PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE

2 Nov 1963

2. LOCATION

ST PETER, ILLINOIS
Bean Blosson, Indiana

3. DATE-TIME GROUP

Local 0120

GMT 02/0715Z 02/0720Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar
☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS

☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE

Eastern Airlines (Civilians)

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

NotGiven 3 SECONDS

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

1

9. COURSE

Not Given

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

1) Bright Meteor changing color to gold haze. Fire trail. Observed from A/c at 37,000 ft. Object appeared to be descending.

2) YELLOWISH ORANGE DULL NONFLUTTERING

11. COMMENTS

Object reported as meteor ST. PETER ILLINOIS ADDITONAL OBSERVATION OF SAME METEOR

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

AFCIN-1
2 Nov 1963

RETURN TO:
Director
Aerospace Studies Institute
ATTN: Archives Branch
Maxwell AFB, Alabama

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

02/0716Z

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
STAFF MESSAGE BRANCH
UNCLASSIFIED MESSAGE

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INFO : XOP-1, XOPX-4, SAF-OS-3, DIA-25, DIA(CIIC)-2, JCS-35, OSD-15

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BT

UNCLAS FROM 30-NOCC; S-1102-63

1. CIRVIS REPORT:

10036-511

2. EASTERN AIRLINE #119 ALT 33,000 FT.

INDIANA STATE POLICE

DELTA AIRLINE #82 ALT 35,000 FT.

YAW 42SSAC 135 ALT "7,000 FT.

3. (A) 1 METEROITE

(B) UNUSUALLY BRIGHT METORITE CHANGING COLOR TO A GOLD HAZE, TURNING INTO A FIRE TRAIL.

4. TIME 0715Z ALT OVER 37,000 FT.

(A)

(B)

(C)

(D) OVER TOWN OF BEAN BLOSSOM INDIANA SOUTH OF INDIANAPOLIS.

(E)

5 OVER 37,000 FT. APPEARED TO BE DESCENDING

6.

NOTE : Adv cy del to XOPX, NIN & DIA
BT Retransmitted to CIA per AFHQ 1392 #67.

November 16, 1963 A.D.

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
U F O Laboratories
Dayton, Ohio

Gentlemen:

I am writing this letter for two reasons, to give and to receive information. I would like to report on an event of a week or so ago, and also to inquire about two investigations that you are making or have made in Wayne County Illinois.

I was driving south on Route 185, 2 miles Northwest of St. Peter, Illinois. At approximately 1:20 AM, Saturday November 2, 1963 A.D., through my windshield, I observed an object fall from the sky. I noted that it did NOT have a tail, so I dismissed natural falling objects. It had a yellowish-orange dull non-glittering glow that progressively got brighter as it approached the treeline and at this moment it almost became a glitter of yellowish-white and went out. This whole sequence lasted about 3 seconds or so. It first appeared in a horizontal plane, slightly inclined, and then assumed the characteristic curve of a projectile falling from a forced direction to a free-fall. Since the road is quite curved at that point, and the compass in my car is unreliable I can't say exactly what direction it came from, except that it would be from 45° NW to 45° SW. Going further and injecting a bit more of opinion, I would say the object obtained its characteristic glow from ceramic and other organic compounds, illustrating that it was of earth orgin because of our present limited knowledge of organic compounds and their thermal control characteristics.

So much for my observation. Now I would like to know some things about the August 4, 1963, sightings in the Fairfield area. I will dismiss most points of the investigation because of its characteristic pattern and because I have most of the other information I need for what I am doing. (However, you seem to have done such a good job of convincing Mr. [redacted] that he possesses an over-active imagination that I find it useless even to attempt to talk or obtain information from him.) Therefore, I am turning to you.

He stated, "I had my radio tuned on WLS...When that thing crossed over my car the radio went crazy...it made all kinds of sounds..." I want to know what these sounds were or appeared to be. For example did these sounds appear to be somewhat like crickets to him and an electric drill to his girl? Or were they later defined as resempling slowly pulsating bursts of severe intermodulation with other radio stations? Did either Mr. [redacted] or his girl have any after effects such as guiding instinct for a day or so afterwards?

Finally, I would like to ask about the object turned over to Planning Officer William McPherson my a Mr. [redacted] on or about October 31, 1963.

a) What does the object appear to be of now?
b) What does the object appear to have been made of before re-entry?
c) Have you bisected the object?
d) What was the interior made of?
e) Was any gold present?
f) Were there any remains of resinous compounds inside?
g) Were any calcium and/or silicon compounds present?
h) What is its specific gravity?
i) Does it have any characteristic symmetrical markings and/or is there any form of patterns on the exterior or in the interior layers? and if so j) what is this pattern (graphicly illustrated) ??
k) You found more radioactive count on the exterior than the interior, right?

This paragraph is my standard "form" paragraph I always insert when writing the governments of the Earth:

Your help is appreciated. Since I do pay my "fair share" and since I see nothing in any of my questions that would seriously "endanger the safety and security of the United States," I will expect an answer in full with as few as possible of 1) uncommittal statements 2) militaristic conclusions 3) press release form letters of a) politically sponsored guiding committees b) security clearance publicity directives c) form letters from other nonsense groups, and 4) excusive propaganda. If however, you feel that this material should not be spread around, mainly I suppose to protect from civil disorder of typically psycotic citizenry, I'll be happy to guarantee your confidence.

My sincere thanks for being of assistance to me. (I-H O P E)

Very truly yours,

[redacted]

Decatur, Illinois 6 25 23

[redacted]

cc for UFO file

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

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TDEW

SUBJECT: Request for UFO Information [redacted] 2 DEC 1963

TO: Hq USAF SAF-OIPB (Mrs Gaiser)
Wash 25 D C

1. Reference the attached letter from [redacted] dated 16 Nov 63, requesting information on unidentified flying objects.

2. M[redacted]s sighting was undoubtedly a meteor. The meteors without tails are quite common. Also, the colors are consistent with a meteor sighting as is the duration of three seconds. Satellite decays are ruled out for the following obvious reasons:

a. All satellite decays have an Easterly component, i.e., Northeast or Southeast.

b. Decay is characteristic by a breaking up of the object and colors tend to be red or orange.

c. The duration is much greater than a meteor sighting, for example Sputnik IV lasted in excess of two minutes. The Tiros decay of 1960 was observed from Florida to Maine and lasted in excess of four minutes.

3. A case summary of the 4 Aug 1963 sighting in Fairfield, Illinois is attached. It should answer most of the questions raised by Mr [redacted]

a. At no time did the Air Force attempt to convince Mr [redacted] that he had an overactive imagination, in fact, he was not informed of our evaluation of the sighting. However, it is difficult to explain how Mr [redacted] was able to observe certain events and/or objects while his passenger, Miss [redacted] did not see them.

b. There are many reasons for static on a car radio, for example, aircraft flying overhead or driving under or parallel to electric power lines. No association was established between the UFO and static in the radio.

c. The Air Force has no information regarding a "guiding instinct" in relation to this case.

4. The object, found in the creek bed by Mr [redacted] was turned over to the officials from Scott AFB. At this time it was determined that it was not radioactive. M[redacted]is aware of this fact. Specific answers to questions in paragraph 4 of his letter are as follows:

a. The object is a rock.

b. It has never been in outer space.

c. Yes, we have bisected the object.

d. The interior is made of silicon compounds.

e. No gold was present.

f. There were no remains of resinous compounds inside.

g. Yes, there were calcium and silicon compounds present.

h. No test was made to determine its specific gravity.

i. The exterior layer is iron pyrite, the interior or center is composed of $CACO_3$ + 2% FE.

j. No answer.

k. The object was not radioactive.

5. Nothing in this letter is considered classified.

FOR THE COMMANDER

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

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1. Ltr, [redacted]
dtd 16 Nov 63.
2. Summary, Fairfield,
Illinois case,
5 - 7 Aug 1963

[redacted]

CASE 2 NOV 1963
ST PETER, ILLINOIS

December 6, 1963

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Referring to your letter of November 16, 1963, and in particular to your plea for brevity, etc., we submit the following information:

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Sincerely,

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

Mr. [redacted]
Decatur, Illinois 62523