

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 May 1962		2. LOCATION Westover AFB, Mass.		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 25/0730Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1/2 sec to 30 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round egg-shaped streak of light observed by aircrew and ground observers. Had short tail like a flare. Described as a streak and no sound. Light extremely brilliant. Flight almost horizontal with slight descent.				11. COMMENTS Objt with meteor characteristics. Duration varied fm 1/2 sec, 5 sec, 2-3 sec, and one report of 15-30 sec. All reports described some phenomena. Case classed as meteor.	

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

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FM 57AIRDIV WESTOVER AFB MASS

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RJEZSN/26AIRDIV HANCOCK FLD NY

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RJEZHQ/OSAF WASH DC

INFO ZEN/3AF WESTOVER AFB MASS

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UNCLAS 99DCOI OD 25-2. CSAF; FOR (AFCIN). OSAF;
FOR (SAFOI). REFERENCE AFR 200-2, PARA 15. THIS MESSAGE
CONSIST OF TWELVE (12) PARTS. PART ONE. A. (1) VARIOUSLY
DESCRIBED AS ROUND EGG SHAPED, NO SPECIFIC SHPAE OF SIMPLY A
STREAK OF LIGHT. (2) ROUND DESCRIPTION: QUARTER: EGG
SHAPED; HALF DOLLAR, NO SHAPE: PEA. (3) ROUND: ORANGE, EGG:
WHITE TO ORANGE TO GREE, NO SHAPE: TOURQUOISE, STEAK:
ORANGE TO BLUE. (4) ONE TL N/A (6) NONE.
(7) ROUND: NONE, EGG: 3X OBJECT SUZE, NO SHAQE: SHORT
TAIL LIKE FLARE, STREAK: TRAIL LIKE METEOR. (8) NONE

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L ALL AGREE OBJECT WAS EXTREMELY BRILLIANT. PART TWO.

B. (1) ALL WERE ATTRACHED BY BRIGHT LIGHT. (2) ROUND:

10 DEG ELEV 340 DEG AZ., EGG SHAPED 20 DEG ELEV 320 DEG AZ NO SHAPE

20 DEG - 30 DEG ELEV 30 DEG AZ., STREAK 20 DEG ELEV 340 DEG - 350 DEG

(3) ROUND 7-8 DEG ELEV/10 DEGAZ, STREAK 5-10 DEG ELEV 0 DEG AZ NO SHAPE

10 DEG ELEV 20 DEG AZ, STREAK 15 DEG ELEV 0-10 DEG AZ. (4) ROUND AND

EGG SHAPE: ALMOST HORIZONTAL, SLIGHT DESCENT. NO SHAPE

MOVED IN ARC, STREAK: DESCENDING PATH OF 30 DEG (5) ROUND:

BLINKED OUT, EGG: BLACKED OUT, NO SHAPE, SEEMED TO BURN OUT,

STREAK: SEEMED TO BURN OUT (6) ROUND: 10 SEC, EG: 15-

30 SEC, NO SHAPE: 2-3 SEC, STREAK: 1/2 SEC. PART THREE.

C. 1 ALL GROUND VISUAL EXCEPT STREAK DESCRIPTION. THIS

WAS MADE BY PILOT OF KC-135. (2) NONE (3) STREAK DES-

CRPTION: KC-135, NR 633, ALT 2000 FT, HEADING 075 DEG, SPEED

150K, HOMES STATION WESTOVER AFB, NASM PART FOUR. D.

(1) 0730Z EXNEPT AIRBORNE SIGHTING WHICH PILOT STATES

OCCURED AT 0725Z (2) NIGHT PART FIVE E. ROUND AND EGG: INFRONT

OF BLDG T-641, WESTOVER AFB MASS; NO SHAPE, CONTROL

TOWER, WESTOVER AFBM STREAK, 3 MILES SOUTH EAST OF NORTH END

OF RQNWAY. HPART SIX. F. (1) N/A (2) ROUND; AIC RICHARD

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L. WARE, 814TH COMBAT DEFENSE SQDN, ZESTOVER AFB MASS.

EGG; AIC FRANK JACKSON JR, 814TH COMBAT DEFENSE SQDN,

WESTOVER AFB MASS. OIC STATES BOTH MEN RELEABLE BUT

NERVOUS TYPES AND MIGHT BE PRONE TO EXAGGERATION DUE TOEX-

CITEMENT. NO SHAPE, TSGT EDWAFD E MCGEE JR, 1917COMM

SQDN, WESTOVER AFB MASS. AIC HOWARD C PEAHEY JR, 1917TH

COMM SQDN, WESTOVER AFB MASS. TSGT MCGEE IS DESCRIBED BY

OIC AS BEST QUALIFIED CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR ON BASE.

EXCELLENT OBSERVER. AIC PEAHEY HAS 17 YRY OF SERVICE AND

IS DESCRIBED AS COOT AND RELIABLE. STREAK: CAPT JOHN

INGWERYEN, 99ARY, 4050ARW, WESTOVER AFB MASS. CAPT INGWERSEN

HAS A TOTAL OF 24 YEARS OF CIVILIAN AND MILITARY FLYING

EXPERIENCE AND IS COMPETENT OBSERVER. PART SEVEN. G.

(1) EXCELLENT (2) SURFACE: 270/3, 6,000: 280/40,

10,000: 260/40, 16,000: 230/45 20,00: 230/45 30,000:

250/35 50,000: 280/30, 60,000: 290/25. (3) NONE

(4) 10 MI HAXE ALOFT (5) NINE (6) NONE. PART EIGHT.

H. NONE KNOWC PART NINE. I. NONE PART TEN. J. KC-135

PART ELEVEN. K.ITS GT MELVIN LIEBERMAN, NCOIC COMBAT

INTELLIGENCE BRANCH, 99DCOI, 99TH BOMB WING, WAFB. ALTHOUGH

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DESCRITIPNS DIFFER AND A SLIGHT TIME DESCREPANCY EXISTS,
ALL REPORTS ARE BELIEVED TO BE OF SAME PHENOMENON. A
TELEPHONE CHECK WITH SMPHSONIAN OBSERVATORY, CAMBRIDGE,
MASS INDICATES NO METEOR SWARM PASSAGE; HOWEVER, SIGHTING
IS BELIEVED TO BE OF A LARGE AND BRILLIANT METEOR. IT IS
FELT THAT REPORT OF AMN AND WARE IS EXAGGERATED AS
TO SIZE AND DURATIMN. PART SIX. L. NONE

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1. DATE 25 May 1962		2. LOCATION Dayton, Ohio		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Fireball</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>APPROX 2015</u> GMT <u>26 May 62 0115</u>		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 1		9. COURSE SW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING The witness observed a brilliant object headed southwest and slanted down toward the horizon. The object had a short tail and reminded the witness of a meteor except it was brighter than any he had ever seen.				11. COMMENTS The object observed by this witness possesses all of the characteristics of that class of meteor known as a fireball. In the absence of a satellite re-entry and evidence which would indicate to the contrary this object is concluded to be a fireball.	

28 May 62

Mr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Ext. [REDACTED]

Friday night (25 May 62) between
8:00 and 8:30 Mr. [REDACTED] saw some-
thing in the sky that he believes
to be a meteor. It was headed
SW from Zimmerman. Had a short
tail. Brilliant bluish in color.
Headed toward horizon in vertical
line. Larger than most he has
ever seen. (Looked like the one
reported in the papers on May 2.)