

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 26 August 1954		2. LOCATION Danville, Virginia		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other <u>UNIDENTIFIED</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☒ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>26/1115Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 Minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 2		9. COURSE Vertical	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Elliptical with dome on top 8 X 20 ft - silver with orange glow. Hovered then climbed side by side disappearing in 2 minutes. Clear visibility 7 miles in NW at 30 deg elevation. Got brighter as object climbed				11. COMMENTS 1 observer - engraver and minister Reliability unknown. Winds low speed from west. UNIDENTIFIED	

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JEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLO

JEPFF/COMDR MATS ANDREWS AFB WASHDC

JEPQW/COMDR CONAC MITCHEL AFB NY

JESRO/COMDR HQ FLTSVC ORLANDO AFB ORLANDO FLO

1 DESCRIPTIONS

A. ELIPTICAL WITH DOME ON TOP

B. 8 FEET BY 22 FEET

C. SILVER WITH ORANGE GLOW AT EITHER END ORANGE GLOW EXTENDED 12 FEET

D. TWO

E. SIDE BY SIDE ON LEVEL PLANE

F. ELLIPTICAL 22 FEET LONG 8 FEET THICK WITH DOME ON TOP

G. ORANGE GLOW EITHER END EXTENDING APPROX 12 FEET

APPEARED BRIGHTER AS OBJECT CLIMBED

H. NO SOUND

I. NONE

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C. CLEAR

D. 7 MILES

E. NONE

F. NONE

/8/ ANY OTHER UNUSUAL ACTIVITY

A. NONE

(9) PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF SIGHTING

A. NONE

/10/ INTERCEPTION ACTION

A. NONE

/11/ AIRTRAFFIC IN THE AREA OF SIGHTING

A. NONE

/12/ PREPARED BY OPERATIONS OFFICER OLMSTED FLT SV CEN

/13/ NO FURTHER INFO AVAILABLE THIS CENTER

26/1835Z AUG JEDLS

NO CASE (INFORMATION ONLY)

27 Aug 54
Woodside, Calif

SOURCE: CRIFO Newsletter, 1 Oct 54

EXTRACT
CRIFO
NEWSLETTER
1 OCT 54
MYSTERY METAL IGNITES ROAD: Woodside, California officials and residents were baffled by a shower of white-hot metal pellets, Aug. 27, 1954. The furore was triggered when a woman motorist saw a "circle of fire" along Pertola Road. Later firemen found scores of small pieces of flaming metal burning the pavement over an area about 70 by 250 feet. The blacktop bubbled where the metal burned into it and grass fires were started where the metal burned along the shoulders of the highway. A resident, Ignacio Miramontes, reported hearing a loud explosion about 4:15 P.M., but saw nothing.

According to U. P. release, "Metallurgists and AF officials offered no solution for the white-hot pellets." San Mateo officials reported the pellets ranging in size from a dime to a 50 cent piece, and according to Woodside officials, the metal shower burned holes in the road surface a quarter of an inch deep. "I just can't figure it out," he said. "It has me completely mystified." The [redacted] said the metal scraps had irregular marking and appeared to have come from a "cylindrical object."

An Air Force spokesman advanced the theory, the metal came from jet plane exhaust pipes which reach extreme temperatures in flight. However, a check with air bases disclosed no military jets were in the bay area Friday. (Thanks to [redacted] of Duarte and an unnamed informant who sent in the story from San Francisco Call Bulletin.)