

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 13 Sep 52		2. LOCATION ALLENTOWN, PA.		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☒ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 13/1940 EDT GMT 13/2340Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE CIVILIAN PILOT			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Civilian pilot, an inactive AF reserve captain, sighted a flaming orange-red football shaped object traveling on collision course with his light a/c. Object pulled up and shot over windshield moving in opposite direction from course of plane. Object was traveling at 700 mph.				11. COMMENTS 1. The brevity of observation and the description give the impression of a meteor. However, the objects change of direction upward is inconsistent with this theory.	

COUNTRY UNITED STATES	REPORT NO. 24-0-164	(LEAVE BLANK)
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AREA REPORTED ON PENNSYLVANIA	FROM (Agency) DO #2, OSI (IG), 67 Broad St., N.Y.C., N.Y.	
DATE OF REPORT - 9 OCT 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 13 September 1952	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) SPECIAL AGENT, NEWTON HAMFELDT	SOURCE [REDACTED]	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFL NO. 200-5, dated 29 APRIL 1952.		

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

1. [REDACTED] Captain Air Force Reserve (Inactive), presently employed by [REDACTED] Inc., [REDACTED] New York 22, New York, submitted a letter to Commanding General, Headquarters First Air Force, Mitchel Air Force Base, New York, dated 23 September 1952, which is verbatim as follows:

"Dear Sir:

If I had not seen the enclosed clipping, I probably would not make the following report. However, since other people in the vicinity where I recently saw an unusual phenomenon saw the same thing, I thought perhaps I should describe my experience.

"On 13 September 1952 at about 1940 EDT I was flying alone at 10,000 feet from Allentown, Pennsylvania, to the Caldwell-Wright Omni Station in a Beechcraft Bonanza. Visibility at that altitude was about 12 miles. There were no clouds of any kind although there was some haze...from the ground to more than 12,000 feet.

"I was approximately 15 to 20 miles NE of Allentown when suddenly a bright object which appeared to be shaped like a fat football and three feet in diameter, flaming orange-red in color, appeared at a distance of 150 to 200 yards ahead of me at eleven o'clock high. It was descending at about a 30° angle..My first impression was that it was a "falling star" and that I was on a collision course with it. I immediately pulled up into a steep climb to avoid hitting it; but the object, instead of continuing on it's downward course, very suddenly pulled up into about a 65° climb and went directly over my windshield. I quickly made a 180 to the right but could no longer see the ball of fire. If the object was at the distance and was of the size that it appeared to me to be, I would estimate it was traveling at better than 700 miles an hour. If what I saw was actually a physical object, the rapidity with which it altered it's course was astonishing.

"Since I was able to see it for not more than two seconds, I hesitated to report what I saw. After the object went by, I resumed my course and for the next 20 minutes tried

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to be sure that what I had seen had not been a light reflection on the windshield. I feel reasonably sure it was not.

"I regret now that I did not make this report immediately but the experience was so brief that I hesitated to report it until I saw the enclosed newspaper report."

2. The newspaper report referred to by [REDACTED], was obtained from the newspaper, Newark Evening News, Newark, New Jersey, dated 13 September 1952, titled "Flying Saucer Seen in Morris" which is set forth verbatim below:

"[REDACTED] - A flaming object, larger than an airplane, was reported hovering over this community last night by six persons, each of whom termed it a "flying saucer".

"One of those who saw it, an artist, will put her impression of the object on canvas.

"Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] Avenue described the object as a "flaming red ball with a tail". The tail's density changed, they said. The object hung motionless at an estimated altitude of 4,000 feet for 20 minutes before moving slowly westward in the direction of Hackettstown, they declared".

3. The original copy of [REDACTED] letter remains on file at the District Office.

PROJECT 10073 WORKSHEET

I. GENERAL

1. DATE <i>13 Sept '52</i>	2. LOCATION <i>Altamira, P.R.</i>	3. TIME Local: <i>1940</i> Zebra: <i>2340</i>
4. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE GROUND? ☒ Yes ☐ No		
☐ Naked Eye ☐ Binoculars ☐ Telescope ☐ Theodolite		
5. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED BY GROUND RADAR? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ By One Set ☐ By Two Sets ☐ By Three Sets		
6. WAS OBJECT OBSERVED FROM THE AIR? ☒ Yes ☐ No		
☒ A/C Observed Object <i>Civilian A/C</i> ☐ Interception Attempted ☐ No Intercept Attempted		
7. WERE AIRCRAFT SCRAMBLED TO INTERCEPT? ☐ Yes ☒ No		
☐ A/C Scrambled ☐ Visual Contact Made ☐ A/I Contact Made ☐ No Contact Made		
8. DID OBJECT CHANGE DIRECTION AT ANY TIME? ☒ Yes ☐ No		
☐ Normal ☒ Violent		
9. IF OBJECT WAS A "LIGHT", WAS IT: ☐ Blinking ☒ Steady		
10. LENGTH OF TIME IN SIGHT: ☒ 1-15 Seconds <i>2 sec.</i> ☐ 1-5 Minutes ☐ Over 10 Minutes		
11. REPORTING AGENCY (Unit Number and Mailing Address) <i>D.D. #2 DSI (IG), 67 Broad St. N.Y.C., N.Y.</i>		

II. ASTRONOMICAL DATA

12. WHAT ASTRONOMICAL ACTIVITY WAS NOTED? <i>No</i>		
13. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO ARCH DOWNWARD?	☒ Yes <i>+ then upward</i>	☐ No
14. DID OBJECT HAVE A TAIL?	☐ Yes	☒ No
15. DID OBJECT APPEAR TO DISINTEGRATE?	☐ Yes	☒ No
16. TIME OF SIGHTING RELATIVE TO SUNRISE OR SUNSET (Data From Air Almanac)		
☒ Night ☐ Day ☐ Sunrise ☐ Sunset		

III. AIRCRAFT DATA

17. WERE AIRCRAFT NOTED IN AREA?	☐ Yes ☒ No
☐ One Aircraft ☐ More Than One Aircraft	
18. WAS ANY SOUND HEARD?	☐ Yes ☒ No
19. WERE THERE INDICATIONS OF HIGH BACKGROUND NOISE?	☐ Yes ☒ No
20. WAS THE OBJECT VIEWED ABOVE 45° ELEVATION?	☒ Yes ☐ No

IV. BALLOON DATA

21. WERE BALLOONS RELEASED IN AREA? ☐ Yes ☐ No						
22. TIME SINCE SCHEDULED BALLOON RELEASE: <i>1 hr 40</i> Minutes						
23. POSSIBLE BALLOON LAUNCH SITES DOWNWIND OF SIGHTING:						
	Location	Type	Launching Agency	Lighted?		Describe Lighting
				Yes	No	
a.						
b.						
c.						
d.						

(attach overlay)

V. EVALUATION

21. EVALUATION OF SOURCE: ☒ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Unreliable ☐ Extremely Doubtful ☐ Hoax	22. DETAILS OF REPORT: ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Insufficient to Evaluate
23. FINAL EVALUATION: ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other: _____ ☐ Insufficient Data For Evaluation ☒ Unknown	
24. COMMENTS:	

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1. DATE OF OBSERVATION		2. TIME OF OBSERVATION		3. STATION OBSERVING	
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4. WINDS ALOFT:					
ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)	ALTITUDE (feet)	VELOCITY (knots)	DIRECTION (degrees)
0			25,000		
1,000			30,000		
2,000			35,000		
3,000			40,000		
4,000			45,000		
5,000			50,000		
6,000			55,000		
7,000			60,000		
8,000			65,000		
9,000			70,000		
10,000			75,000		
12,000			80,000		
14,000			85,000		
16,000			90,000		
18,000			95,000		
20,000			100,000		

5. WAS AN INVERSION LAYER NOTED? (If yes, at what altitude? _____)	☐ Yes ☐ No
6. WERE ANY THUNDERSTORMS NOTED IN AREA? (If yes, at what quadrant? _____)	☐ Yes ☐ No

7. CLOUD COVER: _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet. _____ tenths at _____ feet.	8. VISIBILITY WAS _____ MILES.
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9. COMMENTS:

No weather info in report.