

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 21 June 1954		2. LOCATION Clayton, Alabama		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 2045 GMT 22/0145Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1/2 to 3/4 minute 30 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE SE to NW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Brilliant shooting star coming from SE. Cigar shape, entire object appeared as a light itself, entire flight at 45 deg elev from SE to NW.				11. COMMENTS Considered to be a very brilliant meteorite. Poss association with Savannah Ga Case, same date.	

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MR. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] CLAYTON, ALABAMA,

TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED OSI AT 1230 HOURS, 22 JUNE 1954, AND STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO REPORT INFORMATION ON AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT.

AT 1245 HOURS, 22 JUNE 1954, VENTRESS WAS INTERVIEWED AT THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS PAINT STORE, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, BY SPECIAL AGENTS CARL

LANGLOIS AND DONALD T. SCAFF, 8TH DISTRICT OSI. VENTRESS FURNISHED SUBSTANTIALLY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

AT APPROXIMATELY 2045 HOURS, 21 JUNE 1954, VENTRESS, WAS STANDING ON A LAWN IN FRONT OF THE ROTARY CLUB, CLAYTON, ALABAMA, WHEN HE OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A SHOOTING STAR COMING FROM A SOUTHEASTERLY

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DIRECTION. AFTER A FEW SECONDS OBSERVATION, HE NOTICED THE OBJECT DID NOT CHANGE IN BRILLIANCE, SO HE POINTED OUT THE OBJECT TO THREE

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OTHER INDIVIDUALS: MR. A. [REDACTED], ATTORNEY, CLAYTON, ALABAMA;
MR. [REDACTED], CLAYTON, ALABAMA, AND
MR. [REDACTED] FARMER, CLAYTON, ALABAMA.

VENTRESS FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING THE OBJECT:

SHAPE: CIGAR SHAPE - LIKE THE WINGS OF AN AIRPLANE, BUT HAVING NO TAIL.

SIZE: AT THE ALTITUDE, IT LOOKED TO BE APPROXIMATELY 6-TO 8 INCHES
LONG. COULD NOT GIVE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION AS TO SIZE.

COLOR: "BRILLIANCE OF BUNCH OF STARS" - ENTIRE OBJECT APPEARED TO BE
A LIGHT IN ITSELF. SOURCE COULD NOT STATE A DEFINATE COLOR.

NUMBER: ONLY ONE (1) UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT WAS OBSERVED.

FORMATION: NOT APPLICABLE

NO DISCERNIBLE FEATURES OR DETAILS - NO TRAIL, WAKE OR SOUND.

OBJECT FIRST APPEARED IN SOUTHEAST AND WAS TRAVELING IN NORTH-
WESTERLY DIRECTION TOWARD MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. OBJECT WAS OBSERVED
AT APPROX. 45 DEGREE FROM EYE LEVEL THROUGHOUT PERIOD OF OBSERVATION.
AT ONE POINT, IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO SOURCE LOSING SIGHT OF OBJECT WHEN
HIS VIEW WAS BLOCKED BY A TREE, THE OBJECT APPEARED TO MAKE A SHARP
LEFT TURN. UPON NOTING THE OBJECT AGAIN, IT HAD RETURNED TO ITS NORTH-
WESTERLY COURSE. THE OBJECT WAS OBSERVED FOR A PERIOD OF

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APPROXIMATELY 30 SECONDS. OBSERVATION COULD POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN OF
LONGER DURATION, HOWEVER, THE LIGHTS OF AN AUTOMOBILE FLASHED IN
THE FACE OF THE OBSERVERS INTERRUPTING THEIR VIEW. NO PHOTOGRAPHS
TAKEN. NO INSTRUMENTS USED.

(4) TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(A) 210240Z

(B) NIGHT.

(C) LOCATIONS OF OBSERVERS:

CLAYTON, ALABAMA.

(D) IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBSERVERS:

(A) CIVILIAN:

MR. EDWARD C. VENTRESS, HARDWARE MERCHANT, CLAYTON, ALA.

(B) MILITARY

N.A.

(7) WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING:

(A) SOURCE STATED WEATHER CONDITIONS WERE CLEAR, DARK NIGHT, STARS SHINING, MOON NOT SHINING.

(B) SURFACE 285 DEGREES/ 4 KNOTS

3300 FEET 170 DEGREES/ 7 KNOTS

13,000 FEET 270 DEGREES/ 8 KNOTS

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16,000 FEET 85 DEGREES/ 15 KNOTS

20,000 FEET 100 DEGREES/ 17 KNOTS

30,000 FEET 270 DEGREES/ 25 KNOTS

33,000 FEET 310 DEGREES/ 10 KNOTS

33,000 FEET UNK DEGREES/

(C) CLOUDS - 8000 SCATTERED

(D) VISIBILITY - UNRESTRICTED

(E) CLOUD COVER - 3/10

(F) THUNDERSTORMS - NONE

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(9) NEG.

(10) N. A.

(11) UNK

(12) MR. [REDACTED] 8TH DISTRICT OSI.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE RELIABILITY OF THE SOURCE,
IT IS NOTED THAT HE STATED HE WAS THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT OF THE ROTARY
CLUB, AND A HARDWARE MERCHANT IN CLAYTON, ALABAMA. HE APPEARED VERY
STABLE, AND STATED HE WAS HESITANT TO REPORT THE INCIDENT BECAUSE
EVERYONE "HIDDED" PERSONS WHEN THEY REPORTED SUCH
SIGHTINGS. SOURCE FURTHER STATED HE HAD OBSERVED ALL TYPES OF AIRCRAFT,

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AND THE OBJECT DID NOT APPEAR TO BE A NORMAL AIRCRAFT.
REASON FOR DELAY.

REPORT RECEIVED AT O.S.I. AT 1200 HOURS ON 22 JUNE. TURNED IN TO
INTELLIGENCE AT 1500, 22 JUNE.

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