

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 23 February 1955		2. LOCATION Wilton, Connecticut		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 24/0200Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5-6 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round, reddish orange, luminous, described as ball of light. Straight line travel.				11. COMMENTS Two observers at different locations. Meteor.	

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
9TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

20 April 1955

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21-168

SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
Flying Saucer, 23 February 1955 at
Wilton, Connecticut, Seen by ROBERT
C. HARDY

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. Transmitted herewith for your information is one (1) copy of Report of Investigation by Special Agent MICHAEL THEODORAKIS, District Office No. 2, dated 15 April 1955, file 24-420, concerning subject matter.

2. Your attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1, which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

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cc: Dir OSI w/o Incl

Kenneth L. Blackstone
KENNETH L. BLACKSTONE
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

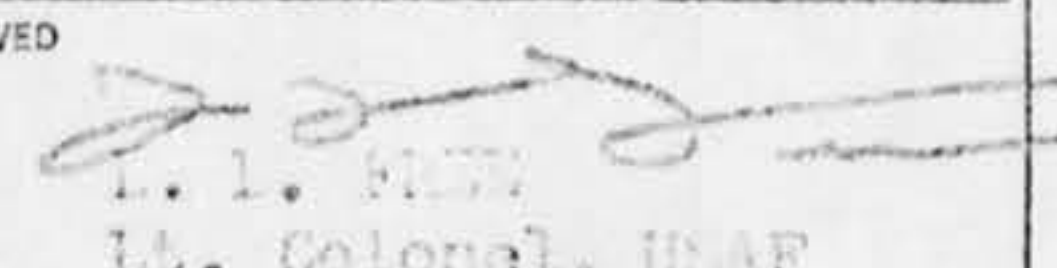
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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		2. FILE NO. DATE APR 15 1955 1. REPORT MADE BY NOZAKIS, J/A 2. REPORT MADE AT 16th St., NY 3, NY 2. PERIOD March 1955 3. OFFICE OF ORIGIN 16th St., NY 3, NY 4. STATUS
(TITLE-classified) Flying Saucer, 23 February 1955 at Wilton, Connecticut, seen by ROBERT G. RAY.		
CHARACTER INQUIRY		
REFERENCE Report		
SYNOPSIS Unidentified flying object sighted at approximately 2200 hours 23 February 1955 by [redacted] near North Wilton, Connecticut and by [redacted] near North Carrytown, New York. Object described as oval and spherical, reddish orange and orange re- spectively by [redacted] and [redacted]. Object noiseless, had no tail or trail and was luminous. Details concerning sightings set forth.		
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TOP SECRET: Flying Saucer
FILE NO: 24-420

DETAILS:

1. This investigation was directed by the District Commander, 2d District OSI (10) USAF, 111 E 16th St., New York City, predicated upon information that an unidentified flying object was sighted in the vicinity of Wilton, Connecticut on 23 February 1955.

2. The writer was assisted in this investigation by Special Agent in Charge WILLYN H. BELCHER.

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

3. On 4 March 1955, the New York Field Office, FBI, transmitted a letter from [REDACTED] New York, N.Y. concerning the reported sighting of an unidentified flying object by [REDACTED] on 23 February 1955. The letter from [REDACTED] is set forth verbatim:

"I do not know if I am writing the right place or not with respect to the following information, but if not, you can at least pass it on.

I live in Wilton, Connecticut, and on returning to my home last Wednesday night, February 23, with my wife, I went on Route 33. About half-way from the center of Wilton to my house (which is about five miles from the center), my wife spotted and pointed out to me a rather peculiar object going across the horizon. It appeared to be a red ball several thousand feet from the earth and travelling at a high rate of speed. It was not an airplane. I looked in the papers for some mention of a meteor having come to earth but had seen none.

Subsequent thereto, however, I spoke to a friend of mine, [REDACTED], who lives on the Hudson River, and he mentioned, in reply to my description, that the same night and about the same time a similar object had apparently passed over his house and crossed the river. This would seem to show that it was not a meteor heading for the earth, as the height, speed and distance were such that it would have hit the earth before it reached the location of the river. The time was approximately 10:00 p.m. or slightly thereafter in each case.

You may have similar reports of this strange object, and I will be glad to give you further details and description if requested."

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DETAILS (CONT'D):

4. On 23 March 1959, [REDACTED], 515 Madison Ave., New York City, was interviewed. [REDACTED] gave the following account concerning the unidentified flying object he allegedly sighted:

(1) Description of the object.

- (a) Shape: decidedly oval
- (b) Size compared to a known object held in the hand at arms length: The best comparison [REDACTED] could make was that the object was about "as large as a commercial airliner" (flying at the altitude one normally sees an airliner over a city).
- (c) Color: Reddish orange
- (d) Number: Only one
- (e) Formation: Not applicable
- (f) Discernible features: Object was oval in shape, about two and one half (2½) inches in length and three quarters (¾) inches in width. [REDACTED] could recall no other specific details.
- (g) Tail, trail or exhaust: None
- (h) Sound: No sound was heard
- (i) Other pertinent or unusual features: The object was luminous. [REDACTED] described it as a "ball of light".

(2) Description of course of object.

- (a) What first called the attention of observer to the object? Mrs. [REDACTED] was driving home with Mr. [REDACTED] from a church meeting. The [REDACTED] were driving north on Connecticut State Route 33, which is a dark road at night having no street lights. Mrs. [REDACTED] first noticed the light from the object and called it to Mr. [REDACTED]'s attention.
- (b) Angle of elevation and azimuth of object when first observed: The object was descending at about a 30 degree angle and appeared as though it would hit the ground in about ten (10) miles should it continue falling at that angle.
- (c) Angle of elevation and azimuth of object upon disappearance: Not applicable.
- (d) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object: The object was traveling in a southwesterly direction, assuming the flight path of a straight line.
- (e) Manner of disappearance of object: The object disappeared from view when it flew behind a high hill in the area known as Bald Mountain.
- (f) Length of time in sight: About five (5) to six (6) seconds.

(3) Manner of observation.

- (a) Ground-visual
- (b) Optical aid used: Negative
- (c) Details of sighting if made while airborne: Not applicable.

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DETAIL (CONT'D):

(4) Time and date of sighting

- (a) 240200Z February 1955
- (b) Light conditions: Night

(5) Location of observer: About two and one half (2½) miles northward on Connecticut State Highway 33 from the intersection of Connecticut U.S. Highway 7 and just before Bald Mountain.

(6) Identifying information of observer: [REDACTED] is an attorney age fifty (50), Ridgefield Road, Wilton, Connecticut. [REDACTED] has offices at [REDACTED], New York City. [REDACTED] appeared to be a sober minded individual who was telling the truth to the best of his knowledge.

(7) Weather conditions at time of sighting

(a) Observer's account of weather conditions: Clear night.

5. On 24 March 1955, [REDACTED] New York City, was interviewed by S/A BAC and the writer. [REDACTED] gave the following account of what he saw on 23 February 1955:

At approximately 2200 Eastern Standard Time (240200Z February 1955 Sulu time-date group) on 23 February 1955, [REDACTED] was watching television and happened to glance out the window when he saw what he described as a sphere, irregular in shape and orange in color. This object would be about the size of a basketball held in the hand at about arm's length. The only discernible detail [REDACTED] could recall was that the object was a sphere of light shooting across the sky. It had no tail, trail or exhaust and made no sound whatsoever. The object travelled horizontally across the Hudson River towards Nyack, New York and went out of sight over the horizon. [REDACTED] saw the object in sight for only about one second. [REDACTED] lives at his home at Phillips Manor, about one and one half (1½) miles north of North Tarrytown, New York, along route U.S. 9 on the Hudson River. [REDACTED] is forty-eight (48) years of age and resides at [REDACTED] North Tarrytown, N.Y. He is a public accountant with the [REDACTED] firm of [REDACTED] New York City. [REDACTED] appeared to be a sober minded person who described what he saw to the best of his ability.

6. This report is classified [REDACTED] pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 24a, AFR 205-1.

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INCLOSURES:

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1. Photostat of segment of New York road map showing two sightings of unidentified flying object. (in quad)

FOR CONDR, AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER, WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO

1. Same as above.

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