

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 09/0030 CSE		3. LOCATION Niagara Falls, N.Y.		7. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☒ Possibly Balloon	
2. TIME 09/0530Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		8. Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS None		6. SOURCE Weather observer		9. Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Weather officer viewed unidentified object through theodolite at 40000 feet. Various civilian sources in the area also observed the object.				11. COMMENTS	

ACTION

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WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB FORATIAA-2C PD MYMSG NAB 73 DO PD TIME OF

OBSERVATION 2346 EET7AUG 52 THROUGH 0022 EST 8 AUG 52 PD

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1952 AUG 12 09:35
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THEODOLITE PD ALTITUDE SIXTY THOUSAND FEET PD FORTY THREE DEGREES NORTH

EXTREMELY HIGH SPEED PD NO SOUND PD

TWO PD SIGHTED AT TWO THREE FOUR IX EST CAM HOVERED IN AREA UNTIL ZERO
ZERO TWO TWO HOURS EST PD

THREE PD VISUAL OBSERVATION THROUGH BINOCULARS AND WEATHER STATION
THEODOLITE PD ALTITUDE SIXTY THOUSAND FEET PD FORTY THREE DEGREES NORTH

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CMA SEVENTY NINE DEGREES FIFTEEN MINUTES WEST PD
FOUR PD OBSERVORS LOCATED AT NIAGARA FALLS MUNICIPAL AIRPORT NY AND
YOUNGSTOWN NY PD OBJECT LOCATED AT COORDINATES GIVEN IN PAR THREE
ABOVE BY VECTOR LINES FROM TWO OBSERVATION POINTS PD
FIVE PD OBSERVORS LOCATED AT DIFFERENT POINTS RELATED INFORMATION
CONCERNING

OBJECT WITHOUT CONFLICTING PD MR [REDACTED] CMA OWNER P [REDACTED] NE
COMPANY CMA YOUNGSTOWN NEW YORK PD NUMEROUS OTHER WITNESS IN PARTY WITH
[REDACTED] AND CONFIRMING DESCRIPTION GIVEN PD SECOND WITNESS CAPTAIN [REDACTED]
P [REDACTED] CMA WEATHER FORCASTER CMA TWELVE DASH SIX WEATHER DET CMA
NIAGARA FALLS MUNI ARPT PD BOTH WITNESS RELIABLE PD
SIX PD CAVU PD WINDS ALOFT FORTY THOUSAND FEET CMA TWO EIGHT ZERO DEGREES
AT FORTY FIVE KNOTS PD
SEVEN PD NO CONDITION TO ACCOUNT FOR SIGHTING PD
EIGHT PD NO PHYSICAL EVIDENCE PD
NINE PD NO INTERCEPTION OR IDENTIFICATION ACTION TAKEN PD
TEN PD TWO AIRCRAFT FLEW THROUGH AREA DURING TIME O SIGHTING PD NO
CONTACT MADE PD END

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AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base,
Ohio, Subject: Aerial Phenomena.

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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Weather Detachment 12-5, Municipal Airport,
Niagara Falls, New York, 29 August 1952

TO: Major Robert E. Kennedy, Air Adjutant General, Wright-Patterson
Air Force Base, Ohio

1. Forwarded is questionnaire in compliance with basic letter.

James P. Murray
JAMES P. MURRAY
Capt, USAF
Weather Officer

AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO

18 AUG 1952

[REDACTED]
Niagara Falls Municipal Airport
Niagara Falls, New York

Dear [REDACTED]

Your recent report of unidentified aerial phenomena has been received by the Air Technical Intelligence Center. Inclosed is a questionnaire, which, when completed by you and returned in the inclosed, self-addressed envelope, will aid in standardizing the data and will provide a complete record of the occurrence.

Your interest in reporting the matter and your public spirited desire to be of service are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Kennedy
ROBERT E. KENNEDY
Major, USAF
Air Adjutant General

2 Incls
a/s

([REDACTED])
([REDACTED])
TENTATIVE
OBSERVERS QUESTIONNAIRE

SECTION A

1. When did you see the object:

1.1 Date: 8 AUG 1952
Day Month Year

1.2 Time of day: 00 30 A.M. or P.M. (Circle One)
Hrs. Min.

1.3 Time Zone: (Circle One):

- | | |
|---|----------------|
| ☒ a. Eastern | d. Pacific |
| b. Central | e. Other _____ |
| c. Mountain | |

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
☒ b. Standard

1.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above question 1.2:

- | | |
|---|------------------|
| ☒ a. Certain | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Just a guess |

2. Where did you see the object?

MUNICIPAL AIRPORT NAGARA FALLS NEW YORK
Postal Address City or Town State Country

3. Where were you located when you saw the object:

(Circle One): a. Inside a building d. In an airplane
b. In a car e. At sea
☒ c. Outdoors f. Other _____

3.1 Were you:

(Circle One): a. In the business section of a city?
b. In the residential section of a city?
☒ c. In open countryside?
d. Flying near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other _____

[REDACTED]

4. How did you happen to notice the object? INFORMED BY THE
C.A.A. TOWER AT THE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, NIAGARA
FALLS, NEW YORK
5. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?
8 AUGUST 1952
 Day Month Year

SECTION B

6. What were you doing at the time you saw the object? ON DUTY
AT U.S. AIR FORCE WEATHER DETACHMENT 12-5.

6.1 What had you been doing for the 30 minutes before you saw the object? Try to list the activity or activities, and the approximate amount of time spent on each.

COMPILING WEATHER INFORMATION FOR
FORE WEATHER FORECASTING

7. Were you moving at any time while you saw the object? (Circle One):
Yes or No.

If you answered YES, then complete the following questions.

7.1 What direction were you moving?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | e. South |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| c. East | g. West |
| d. Southeast | h. Northwest |

7.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

7.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One): Yes or No

8. What direction were you facing when you first saw the object?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|--------------|------------------------------------|
| a. North | e. South |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| c. East | <u>g.</u> West 288 288° |
| d. Southeast | h. Northwest |

8.1 What direction were you facing when the object disappeared?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|--------------|------------------------------------|
| a. North | e. South |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| c. East | <u>g.</u> West 288 295° |
| d. Southeast | h. Northwest |

8.2 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above two questions. (8 and 8.1).

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|-------------------|------------------|
| <u>a.</u> Certain | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Just a guess |

9. Were you wearing eye glasses when you saw the object? (Circle One):

Yes or No

10. How was the object seen?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| a. Through window glass | <u>e.</u> Through theodolite |
| b. Through windshield | f. Through sun glasses |
| c. Through binoculars | g. Through open space |
| d. Through telescope | h. Other _____ |

11. What do you remember about the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

11.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

- a. Clear sky *HIGH SCAT CLOUDS To SOUTH*
- | |
|--------------------------|
| b. Hazy |
| c. Scattered clouds |
| d. Thick or heavy clouds |
| e. Don't remember |

11.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

- a. Dry
- | |
|-----------------------------|
| b. Fog, Mist, or light rain |
| c. Moderate or heavy rain |
| d. Snow |
| e. Don't remember |

11.2 WIND (Circle One)

- a. No wind
- | |
|-------------------|
| b. Slight breeze |
| c. Strong wind |
| d. Don't remember |

11.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- b. Cool
- | |
|-------------------|
| a. Cold |
| c. Warm |
| d. Hot |
| e. Don't remember |

SECTION C

12. Estimate how long you saw the object? 0 Hours 10 (PLUS) Minutes --- Seconds

12.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 12:

- a. Certain
 (b.) Fairly sure
 c. Not very sure
 d. Just a guess

13. Did the object look: (Circle One) Solid or Transparent?

14. Did the object at any time:

(Circle One for each question)

14.1	Change direction?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.2	Change speed?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.3	Change size?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
SEE ITEM 30 → 14.4	Change color?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.5	Break up into parts or explode?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.6	Give off smoke?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.7	Change brightness?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.8	Flicker, throb, or pulsate?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>
14.9	Remain motionless?	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Don't know</u>

15. Did the object give off a light? (Circle One): Yes No Don't know

15.1 IF you answered YES, what was the color of the light? ORANGE-RED

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object?

16.1 Sound NONE

16.2 Color ORANGE-RED

17. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? ---
 Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction they were traveling.

18. Did the object at any time:

18.1 Move behind something? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind.

18.2 Move in front of something? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of.

18.3 Blend with the background? (Circle One) Yes No Don't know

19. Which of the following objects is about the same actual size as the object you saw? (Circle One):

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| (a) Pea <i>in Theodolite</i> | f. Automobile |
| b. Baseball | g. Small airplane |
| c. Basketball | h. Large airplane |
| d. Bicycle wheel | i. Dirigible |
| e. Office desk | j. Other _____ |

19.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 19.

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| (a) Certain | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | d. Uncertain |

20. Try to tell the following things about the object:

20.1 How high above the earth was it? 40,000 feet.

20.2 How far was it from you? _____ feet or 40 to 50 miles

20.3 How fast was it going? Unknown miles per hour.

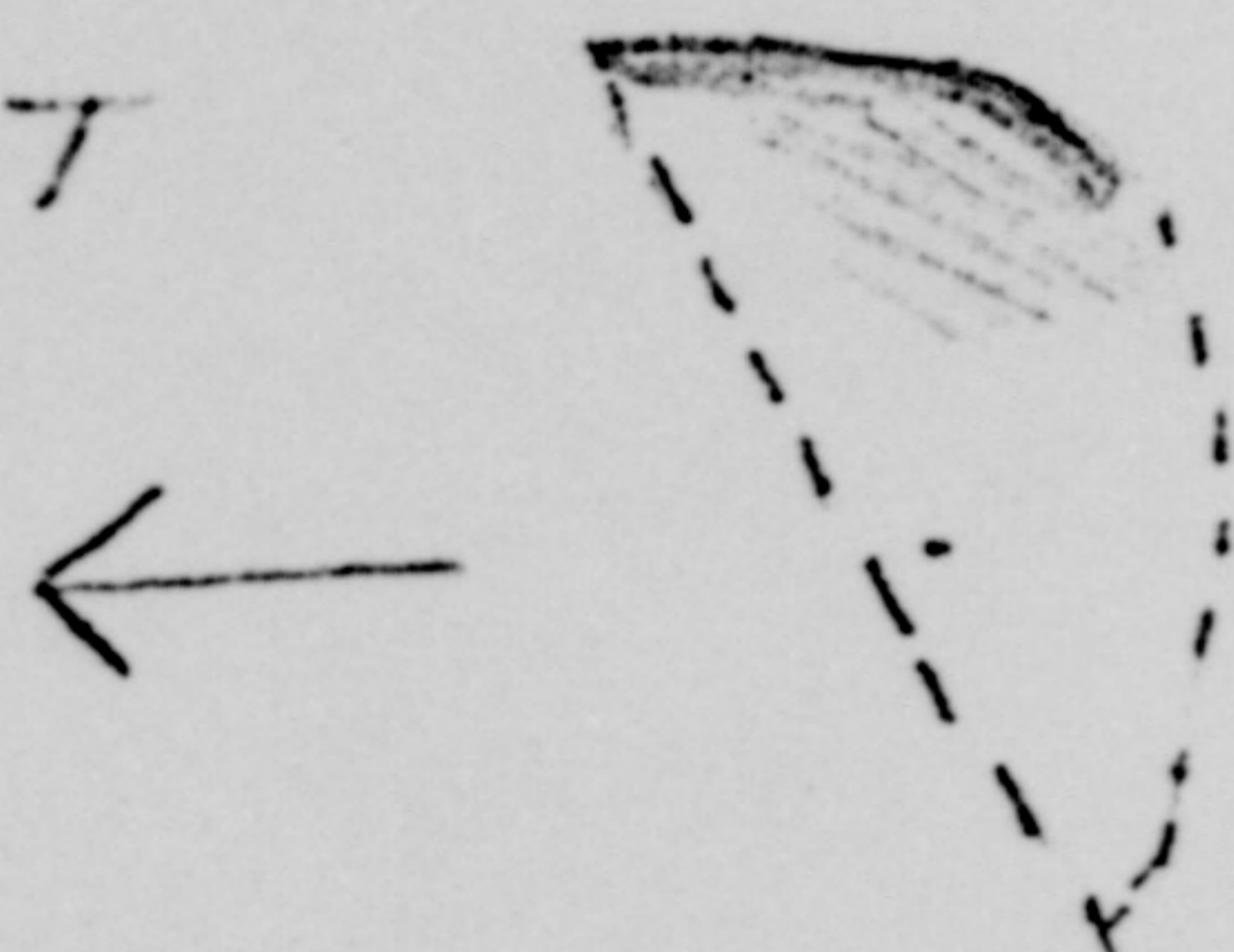
20.4 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to the above questions:

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| a. Certain | c. Not very sure |
| b. Fairly certain | (d) Just a guess |

21. How did the object disappear from view?

- (Circle One):
- | | |
|---------------|-------------------|
| a. Suddenly | c. Other _____ |
| (b) Gradually | d. Don't remember |

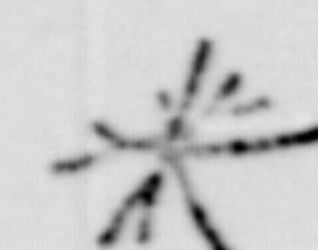
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SOUTHEAST



dark portion represents section clearly seen
dotted lines were vague

DRAWING BY [REDACTED]
REPORTED UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
OVER MILCON, GEORGIA - 8 AUGUST 1952

↑
Object seen from
this angle



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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL
OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

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8, 9 August 1952

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TITLE

UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S)
Sighting of Unidentified Aerial Object
from Station 330, Los Alamos, N. M.,
8 August 1952

CHARACTER

SPECIAL INQUIRY - AERIAL PHENOMENA

REFERENCE

None, this is an initial report.

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested by District Commander predicated upon information concerning a bright bat shaped object observed in the sky at Los Alamos, N. M. Observer stated object gave off four colors and illuminated the clouds.

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District Commander.

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DETAILS:

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1. This investigation requested by the District Commander, predicated upon information furnished by U. S. Atomic Energy Protective Force, Los Alamos, New Mexico, concerning the observation of an unidentified aerial object by [REDACTED]

2. The following reported by [REDACTED], Security Inspector, Los Alamos, New Mexico:

"Approximately 2400 hours (MST) on 8 August 1952, I observed an aerial object shaped like a 'bat' due northwest (approximately 290°) from station 330. The object was at an altitude of approximately 5,000 feet and approximately 12,000 feet from station 330 with a 30° angle of elevation from the horizon. The size and shape was comparable to a B-47. The luminosity of the object was bright and gave off four colors: red, green, blue, and yellow. The object travelled at an exceedingly high speed flying downward at right angles. At first the object made a circular motion, then a swinging motion, and last a straight motion until it disappeared below the mountain. The object was in sight for 33 minutes before disappearing. I was attracted to the object because of its brightness which illuminated the clouds. Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED], Security Inspectors on Patrol 185 also observed the object."

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation requested by the District Commander, predicated upon information furnished by U. S. Atomic Energy Protective Force, Los Alamos, New Mexico, concerning the observation of an unidentified aerial object by [REDACTED]

2. The following reported by [REDACTED], Security Inspector, Los Alamos, New Mexico:

"Approximately 0000 hours (MST) 9 August 1952, I observed an object in the sky due West from Station 330. It appeared very bright, changing color in degrees of blue and appeared to be one-eighth (1/8) inch in diameter. The object maneuvered from side to side with a slow drop to the horizon. Observing the object through Navy field glasses, it appeared larger but retained its shape; a bright luminous object with round, uneven edges. The object was in view for thirty (30) minutes until it dropped behind the mountains. There was no apparent sound, odor, or vapor trail. My attention was attracted by the motion of the object."

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[REDACTED]