

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 17 August 65 18/0328Z	2. LOCATION Ottawa, Illinois
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro (METEOR) ✓
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Horizontal flight does not rule out meteor observation. Object has all characteristics of a meteor sighting.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object at 10-15 deg elevation in horizontal flight paralell to the Earth. Flight from ENE to WSW. Disappeared beyond trees. Brighter than the North Star. Total duration 15 seconds. Covered the width of a thumb at arms length in 1 second. Looked like a big meteor except that it had horizontal flight instead of descending.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE WSW	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

17 AUG 65

24 November 1965

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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This is in reply to your report of an aerial object which you observed and were unable to identify on 17 August 1965.

The object which you observed has been evaluated as a meteor, not a satellite as you suggested. Satellites have much slower speeds than the object which you observed. All known satellites have an easterly component in their direction of flight.

Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

JOHN P. SPAULDING
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Ottawa, Ill

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TDEW

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting, 17 Aug 65, Ottawa, Illinois

OCT 10 1965

TO: Hq USAF SAFOICC (M [REDACTED])
Wash D C 20330

Reference the attached letter from [REDACTED] requesting information on his unidentified observation of 17 Aug 65. His observation is characteristic of a meteor. Duration of 15 seconds is rather long, however, the object did traverse more than 90 degrees of arc. Satellite observations have apparent speeds much slower than that of the object which M [REDACTED] observed. Also, all known satellites have orbital characteristics of an Easterly component and none present a flight to the west of the North-South axis.

FOR THE COMMANDER


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

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Ltr [REDACTED]



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August 17, 1965

approx. 10° - 15° above horizon
traveling horizontally
to the North
from N to S

slowed & appeared
to move ~~from~~
ENE to WSW,
as it faded
and disappeared
behind trees.

was clearly dis-
tinguished, a little
brighter than the
North star, about
2 times brighter.
at fastest speed it cov-
ered the width of
my thumb (1") at
(20") arms length in
1 second & at slow

est speed (when
it appeared to
~~slow~~ and move
away) it covered
the same 1" in
just less than
three seconds.

Saw object for just
about 15 seconds
when walking
E to W on Main
street just ~~west~~^{west}
of La Salle St.
in Ottawa, Ill.
at 9:28 C.S.T. It
looked like a large
meteor only
it was going
across ~~up~~^{up}
of down.

Would like this just
checked, I believe
that it was

just one of our
satellites. No
one else, that
I know of, saw
this.
Thank You,
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

10:50 just noticed
what looked
like an airplane
very large &
clear, within
1 mile N of Ottawa
Riv. up Ottawa
~~the~~ traveling
at about the
same speed
as the first
object, but
since it was
so close, I'd say
50-60 MPH

had 2 red
lights & a
less than a green one
off ground 150'

was going N to S then
very suddenly
turned & was
going W to E
then appeared
to land.

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