

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <b>18 December 1956</b>	2. LOCATION <b>Wilmington, Delaware Newburgh, New York</b>	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>1. 19/0025Z</u> GMT <u>2. 19/0030Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <b>Long Valley, New Jersey</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Meteor <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
5. PHOTOS <u>3. 19/0030Z</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE <b>Civilian</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>1. 3-4 secs by one source</u> <u>2. 20-30 secs 2nd source</u> <u>two seconds</u>	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <b>one</b>	9. COURSE <b>1. SW to NE</b> <b>2. NE</b>
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 1) One symmetrical-shaped obj w/long streamer behind. Front of obj was colored brilliant bluish-green & rear greenish yellow to orange. Obj moved in straight path horizontal fm SW to NE. Obj broke into several smaller obj's which disappeared suddenly. Obj was seen visually for 3-4 secs by one observer & 20-30 ses by a second. 2) One round yellow & green obj, size of dime at arm's length. Sparks noted. Flew fast in NE direction. Faded fm sight after 2 seconds.		11. COMMENTS <b>Sighting probably caused by meteor.</b>  <b>3) Brilliant obj observed thru car windshield for 15 seconds. Brilliant silver w/tail like trail. Fine yellow leading obj. No snd. Thought to be many miles away.</b>

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Long Valley, N.J.  
Phone Long Valley  
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Dec. 22, 1956  
Air Technical Intelligence  
Center, U.S. Air Force  
Wright Patterson Field  
Dayton, Ohio. Project Bluebook?

Tuesday, Dec. 18th, (1956), I was driving from Long Valley, N.J. to Hackettstown, N.J. on Route 24, headed north-west, time about 7:30 P.M., location my car several hundred feet beyond Trueman's Auction place, on a straight stretch of road, with no on-coming or passing traffic, when a very large, extremely brilliant flying object entered my field of vision,  $\frac{1}{4}$  down from the top of my windshield, for about 15 seconds, passing across  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the width of my windshield until I lost sight of it behind my rear-view mirror; and on my next glance from road to sky it was out of sight. My wife, sitting on my right, says it passed the entire width of the windshield, then disappeared. It flew left to right, across the road, that is

West to East.

The sky was clear, no cloud or haze obstructed my view. The distance from me must have been a good many miles, perhaps as much as 20 miles, for the outline was sharp and clear. I could not see any structural details. What I saw was a head glaring fiery yellow curved shape at the front followed by brilliant silver tapering to what looked like a tail-like exhaust at the rear of darker hue, reddish yellow like some sunset colors, and a hard jewel-like brilliance to the entire object, but without any variation in color intensity, no sparkle, flicker or fade. The outline of the whole was regular, no detached particles no luminous trail, no lighting up of the surrounding sky and flight was horizontal and steady. It did not streak thru the sky. It was steady rapid flight of a large object a long ways away.

The sight was so eye-compelling that I judge it must have been seen by hundreds of people, as it was low enough on the horizon to attract attention, even of any driver of a car traveling towards its line of flight. If this object



was circular, then the tail or exhaust would be about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the total length. No resemblance at all to anything I have seen in the sky before. No relation to a falling star or anything of that nature I have ever seen. No sound heard. General proportions, as per diagram.

I was in no position to hold up a hand or finger at some length to sight with one eye; but reconstructing in daylight after the event, would judge

that a stick  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch wide held vertically at arms length, sighting with the right eye would cover the length of the object.

Will you please tell me what this object was and give me your calculation of its size? I am sure you will receive numerous reports from sources other than myself.

Very truly yours,

[Redacted signature]

Make of car driven De Soto 1954 four door  
Sedan V8, Color Black.

Age of writer: 55 years.

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 RJEEDWP/COMDR AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CNTR WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB  
 OHIO  
 RJEPHQ/COMDR DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HQS USAF WASH 25 D.C.  
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- (UNCLAS) SPCT 12-4591. SUBJECT: UFO.
- (1) (-) SYMMETRICAL (OVAL) IN FRONT WITH LONG STREAMER BEHIND.
  - (?) BASKETBALL.
  - (C) FRONT-BRILLIANT BLuish GREEN. REAR -GREENISH YELLOW TO ORANGE
  - (D) ONE
  - (E) NONE
  - (F) TRAIL OR TAIL
  - (H) NONE
  - (I) NONE



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(2) (A) BRILLIANCE, SUDDEN APPEARANCE

(B) 4 DEGREES, 15-20 DEGREES LEFT OF NORTH.

(C) 3 DEGREES, 15-20 DEGREES RIGHT OF NORTH.

(D) MOVED IN STRAIGHT LINE HORIZONTAL TO GROUND FROM SW TO NE. GREAT.

(E) BROKE UP INTO SEVERAL SMALLER OBJECT WHICH DISAPPEARED SUDDENLY.

(F) 3 TO 4 SECONDS BY ONE OBSERVER AND 2 TO 3 SECONDS BY OTHER

(3) (A) GROUND - VISUAL

(B) BINOCULARS USED BY ONE OBSERVER 75%.

(C) N/A

(4) (A) 0825 ZULU 19 DEC 1956

(B) NIGHT

(5) OBSERVER NUMBER ONE - CAA CONTROL TOWER, NEW CASTLE COUNTY AIRPORT WILMINGTON DELAWARE

OBSERVER NUMBER TWO - ONE MILE SOUTH OF WEST CHESTER, PA.

ON " FIVE POINT ROAD".

(6) (A) OBSERVER NUMBER ONE - [REDACTED], 4, CAA CONTROL

[REDACTED], WILMINGTON 4, DEL., AIRPORT TRAFFIC

CONTROLLER.

OBSERVER NUMBER TWO - [REDACTED], 32, RD 3 WEST

CHESTER PA., SELF EMPLOYED TRUSS SURGEON.

19/0025Z

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(7) (A) VERY GOOD

(B) SURFACE - ENE SK

6,000 - TOP DEGREES 25K

10,000 - 30 DEGREES 50K

15,000 - 25 DEGREES 30K

20,000 - 31 DEGREES 35K

30,000 - 20 DEGREES 40K

(C) CLEAR

(D) 15 PLUS

(E) NONE

(F) NONE

(G) NONE

(H) N/A

(I) NONE

(11) GROUP OPERATIONS OFFICER. BELIEVE OBJECT TO HAVE BEEN A LARGE METEOR.

(12) NONE.

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20/22Z BNC RJPJR



UFOB INDEX CARD

ATSS UFOB 502 56

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Witness

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ACTION/INFOR. INFO.  
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RJEPNE/COMDR DET 3 462ND AISS STEWART AFB NY

RJEPNE/COMDR FLT 3 462ND AISS STEWART AFB NY

INFO RJEPNE/COMDR EADF STEWART AFB NY

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/UNCLASSIFIED/ SUBJECT UFOB REPOR

(1) DESCRIPTION:

(A) ROUND

(B) DIME

(C) YELLOW AND GREEN

(D) ONE

1 } 4E4  
2 }  
3 4x2a  
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19/00302

left turn? 24  
slowest meteor  
almost 17,000 MPH

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(A) NONE

(B) NONE

(C) NONE

(D) NONE

(E) NONE

(F) NONE

(G) NONE

(9) NO SCRAMBLE ATTEMPTED OBJECT FADED TO QUICKLY

(10) NONE

(11) THE OBJECT WAS A METEOR IN MY OPINION, AS SEVERAL DISTANT SITES

ALSO OBSERVED THE OBJECT. WHICH WOULD LEAD ME TO BELIEVE THE OBJ:5.

(D) NA

(F) SPARKS, ROUND LOOKED LIKE METEOR-PARALLEL TO EARTH

(C) TAIL

(H) NONE

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(I) MADE LEFT TURN AND TURNED GREEN

(2) DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:

(A) FAST SPEED OF BRIGHT OBJECT GOING NORTHEAST

(B) NA

(C) NA

(D) MADE LEFT TURN APPEARED GREEN THEN FADED

(E) FADED FROM SIGHT

(F) 2 SECONDS

(3) MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(A) GROUND VISUAL

(B) NONE

(4) TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(A) 19/ 3 12 DEC 56

(B) NIGHT

(5) LOCATION OF OBSERVER (D) STEWART AFB CONTROL TOWER

(6) IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBSERVERS

(A) NA

(B) STAFF SERGEANT PETER L. BRICHANT AF13304349 2 1/2 YR AMCC CABIN. TOWER

OPER. CHIEF CONTROLLER FOR 5 YEARS. RELIABLE

(7) WEATHER & WINDSJAALOFT CONDITION AT TIME & PLACE OF SIGHTING.

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OFFICE OF RECORD

28 DEC 1956

*Mutti*

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ROUTING	COORDINATION
AFOIN-4	
AFOIN-4X2b	
AFOIN-4X2c	Valley Brook Road Long Valley, New Jersey
AFOIN-4X3	Dear <i>Mutti</i>
AFOIN-4X4	Thank you for your letter of 22 December 1956 together with your report of an unidentified flying object.
AFOIN-4A	Definite identification of your sighting has not been made to date; however, the information will be used in our continuing analysis.
	Inclosed is the U.S. Air Force Technical Information Sheet
AFOIN-4B	which we desire you fill out and return to the Air Technical Intelligence Center.
	You may be assured that your interest in this program is greatly appreciated.
AFOIN-4C	
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AFOIN-4D	USAF Tech Info Sheet
AFOIN-4E	
1	4E4, 24/12/56 Oliver D. Hill, NY sgt
2	4E4, <i>W.A. Miley</i> 28 Dec 56
AFOIN-4F	
OTHERS	

Valley Brook Road  
Long Valley, New Jersey

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Sincerely,

ROBERT E. O'CONNOR  
Captain, USAF  
Assistant Adjutant

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USAF Tech Info Sheet

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