

MULTIPLE

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 1 Jul 60		2. LOCATION Chanute AFB, Illinois		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 02/0230Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military and Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2-20 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS four		9. COURSE S	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING During a period of 5 hrs there were 4 reported objects seen over the same general area. The objects consisted of flashes of light, greenish-white in color, with long trail of sparks. One witness reported an object that broke into 2 pieces. Objects were viewed from 2 to 20 sec, depending on witness.				11. COMMENTS Description and duration is typical of meteors. It is ATIC opinion that the cause for these sightings was a meteor shower.	

e. Location of Observer:

On Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois

f. Identifying Information of Observer:

(1) Mrs. [REDACTED] Civilian, Age 35, [REDACTED],
Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois. Secretary to Base WX Officer. Reliability:
Very good.

(2) Not applicable

g. Weather and Winds Aloft - Condition at the time and place of sighting:

(1) Clear

(2) thru (7) See attachment #12

h. None

i. None

j. Information not readily available

k. See findings of Basic Report

l. None

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BASIC REPORTING DATA OF TSGT [REDACTED]

In accordance with paragraph 15, AFR 200-2, the following is submitted:

a. Description of Object(s):

- (1) Egg shaped
- (2) Appeared as approximately the size of a pea held at arm's length and disappeared approximately the size of a dime held at arm's length.
- (3) Reddish orange
- (4) Appeared as one object and broke into two pieces with the smaller (approximately the size of a pea at arm's length) trailing by one-half the diameter of the larger piece.
- (5) None
- (6) It appeared to travel slower than a meteor
- (7) None
- (8) None
- (9) None

b. Description of Course of Object(s):

- (1) Light from the object
- (2) Approximately 40° elevation
- (3) Approximately 20°
- (4) Straight line traveling from East to South
- (5) Rapid fading
- (6) Approximately three to four seconds

c. Manner of Observation:

- (1) Ground - visual
- (2) None
- (3) Not applicable

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d. Time and Date of Sighting:

(1) 0545Z, 2 July 1960

(2) Night

e. Location of Observer:

Approximately one mile west of Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Illinois

f. Identifying Information of Observer:

(1) Not applicable

(2) TSgt [REDACTED] age 30, 1963rd AACS, Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois. GCA operator. Reliability - very good.

g. Weather and Winds Aloft Condition at the Time and Place of Sighting:

(1) Clear

(2) thru (7) See attachment #12

h. None

i. None

j. Information not readily available

k. See findings of basic report

l. None

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BASIC REPORTING DATA OF SSGT ROBERT W. ANDERSON:

In accordance with paragraph 15, AFR 200-2, the following is submitted:

a. Description of the Object(s):

- (1) Flash of light shape of an orange
- (2) About the size of an orange held at arm's length
- (3) Exceptionally bright green
- (4) One
- (5) None
- (6) The object appeared to dim then get very bright, brighter than anything he has ever seen
- (7) Trail of sparks, about 20 times longer than the object
- (8) None
- (9) Brightness of the color

b. Description of Course of the Object:

- (1) Flash of light
- (2) Approximately 70 to 80° elevation
- (3) Approximately 45° elevation
- (4) Straight
- (5) Faded slowly traveling south. After the object faded, the trail was still visible for approximately 20 seconds. The color of the trail was reddish orange sparks.
- (6) Approximately 20 seconds

c. Manner of Observation:

- (1) Ground - visual
- (2) None
- (3) Not applicable

d. Time and Date of Sighting(s):

- (1) 0731Z, 2 July 1960
- (2) Night

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e. Location of Observer:

In the Weather Observation tower located on the NE corner of Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Illinois.

f. Identifying Information of the Observer:

(1) Not applicable

(2) SSgt Robert W. Anderson, AF16280391, age 33, Det. 3, 8th Weather Group, Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois. Senior weather observer. Reliability: Very good.

g. Weather and Winds - Aloft Conditions at the Time and Place of Sighting:

(1) Thin scattered cirrus in the SE and SW quadrant

(2) thru (7) See attachment #12

h. None

i. None

j. Information not readily available.

k. See findings in basic report

l. None

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BASIC REPORTING DATA OF A3C Mary Fletcher:

In accordance with paragraph 15, AFR 200-2, the following is submitted:

a. Description of the Object(s):

- (1) Flash of light lit up the sky like a flash bulb.
- (2) No object. Large mass of light covering approximately one-half the sky.
- (3) Greenish white
- (4) One
- (5) None
- (6) Started dim. Brightened leaving a solid trail of greenish white (not as green as the flash) light. The trail didn't radiate light.
- (7) Solid trail six feet long. Observers could not distinguish an object.
- (8) None
- (9) None

b. Description of Course of the Object(s):

- (1) Sudden flash of light in a clear sky
- (2) Approximately 60° elevation
- (3) Approximately 40° elevation
- (4) Straight line moving south
- (5) The blob of light disappeared abruptly but the trail remained for approximately 25 seconds.
- (6) Approximately five seconds.

c. Manner of Observation:

- (1) Ground - visually
- (2) None
- (3) Not applicable

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d. Time and Date of Sighting(s):

(1) 0731Z 2 July 1960

(2) Night

e. Location of Observer(s):

In the weather observation tower on the NE corner of Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Illinois

f. Identifying Information on Observer

(1) Not applicable

(2) A3 [REDACTED], age 22, Det. 3, 8th Weather Grp., Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois. Junior weather observer. Reliability: Very good.

g. Weather and Winds Aloft - Condition at time and place of sighting:

(1) Clear, high, then scattered

(2) thru (7) See attachment #12

h. None

i. None

j. Information not readily available

k. See findings in basic report

l. None

HEADQUARTERS
CHANUTE TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTER (ATC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
CHANUTE AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 0

20 JUL 1961

SUBJECT: Report of Investigation, UFO Sighting

TO: ATIC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

The attached report is submitted in accordance with AFR 200-2.

FOR THE COMMANDER

R. O. Mosher
R. O. MOSHER
Colonel, USAF
Operations Officer

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BASIC REPORTING DATA OF SSgt [REDACTED]

In accordance with paragraph 15, AFR 200-2, the following is submitted:

a. Description of the Object(s):

- (1) Round
- (2) The size of a dime held at arm's length
- (3) Brilliant green
- (4) One
- (5) None
- (6) Brightness
- (7) None
- (8) None
- (9) Brightness of color

b. Description of Course of the Object(s):

- (1) Sudden flash of light
- (2) Approximately 70 to 80° elevation
- (3) Approximately 40° elevation
- (4) Straight, traveling south
- (5) Instantaneously
- (6) Approximately 3 to 7 seconds

c. Manner of Observation

- (1) Ground - visual
- (2) None
- (3) Not applicable

d. Time and date of sighting(s):

- (1) 0731Z 2 July 1960
- (2) Night

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e. Location of Observer:

In the Control Tower located on Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Ill.

f. Identifying information on the observer: SSgt [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] age 27, 1963rd AACS, Chanute AFB, Ill. Control Tower operator. Reliability - very good

g. Weather and Winds - Aloft condition at time and place of Sighting(s):

(1) Thin ground fog - sky clear

(2) thru (7) See attachment #12

h. None

i. None

j. Information not readily available

k. See findings of basic report

l. None

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Statement of Lt. Miller:

As "Moondust" Project Officer for Chanute Air Force Base I had been alerted to the expected re-entry of the Russian Rocket 1960 Epsilon II. The information furnished me by COMATC, Randolph Air Force Base, Texas, indicated the rocket was due to re-enter the earth's atmosphere during the period from late June through mid-July. I requested that the local AACS and Weather Detachment Commanders alert the control tower and weather observer personnel to be on the lookout for the re-turning rocket.

At 0615Z I received the report from TSgt [REDACTED] concerning the object he saw at the drive-in movie. Just after transmitting this sighting report, at about 0800Z, Major Harrison, the Weather Detachment Commander, reported the sighting made by SSgt Anderson. I transmitted this sighting also. After comparing notes with Captain Nathan on this date (14 July), I see that I inadvertently reported the time of Sgt. Anderson's sighting as 1931Z rather than 0731Z.

From about 0831Z until 1031Z, Major Harrison, Sgt. Anderson, Airman Fletcher, Mrs. [REDACTED] and myself posted ourselves on the roof of the remote observing site in hopes of again sighting the object. We made no sighting. As the sighting by Sgt. [REDACTED] and Sgt. Anderson were some 95 minutes apart, I assumed that these sightings were of the orbiting rocket.

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15 July 1960

SUBJECT: Meteorological Conditions at Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Illinois
(0730Z, 1 July 1960)

TO: Whomever This May Concern

1. The following meteorological conditions were observed and/or are interpolated from maps and charts for Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Illinois, at 0730Z, 1 July 1960:

a. Wind direction and speed at altitudes (feet) above sea-level as indicated:

<u>Altitude</u>	<u>Direction</u>	<u>Speed</u>
6,000	280	10
10000	320	30
16000	300	35
20000	300	35
30000	290	55
50000	290	20
60000	100	10

b. Ceiling: None

c. Visibility: $2\frac{1}{2}$ nautical miles (ground fog and smoke)

d. Cloud cover: 0.3 cirrus

e. Thunderstorms: None

f. Temperature gradient:

0 to 10000'	0.7°C/1000'
10000 to 20000'	2.3°C/1000'
20000 to 30000'	2.3°C/1000'
30000 to 40000'	2.1°C/1000'
40000 to 50000'	1.0°C/1000' (TROP)

2. According to our records, there were no meteorological balloons in the vicinity of Chanute Air Force Base at the time indicated.

3. The above furnished in compliance with paragraph 15, AFR 200-2.

s/t CHARLES H. HARRISON, Major, USAF
Commander

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TO CHANUTE AFB ILL

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UNCLAS FROM AFCIN-4E2-7-2096-E

YOUR RECS ATACP-01227 AND ATACP-01228 DTD 2 JULY 60 REFS POSSIBLE
MOONBIA T SIGHTINGS. REQ AN INVESTIGATION BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE
WITH AFR 200-2 DTD 14 SEPT 59.

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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT SIGHTING

Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois - 2 July 1960

AUTHORITY: AFR 200-2 dated 14 September 1959, unclassified message AFCIN-4e2-7-2096-E, 8 July 1960 from ATIC Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, and Special Order A-393 dated 12 July 1960, Hq Chanute Technical Training Center (ATC)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE INVESTIGATION: On 13 and 14 July 1960, Capt. G. W. Nathan AO755396, 3345th Air Base Group, Chanute Technical Training Center (ATC) appointed by Special Order A-393, Hq Chanute Technical Training Center, 12 July 1960, proceeded to investigate the sighting of a UFO on the morning of 2 July 1960. During the investigation, the following persons were contacted and interviewed in accordance with paragraph 15, AFR 200-2:

SMgt [REDACTED] Det. 3, 8th Weather Group, Chanute AFB, Ill.

Mrs. [REDACTED], Chanute AFB, Illinois

SSgt [REDACTED], Det. 3, 8th Weather Gp., Chanute AFB

A3C [REDACTED] Det. 3, 8th Weather Gp., Chanute AFB

SSgt [REDACTED] 1963rd AACS, Chanute AFB, Illinois

TSgt [REDACTED] 1963rd AACS, Chanute AFB, Illinois

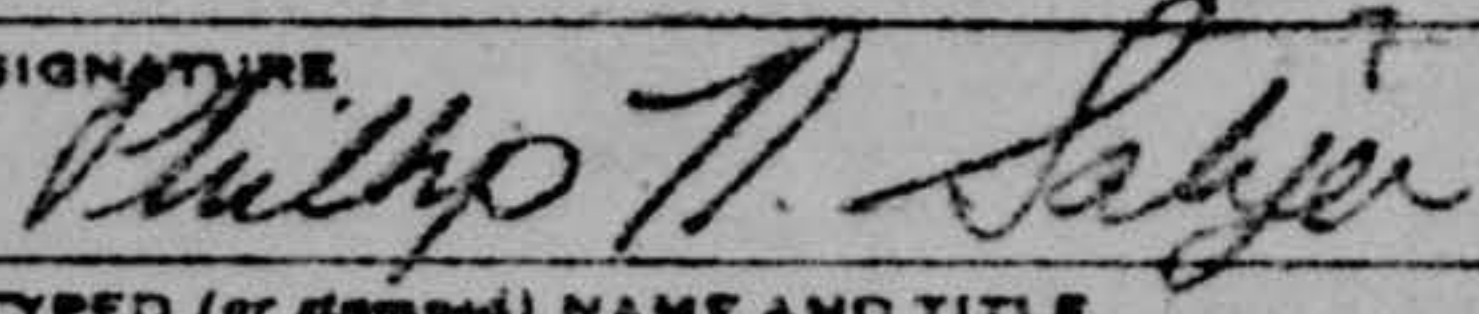
Lt. [REDACTED] Dept. of Weather and Moondust Project Officer, Chanute AFB, Illinois

FINDINGS: After careful evaluation of the facts disclosed by persons contacted and on interview with the Moondust Project Officer, Lt. Miller of Chanute AFB, it was found that:

a. SMgt and Mrs. [REDACTED] observed the flash of greenish-white light in the NE quadrant of the sky at 0231Z, 2 July 1960 and a flash of light of the same intensity and color again 90 minutes later at 0400Z in the East quadrant of the sky and a third time about 180 minutes after the second sighting at 0730Z in the NW quadrant of the sky. All findings were at an elevation of 120° relative to the horizon.

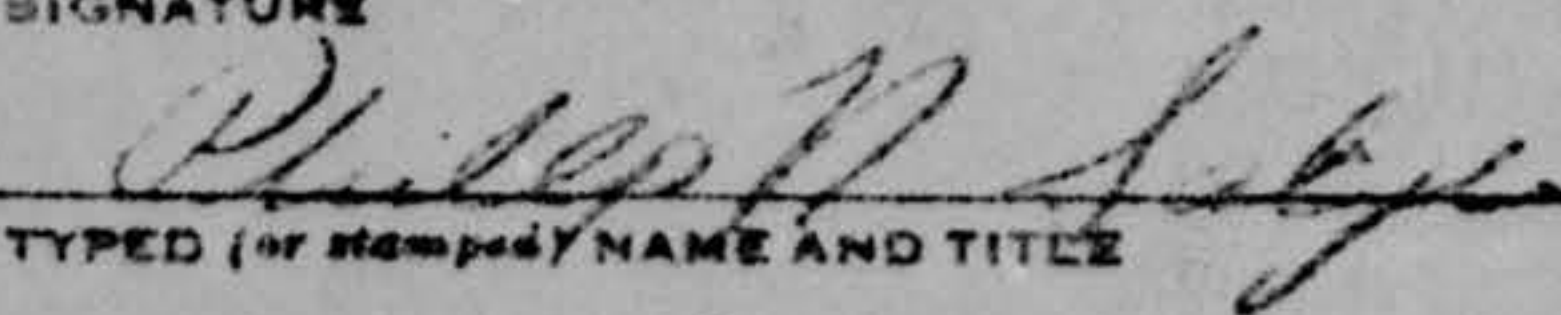
b. TSgt [REDACTED] while attending a drive-in theatre two miles west of Chanute Air Force Base, observed an egg-shaped ball of light about the size of a pea held at arm's length grow to the size of a dime held at arm's length break into two pieces with the smaller piece trailing behind the larger piece by approximately one-half the diameter of the larger piece. The object appeared reddish-orange in color in the East quadrant of the sky at about 40° elevation at 0545Z 2 July 1960, traveling South and rapidly fading at an elevation of 20°. The object was visible to Sgt. [REDACTED] for approximately three to four seconds.

c. SSgt Anderson on duty at the remote Weather Observation Tower, reported

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HEADQUARTERS
CHANUTE TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTER (ATC)
 UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
 CHANUTE AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER A-393)

12 July 1960

1. **PERSONNEL DATA:** ALC TOMMY W IRELAND AF14594302 CAFSC C56350
 Airman has over 4 years service

ASSIGNMENT: Relieved from assignment 3345th Civil Engineering Gp, ATC, this stn; Assigned Hq Sheppard Technical Training Cen, Sheppard AFB, Tex.

REPORTING DATA: DALVP. Reporting not later than 27 Jul 60. EDCSA: 1 Aug 60.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS: Authority: ATC Shipment Nr B 1528-1.

TRANSPORTATION: PCS.TDN. 5713500 164-3005 P531.10 S525900 020000 030000 BFO Nr A-68. Dislocation allowance other. TPA with 4 days travel time authorized. If POV is not used travel time will be the time of the common carrier used.

2. CAPT GEORGE W NATHAN A0755396, Hq 3345th AB Gp, ATC, this stn is appointed as an investigating officer to investigate a UFO sighting on 2 Jul 60. Authority: AFR 200-2, 14 Sep 59.

3. MAJ WALTER F QUIGLEY A01549034, relieved from assignment Hq Chanute Technical Training Cen, ATC, this stn; Assigned Hq 3345th Technical School, USAF, ATC, this stn. NO DALVP. Officer reported 11 Jul 60. EDCSA: 14 Jul 60 Authority: AFM 35-11. Permanent change of assignment. No travel involved.

4. The following named airmen, assigned 3358th School Sq, ATC, this stn are awarded the Good Conduct Medal and/or Bronze Clasp with nr loops indicated during period indicated for demonstration of exemplary behaviour, efficiency and fidelity. Authority: AFR 900-10.

<u>GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL</u>			<u>Period</u>
A2C	RONALD A DEGEETER	AF19577769	1 May 57 - 30 Apr 60
A2C	ROGER S KLING	AF19584594	1 May 57 - 30 Apr 60
A2C	GEORGE W CALLAN	AF12535561	29 May 57 - 28 May 60
A2C	MARTIN J KONITZER	AF16569095	31 May 57 - 30 May 60
A2C	FRANKLIN D NEAL	AF16576623	27 May 57 - 26 May 60
A2C	LEROY J WIDMAN	AF17427751	17 May 57 - 16 May 60
A2C	JOEL G WILCOX	AF11324759	28 May 57 - 27 May 60
A2C	CLYDE F SECAUR	AF19573436	25 Jun 57 - 24 Jun 60
A2C	ROBERT F SEILER, JR	AF15577245	7 Jun 57 - 6 Jun 60
SSGT	DAVID G CHANDLER	AF19577375	14 Jan 57 - 13 Jan 60
SSGT	ROBERT E OVERSTREET	AF12454493	30 Mar 57 - 29 Mar 60
TSGT	LEO M BELUSCAK	AF19589928	4 Jun 57 - 3 Jun 60
<u>BRONZE CLASP WITH 2 LOOPS</u>			
ALC	ROBERT L ABRAMS	AF14643641	18 Jan 57 - 17 Jan 60
ALC	DUNCAN M MANNING, III	AF11278897	1 Jul 57 - 30 Jun 60
SSGT	CHARLES L BURRILL	AF26348122	9 Jun 57 - 8 Jun 60
SSGT	HIRAM L GRICE	AF14228283	5 May 57 - 4 May 60
ALC	JAMES H TIFFT	AF16462271	5 Mar 57 - 4 Mar 60
SSGT	JOHN T HOUGH, JR	AF19513819	1 Jun 57 - 31 May 60
SSGT	RAYMOND F WENDT	AF16279426	19 Mar 56 - 18 Mar 59

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SC A-393, Hq Chanute Technical Training Cen, ATC, USAF, Chanute AFB, Ill
continued, 12 Jul 60, Paragraph 4:

<u>BRONZE CLASP WITH 3 LOOPS</u>			
TSGT	ALEX E HESS	AF17278397	6 May 57 - 5 May 60
TSGT	RIBERT E KIMBLE	AF13340555	17 Feb 57 - 16 Feb 60
SSGT	CARL L YOUNG	AF11233565	8 Jun 57 - 7 Jun 60
<u>BRONZE CLASP WITH 4 LOOPS</u>			
SSGT	KENNETH R REDMON	AF13276867	4 May 57 - 3 May 60
TSGT	WILLARD CURTISS, JR	AF20536316	5 May 57 - 4 May 60
TSGT	ALBERT C KINNEY	AF16026587	10 Apr 57 - 9 Apr 60
<u>BRONZE CLASP WITH 5 LOOPS</u>			
SSGT	WALTER D LOCK	AF35565638	8 Apr 57 - 7 Apr 60

5. The verbal orders of the Comdr on 1 Jul 60, are confirmed, exigencies of the service having been such as to preclude the issuance of competent written orders in advance; The following named Veterinary Inspectors assigned to the Base Veterinary Office are authorized to use their privately owned vehicles for official business in the locality of Chanute AFB, Ill, during the period of 1 Jul 60 through 30 Sep 60. This authorization does not include or apply to usual daily travel between local residence and place of duty assignment. It has been determined that use of privately owned vehicle is more advantageous and economical to the AF. Authority: PL 766, 83rd Congress, 1 Sep 54. 5713400 164-3005 P478 S525900 021212 039090, BFO Nr A-45. Copies of paid vouchers will be furnished the appropriate accounting officer. (Personnel assigned USAF Hosp Chanute this stn.)

LTCOL	WILLIAM M LUKENS	AO336536	MSGT	LEO R YUPONCE	AF39030177
TSGT	CHARLES E ALLAN	AF18216058	A1C	FRANKLIN T WASHINGTON	AF21744956

OFFICIAL:

(Signature)
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CAPT, USAF
Asst Adj

WILEY D GANEY
MAJGEN, USAF
Comdr

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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 27 July, 1960		2. LOCATION Charute AFB, Illinois		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 27/07/72		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One		9. COURSE NE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Bright green ball with orange tail six feet long observed traveling from SW to NE. Size of aircraft including tail. Disappeared behind a cloud layer.				11. COMMENTS Description and duration of sighting correspond to observation of "fireball" type of meteor.	

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RJEZHQ/SEC OF AF SAFIS WASH DC

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UNCLAS OSD 32-G. SUBJECT IS UFO.

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

1. ROUND.
2. GRAPEFRUIT SIZE, LENGTH INCLUDING TAIL 5 FEET.
3. BRIGHT GREEN BALL, TAIL A BRIGHT ORANGE.
4. NUMBER ONE.
5. N/A
6. NONE
7. TAIL APPROXIMATELY 5 1/2 FEET LONG
8. NO SOUND

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CHANUTE AFB ILL, REPORTED NEGATIVE SIGHTING. MR [REDACTED]
FAA TOWER OPERATOR, UNIV OF ILL AIRPORT, CHAMPAIGN, ILL
REPORTED NEGATIVE UNUSUAL SIGHTINGS. MR [REDACTED]
OF THE OBSERVATORY, UNIV OF ILL, REPORTED NO ONE ON DUTY AT
THE TIME OF AMN STELLES OBSERVATION. MAJ DAVISON, COMDR 791
AC&W HANNA CITY, ILL REPORTS NO UNUSUAL RADAR BLIPS AND
NEGATIVE GROUND CONTROL INTERCEPTS BY AIR DEFENSE SECTOR AT THAT
TIME. IT IS THE REPORTING OFFICERS OPINION THAT THE SIGHTING BY
AMN STELLE FITS THE DESCRIPTION OF MR. [REDACTED] OF THE UNIV OF ILL
AS THAT OF A METEOR ENTERING THE UPPER ATMOSPHERE.

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2. 5,000-550/50K

12,000-340/25K

16,000-340/35K

20,000-340/40K

32,000-300/50K

52,000-280/25K

82,000-UNK

3. M 4200 BROKEN, HIGH BROKEN

4. 10 MI

5. 6/10

7. PLUS 19 OC

H. METEOROLOGICAL SHOWER ACTIVITY PREDOMINATE THIS TIME OF YEAR
FROM THE DELTA AQUARIAN GROUP.

I. N/A.

J. NONE.

K. PREPARING OFFICER: 1LT RALPH A. HANSON, ASST BASE OPERATIONS OFF,
CHANUTE AFB, ILL. S/SGT COVEY, D. A. TOWER OPERATOR ON DUTY AT

that, at 0731Z 2 July 1960, he had observed a flash of brilliant green light brighter than any light he had ever seen being emitted from an object about the size of an orange held at arm's length and lighting up one-half of the sky. The object appeared in the NW quadrant of the sky at an elevation of 70 to 80° traveling southward and slowly fading at an elevation of 45° leaving a trail of visible light fifteen to twenty times longer than the diameter of the object. The object was visible to Sgt. Anderson for five seconds. The trail of visible light lasted for fifteen to twenty seconds after the object disappeared. This sighting and basic information was confirmed by A3C Fletcher also on duty at the Weather Tower and SSgt Gerard on duty at the Control Tower, both located at Chanute Air Force Base.

d. The Moondust Project Officer had been alerted for possible re-entry of a Russian satellite late in June or early July. After reported findings at 0730Z and 0400Z, TSgt [REDACTED] at 0545Z, and Sgt. Anderson at 0730Z, and the fact that the Moondust Project Officer had been alerted for the possible re-entry of a Satellite, the re-entry of a Satellite seems likely. An inquiry of the Smithsonian Institute of pre-calculated orbital data of known satellites could confirm that the object sighted was a spent Russian satellite or a spent rocket case starting to re-enter the earth's atmosphere. No further sightings have been reported at Chanute Air Force Base since the morning of 2 July 1960.

RECOMMENDATIONS: In that all possible leads indicate the possibility of re-entry of a satellite, it is recommended that no further action be taken at this station.

G. W. Nathan

G. W. NATHAN
Captain, USAF
Investigating Officer

Atch #1 - Report SMgt [REDACTED]
Atch #2 - Report Mrs [REDACTED]
Atch #3 - Report TSgt [REDACTED]
Atch #4 - Report SSgt Anderson
Atch #5 - Report A3 [REDACTED]
Atch #6 - Report S [REDACTED]
Atch #7 - Statement Lt. Miller
Atch #8 - Weather Report
Atch #9 - Message, ATIC, AFCIN 04E2-7-2096-E
8 July 1960
Atch #10 - Message, CTTC, O-D-1, 2 July 60
Atch #11 - Message, CTTC, O-D-2, 2 July 60
Atch #12 - Special Orders A-393 12 July 60

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9. NONE.

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT:

1. BRIGHT GLOW AS AN ARC WELDER.
2. ELEVATION 45 DEGREES, ASIMUTH 160 DEGREES.
3. ELEVATION 45 DEGREES, ASIMUTH 140 DEGREES.
4. TRAVELING RAPIDLY FROM SOUTHWEST TO NORTHEAST.
5. BEHIND CLOUD LAYER.
6. 5 SECONDS.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

1. GROUND VISUAL.
2. NO OPTICAL AIDS.
3. M/A.

D. TIME AND DATE:

1. 2717Z 27 JUL 52.
2. NIGHT.

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER, WEATHER OBSERVER SITE LOCATED ON NORTH
EDGE OF RUNWAY 29-27, CHANUTE AFB, ILL.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~,
DET 3, 3 WEATHER GP (MATS) CHANUTE AFB, ILL. AIRMAN STELLE
IS A FIVE LEVEL WEATHER OBSERVER, RELIABILITY; EXCELLENT.

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G. WEATHER AND WIND.

1. STRAT CUMULUS AND HIGH CIRRUS WITH CUMULA NIMBUS TO THE
SOUTHEAST WITH OCCASSIONAL LIGHTNING.

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ACTION: CIN

INFO : SAFS, OOP

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UNCLAS OSD 32G. FINAL SECTION OF TWO SUBJECT: UFO

(2) SPRINGFIELD: ILL. APPROXIMATELY 30 MILES W.

27/0100Z CLEAR 15 MILES 80/72 W5 FEW CU

27/1200Z 70 SCATTERED 15 MILES 78/71 NW2

27/000Z 30 SCATTERED 15 MILES 76/71 S3

90 SCATTERED

(3) CHAMPAIGN, ILL. APPROXIMATELY 25 MILES ENE.

27/0100Z MSG

27/0200Z CLEAR 15 75/69 SW5

27/0300Z HI THIN BROKEN 15 MILES 73/69

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AREA CLOUD COVER: NONE OR VERY FEW CLOUDS

ARAA VISIBILITY: UNLIMITED.

CB' S NW OF PEORIA APPROXIMATELY 50 MILES OR MORE NW.

TEMPERATURE GRADIENT FROM PEORIA 27/0000Z SOUNDING.

6-10M	10 DEGREES C
10-16M	15 DEGREES C
16-20M	8 DEGREES C
20-30M	23 DEGREES C
30-50M	35 DE433 :
50-80M	UNK

OTHER METEOROLOGICAL ACTIVITY WHICH MIGHT ACCOUNT FOR SIGHTING:
PEORIA, APPROXIMATELY 50 MILES NW, RELEASES RAWINSONDE BALLOON
APPROXIMATELY 0000Z EACH DAY. BALLOON WOULD BE AIRBORNE APPROX-
IMATELY 2 TO 3 HOURS AND UP TO 60
000 OR 70,000 FT. THIS WOULD

MERIT FURTHER INVESTIGATION IF THE OBJECT WAS NEARLY STATIONARY. 1)

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NOTE: Section I is AF IN 4902 (29 Jul 60)

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ATC
#1

BASIC REPORTING DATA OF SMgt. IRA BURTON:

In accordance with paragraph 15 of AFR 200-2, the following is submitted:

a. Description of Object(s):

- (1) Flash of light lighting up a large area of the sky.
- (2) No object sighted
- (3) Greenish-white
- (4) One
- (5) None
- (6) None
- (7) None
- (8) None
- (9) Brightness

b. Description of course of object(s):

- (1) Flash of brilliant light with clear skies.
- (2) The angle of elevation was from 0° - 20° in the NE quadrant on the first sighting at 0230Z, the East quadrant at approximately 0400Z and the NW quadrant at approximately 0730Z.

- (3) Only observed as a flash of light
- (4) None
- (5) Instantaneously
- (6) Approximately 2 to 3 seconds

c. Manner of observation:

- (1) Ground - visual
- (2) None
- (3) Not applicable

d. Time and date of sighting(s):

- (1) 0230Z, 0400Z, and 0730Z, 2 July 1960
- (2) Night

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e. Location of observer(s):

On Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Illinois

f. Identifying information of observer:

(1) Not applicable

(2) SMgt [REDACTED] Det. 3, 8th Weather Group,
Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois. Senior weather forecaster. Reliability: Very
good.

g. Weather and Winds--Aloft Conditions at Time and Place of Sightings:

(1) Partly cloudy

(2) thru (7) See attachment #12

h. None

i. None

j. Information not readily available

k. See findings in Basic report

l. None

ATCH
#2

BASIC REPORTING DATA OF MRC

In accordance with paragraph 15, AFR 200-2, the following is submitted:

a. Description of the object(s):

- (1) Flash of light lighting up a large area of the sky.
- (2) No object--only flash of light.
- (3) Exceptionally bright greenish-white light
- (4) One
- (5) None
- (6) Very bright
- (7) None
- (8) None
- (9) Brightness

b. Description of course of object(s):

- (1) Observed a flash of brilliant light with clear sky.
- (2) Seemed to light the whole sky
- (3) Flash
- (4) None
- (5) Instantaneously
- (6) Approximately 2 to 3 seconds

c. Manner of observation

- (1) Ground - visual
- (2) None
- (3) Not applicable

d. Time and Date of Sighting(s):

- (1) 0230Z, 0400Z and 0730, 2 July 1960
- (2) Night

at 11:22