

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 10 November 1954 10/0610Z	2. LOCATION Townsend, Massachusetts
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION ASTRONOMICAL: METEOR
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 -3 Seconds	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Spherical in shape. Yellow or orange. Tail flame or fire. No sound. Level flight perhaps rising from 10-20 deg elevation
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground Visual	
7. COURSE	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

COUNTRY United States		REPORT NO.	ORIGINATING
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs)			
AREA REPORTED ON Near Townsend, Massachusetts		FROM Air Force Cambridge Research Center Bedford, Massachusetts	
DATE OF REPORT 10 Nov 54	DATE OF INFORMATION 13 Nov 54	CLASSIFICATION	
PREPARED BY Richard F. Hines, Chief Technical Information Section		SOURCE Casualty Information	
AIR 200-2, 000 12 August 1954			
SUMMARY: (This section contains a brief summary of the information reported in the report. It should be written in plain, concise language and should not exceed 10% of the total report.)			
1. The statement of the preparing officer and the short period of observation indicates a strong possibility that the sighting may have been a jet aircraft in a glide with reduced power. 2. In view of the comments of the preparing officer, a follow-up field investigation is deemed unnecessary.			
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DATE OF REPORT 10 November 1954	DATE OF INFORMATION 10 November 1954	EVALUATION
PREPARED BY (Officer) Richard P. Hines, Chief Technical Information Section		SOURCE Civilians, Unknown
REFERENCE (Cite source, including publication, etc., as applicable) AFR 200-2, dtd 12 August 1954		
SUMMARY (Summarize report, giving pertinent facts, conclusions, etc., as applicable) The summary of the report is as follows: The object was observed on 10 November 1954 at approximately 10:00 PM. It was a spherical object, yellow or orange in color, and was quite large, the size of a basketball from the observed distance. It seemed to be a yellow or orange color. One. Negative. Negative. A pronounced and distinct tail of flame or fire extending rearward. Comparative size not evaluated. No sound heard. Negative.		

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- (1) (a) Object spherical in shape.
- (b) Object was quite large, size of basketball from observed distance.
- (c) Object seemed to be a yellow or orange color.
- (d) One.
- (e) Negative.
- (f) Negative.
- (g) A pronounced and distinct tail of flame or fire extending rearward. Comparative size not evaluated.
- (h) No sound heard.
- (i) Negative.
- (2) (a) Observers became visually aware of object as it flew in front of observers' vehicle at approximately a right angle to the course they were traveling.
- (b) Between 10° and 20° of the horizon.
- (c) Same.
- (d) Approximately level flight or slightly climbing altitude. Estimated 300 to 400 feet altitude.
- (e) Disappeared behind trees lining the road on which observers were traveling.
- (f) Two to three seconds.

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(3) (a) Ground Visual.

(b) N/A

(c) E/A

(4) (a) 0610Z, 10 November 1954.

(b) Dawn.

(5) (a) Observers riding in vehicle on Route 15 (Mass.) nearing Townsend, Massachusetts.

(6) (a) [REDACTED] t, Manchester, N. H. Occupation: Foundry worker.
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(7) (a) Clear, bright dawn sky.

(b) AAS, Bedford (L. G. Hanscom Field) Massachusetts. Time: From 2400 hours 9 November 1954 to 1100 hours 10 November 1954.

Wind direction and velocities (approx):

S/L to 10,000' - N. W. - calm to 5K
10,000' to 25,000' - N. at 5K to N. W. at 35K
25,000' to 40,000' - W. at 60K
40,000' to - N. at 75K to 100K

(c) Unlimited

(d) Clear, 15 miles or better at all altitudes.

(e) None.

(f) None.

(8) (a) None observed or known.

(9) (a) None.

(10) (a) Negative.

(11) (a) Preparing Officer, Richard P. Hines, Chief, Technical Information Section, Acting AF Cambridge Research Center, Intelligence Officer.

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(11) (b) Comments-

1. Object was observed under minimum light conditions, over extremely short flight distance and time. Observers state object traveling at a high rate of speed. Hence, is questionable if further questioning of observers would elicit more detail of UKOs.

2. F. G. Hancock Field at Bedford, Massachusetts reported no jet aircraft operating in the reported vicinity at reported time.

3. Jet aircraft operating from other nearby installations is a possibility.

(12) (a) Negative-



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