

L602D AISS UFOB LOG

REPORT NUMBER AISS-UFOB's-179-1-2-56	DATE/TIME OF SIGHTING 30/0600Z June 1956	RECD AISOP 2 Jul 56
LOCATION OF SIGHTING Scattered over Washington		LOGGED BY S/Sgt DeRudder
MEANS RECD TT Msg	ACTION TAKEN Limited investigation authorized	
INVS UNIT Flt 1-A	DATE INVS ASSIGNED 2 Jul 56	ASSIGNED BY Maj Thrasher S/Sgt DeRudder
DATE IR RECD HQ N/A	DATE IR APPROVED N/A	DATE IR TO ATIC N/A
DATE AISOP FORM 5 3 Jul 56		
COMMENTS Request to 1-A for limited investigation and for confirmation of times of sightings. This hq is of the opinion that this sighting was definitely generated by a particularly bright meteor.		
CONCLUSIONS WAS ASTRONOMICAL: METEOR		

AISOP FORM 7 (2 APR 55)

AISOP

Long Distance Telephone Call

Comdr, 4602d AISS

AISOP

2 Jul 56
1500 hours
AISS Log #27
S/Sgt DeRudder/4498

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

1. Telephone conversation between S/Sgt DeRudder, this headquarters, and Capt. Kirk, Flight 1-A.
2. The undersigned called Capt Kirk with respect to the rash of UFOB reports concerning an object reported from Portland, Oregon, to the Canadian border on 30 Jun 56. Captain Kirk was informed that this headquarters is of the opinion that this sighting was definitely caused by a meteor, but that we required confirmation of the times of sightings on those sightings by pilots at McChord AFB. It was also requested that Flt 1-A call a local observatory to ascertain the opinion of a qualified astronomer as to the cause of this sighting.

Ronald D. DeRudder, S/Sgt, USAF
NCOIC, UFOB Section

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00 RJEDEN RJEDWP RJEPHQ RJWPSB

DE RJWPDM 132A

O 300900Z

FM COC HQ 25TH AIR DIV DEF MCCHORD AFB WASH

TO RJEDEN/RJEDEN/COMDR AIR DEF COMMAND ENT AFB COLORADO SPRING COO

RJEDWP/COMDR AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEPHQ/DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE HQ USAF WASHDC

RJWPSB/COMDR WESTERN AIR DEF FORCE HAMILTON AFT CALIF

BT

/U N C L/UFOB 25TH TAC MSG F-419

1. A ROUND

B BIG SKY ROCKET

C BLUE IN FRONT YELLOW TOWARD BACK

D ONE

E NA

F ARCING

G TAI BREAKING UP BEHIND

H NONE

I NONE

2. A JUST POPPED UP

B 350DEGREES PORT, ACING UP, THEN DOWN.

C 60 DEGREES STARBOARD SLIGHTLY HIGH

D UP THEN DOWN, EAST TO WEST HORIZONTAL

E JUST WENT OUT OF SIGHT

F 3 SECONDS

3. A VISUAL

NONE

C F-86- PRONTO 12-2500FT 170 DEGREES FROM MCCHORD 330K

4 A 30/0600Z (2300)

B NIGHT

5. 4760N 122,30 W NC 3010 OVER NARROWS BRIDGE

6. A -

B ANDERSON A.K. CAPT 317TH FIS MCCHORD AFB WASH (FLIGHT LEADER)

7. A GOOD.

B 5000 320-05

10000 310-20

15000 310-25

20,000 310-25

30,000 300-45

40,000 290-35

50,000 290-25

C 3000 BROKEN

D GOOD

E 40 PERCENT

F NONE

8 NONE

9 NONE

10 NONE

11 5 F86D,S IN AREA, AF 1063 AF 976 AF 083 AF 042 AF 708.1 C -118 AF 33268

BT

30/0939Z JUN RJWPDM

4602D AISS UFOB REPT.
 DATE-TIME GROUP

a/o over

170
 30/0600Z Jun 52
 Narrows Bridge,
 Wash

AESS 27

OPS

SOON AS THEY GET THROUGH WITH THE UFOB WE WILL LET U HAVE IT.
STAND BY

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/U N C L/ UFOB TAC F-420

PART 1

A- MASS
B- UNKNOWN
C- BRILLIANT WHITEWHITER THAN MAGNESIUM
D- ONE
E- N/A
F- LOOKED LIKE SHELL EXPLOSION
G- NONE
H- NONE
I- NONE

PART 2

A- SAW IT
B- AT 8 0'CLOCK
D- HORIZONTAL
E- FLASH
F- INSTANTANEOUS

PART 3

A- VISUAL
B- NONE
C- F86D, 2,000, 150K 340DEGREES FROM TCM

PART 4

A- 30/0640Z (2340)
B- NIGHT

PART 5

1/2 NORTH OF TCM RANGE 47.06N 122.30W
NC 3010

PART 6

A- N/A
B- STECKERLT. 317 F.I.S. FLIGHT LEADER CUSH

PART 7

A- CLEAR NORTH AND EAST - SMOKEY SOUTH AND WEST
B- 5,000 330 DEGREES 04 KNOTS
6,000 350 DEGREES 05 KNOTS
10,000 320 DEGREES 25 KNOTS
20,000 320 DEGREES 35 KNOTS
30,000 300 DEGREES 35 KNOTS
C- 4500 FT
D- .GOOD

4602D AISS UFOB REPT
DATE-TIME GROUP

171
30/0640Z Jun 51
Near Tacoma, Wash

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PART 8 NONE

PART 9 NONE

PART 10 NONE

PART 11 SEVERAL A/C AND ALL SAW IT

PART 12 "MERCURY 40"

SENIOR DIRECTOR AT 635 AC&W

BT

30/0946Z JUN RJWPDM

4602D AISS UFOB REPT. 171
 DATE-TIME GROUP 30/0640Z Jun 31
 Near Tacoma, Wash

WE HAVE ONE J MORE FOR U.

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30/1150Z
June 51
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00 RJEDEN RJEDWP RJEPHQ RJWPSB

DE RJWPDM 135A

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/U N C L/UFOB 25TH AD TAC MSG F 421

A . A ROUND

B 25 FT LONG 3 TO 5 FT. IN DIAMETER

C RED AT FRONT YELLOW TOWARD REAR

D ONE

N/A

F NONE

G DULL YELLOW TAIL BROKEN

INTO SECTIONS IN THE REAR

H EXPLSION 7 MINUTES BEFORE SIGHTING. SEEMED TO BE ON GROUND

I NONE

2 A LOOKED UP TO CHEC ON AIRCRAFT

B 3 1/2 MILES OUT

C UNKNOWN

D SLOW SPEED, STRAIGHT COURSE EAST TO WEST

E DISINTEGRATED NEAR ALER TOWER

F 10 SECONDS

3 A VISUAL GROUND

NONE

C N/A

4 A 30/0600Z (2304)

B NINGHT

5 47.06N 122.30 W

NC 3010 MCCHORD ALERT TOWER

6 B. WDDINGTON WILLIAM H. A/3C AACs 1905TH 7 A GOOD

B 5,000 320-05

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AF 1063

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4602D AISS UFOB REPT
 DATE-TIME GROUP 30/0604Z June 51
 Melchord AFB, Wash

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C 3000 BROKEN

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12 JERRY PRATT, REPORTER FROM PRTLAND OREGON REPORTED RECEIVING IN
PORTLAND TO CONADIAN BORDER. REPORTS

BT

30/0954Z JUN RJWPDM

4602D MISS UFOB REPT
DATE-TIME GROUP
172
30/0604Z
June 56
McChord AFB, Wash

Huge Meteor Flashes Over Tacoma Area

Hundreds of Tacoma area residents last night witnessed a ball of fire—believed to have been a meteor—flash across the sky and explode.

The premature Fourth of July pyrotechnics were seen by thousands of persons from Portland to Bellingham, the Associated Press reported.

Residents here reported hearing a loud explosion as it passed this way—at about 10. Some said it seemed to fall to earth just south of Tacoma and others reported they heard rocks rattling off their roofs.

But Joe Tarrant, on duty at the Boeing Airfield control tower, said it appeared to disintegrate within 400 feet of him.

An airline pilot, Ted Miholovich, said he sighted the object in front of his plane as he flew over The Dalles Dam on the Columbia River at 7,000 feet.

He said the object was of "monstrous size" and added: "It was the closest I have ever been or want to be to a falling piece of another planet—or whatever it was."

Astronomers said they call a super-meteor a fireball. The object was described as a very white, very bright light.

DISPOSITION FORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (if any)

FILE NO.

AISLA

SUBJECT

UFOB Report:

TO

Comdr 4602d AISS
Ent AFB, Colorado
ATTN: AISOC

FROM

OIC Flt 1-A 4602d AISS
McChord AFB, Washington

DATE

2 July 56

COMMENT NO. 1

Capt Kirk/rdb/116

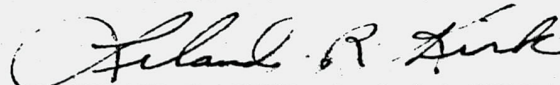
1. As requested by telephone call from Hq Ops Section to Flt 1-A, the following report is submitted:

2. Two (2) F-86D pilots, Lt Stecker and Capt Andreason, of the 317th. FIS, were flying within the same approximate vicinity at the time of sighting. Lt Stecker states that he was first called by the control tower at approximately 010604Z and informed that a powerful explosion had shaken the tower, at approximately 010610Z. As Lt Stecker was approaching McChord AFB from the South at a range of 3 Miles, altitude 1800 feet, he observed a bright flash of light similar to, but larger and brighter than a magnesium flare. This flash appeared below his left wing and at or near the surface.

3. Capt Andreason states that he sighted the object at the same time as Lt Stecker and that they reported almost simultaneously to the control tower. Capt Andreason was due West of McChord AFB at 010610Z, 2500 feet altitude and heading 180 degrees when the object passed in front of his aircraft from East to West and slightly high. Capt Andreason described the object as having a long tail predominantly blue in color and very bright. He stated that molten pieces appeared to fall from the tail.

4. From the limited investigation performed by this unit, it appears that this sighting was unquestionably a meteorite of unusual size and character. As brought forth in the interviews with observers of this sighting, a tremendous explosion rattled windows and shook buildings in the South Tacoma area some 6 minutes prior to the actual sightings. Since there was no other activity within the area to account for this explosion, it must be attributed to the meteorite. This might indicate that the meteorite produced a shock wave, travelling ahead, and account for the time differential between explosion and sighting. In addition, it appears that the meteorite may have broken into several pieces within the Tacoma area and this would account for some of the varied sightings.

5. A helicopter search performed at the request of Flight 1-A has failed to produce any physical evidence.



LELAND R. KIRK, Captain, USAF
Officer in Charge