVER ONE(1) 17 MAY 62, 0145Z. OBSERVER TWO(2) 17 MAY

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62, 0150Z.

(2) NIGHT

15E OBSERVER ONE(1) TWELVE AND SEVEN(12.7) MILES NORTHEAST OF CHARLESTON WEST VIRGINIA. OBSERVER TWO(2) AT THE [REDACTED] CORPORATION IN SOUTH CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA.

15F (1) OBSERVER ON(1) CIVILIAN, [REDACTED] AGE 48, MAILING ADDRESS: [REDACTED] ELKVIEW, WSET VIRGINIA. OCCUPATION; INDUSTRIAL INSTRUMENT MECHANIC. RELIABILITY: WAS POSITIVE OF OBJECT BEING OUT OF ORDINARY.

HOWEVER, HE SEEMED TO BE A UFO FAN IN THAT HE STATED HE READ SEVERAL BOOKS ON THE SUBJECT AND WAS ALWAYS WATCHING FOR THEM.

OBSERVER TWO(2) CIVILIAN, [REDACTED] AGE 44, MAILING ADDRESS: [REDACTED] SOUTH CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA, OCCUPATION; SHIFT FORMAN FOR [REDACTED] CORPORATION, RELIABILITY: STABLE INDIVIDUAL, POSITIVE OF SIGHTING.

(2) N/A

15G (1) BOTH OBSERVERS- SLIGHTLY HAZY.

(2) U.S. WEATHER BUREAU, CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA:

WINDS ALOFT

0	SURFACE	CALM
	6,000	060/06K
	10,000	060/08K

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16,000 090/18K

20,000 080/15K

30,000 130/09K

50,000 340/17K

80,000 020/13K

(3) 22,000 CIRO STRATUS OVERCAST

(4) FIVE (5) MILES IN SMOKE

(5) 8,000 ALTO CUMULUS BROKEN

(6) NO THUNDER STORM ACTIVITY AT TIME OF SIGHTING

(7) SEVENTY EIGHT DEGREES (78)

15H NONE

15I NONE

15J NONE

15K ELECTRONIC WARFARE OFFICER: AT THE TIME OF VISUAL SIGHTINGS THERE WAS NO RADAR INDICATION OF AN OBJECT IN THE VICINITY OF THE REPORTED UFO PATH. SIMULTANEOUS VISUAL SIGHTINGS AT SEPERATED LOCATIONS WITH LACK OF RADAR CONFIRMATION WOULD TEND TO INDPCATE UFO WAS POSSIBLY SATALITE OR ASSOCIATED JUNK.

15L NONE

BT

18/2100Z MAY RJEDBWL