

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 22 June 1954	2. LOCATION Miami Beach, Florida		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>2100</u> GMT <u>23/0200Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Military		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 7 Minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE Descending	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>UNIDENTIFIED</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Initial impression falling star at 030 deg azimuth. Bright white- sudden drop then hovered. Gradually faded away in same position.		11. COMMENTS UNIDENTIFIED	

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IN REPLY ADDRESS NOT THE
SIGNER OF THIS LETTER, BUT
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DISTRICT, U. S. NAVAL BASE,
CHARLESTON, S. C.

HEADQUARTERS SIXTH NAVAL DISTRICT
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20 JUL 1954

From: Commandant, SIXTH Naval District
To: Director of Intelligence, Headquarters, USAF, Washington 25, D. C.

Subj: Unidentified Flying Object, 22 June 1954, Miami, Florida

Refs: (a) CG 3d MAW AirFMFLant Spdltr 22:jch A8-6, of 24 June 1954
(b) U. S. Air Force Ltr No. 200-5, of 29 April 1952

Encl: (1) Statement of Major E. [REDACTED] USMCP [REDACTED]
(2) Statement of [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

1. Reference (a) advised of a subject sighting at 220505Z June 1954 in latitude 26-00N, longitude 80-00W, by source whose reliability was evaluated B-2.
2. Enclosures (1) and (2) are furnished in amplification of reference (a).
3. The files of DIO-6ND contain no derogatory data concerning Edmund BUCHSER, Jr., nor of James V. WILKINS.
4. Forwarded in accordance with reference (b).

C. E. Boyd
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By direction

Copy to:
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CG EADF
OSI Dist #7
CG 3d MAW MCAS Miami (Less Encls)

STATEMENT OF [REDACTED] Major, [REDACTED], USMCR, VMR-353, MAG-45.

During the evening of 22 June 1954 I was indoors at my residence, located at [REDACTED], Miami Beach, Fla. At approximately 2100 hours, Major [REDACTED], a fellow resident, who was sitting outside on the patio, called me in a loud, excited voice to come outside. I joined him immediately where he was standing on the beach and he pointed out a large, bright, white light in the sky. This light was hanging motionless in the sky north of us, and I estimated its position, at the time of original sighting, as slightly oceanward from the beach approximately between Sunny Isles and Golden Beach.

At first glance, I took the light to be a star, but on closer observation I could not remember ever seeing a star of such size intensity or whiteness. I also ruled out the possibility of its being an aircraft tail light for the same reasons.

As we stood and watched the light it gradually seemed to fade out, changing neither position or altitude, but decreasing steadily in size and intensity. The time involved, from my first sighting of the light until it could be no longer seen, was I would estimate from 3 to 4 minutes.

[REDACTED]

From :Major [REDACTED]
To :G-2 3D MAW

Subj: Unidentified object, statement on

MAMI BEACH, FLA. 2B

1. At approximately 2100 on the evening of 22 June 1954 I was sitting on the front porch of my residence at [REDACTED]. This porch faces the Atlantic ocean. I observed what appeared to be a "falling star" on a true bearing of approximately 030 degrees. In a matter of two seconds, approximately, this light steepened in angle of descent and intensity of light brilliance that I thought it was the "turtle back" light on an aircraft in a steep dive and apparently in the process of crashing. I ran out to the beach (approximately 100 feet) and observed this light to increase in brillianc, angle of descent, and apparent speed until at an angle of about 10 degrees above the horizontal, (just above the horizon) then slow down and hover with a brilliance far greater than any aircraft light I have ever observed. At this time it was on a true bearing of approximately 010 degrees. I called for Major James Wilkins to come and see it. By the time he arrived (about one minute) the light had faded in brilliance to about the intensity of a normal white light on an aircraft. The light gradually faded in intensity and disappeared from view.

2. The light was visible for at least seven (7) minutes.

3. Estimated of speed and altitude are impossible.

4. I have never seen anything before that could be comparable to this observation.

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]