

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 17 January 1955		2. LOCATION 1. Yuma, Arizona 2. South Gate, California.		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☒ Probably Astronomical <i>(METEOR)</i> ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 18/0130Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military & Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1. 2 seconds 2. seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE 1. down 2. Southeast	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 1) Round, bright flash of light. Objs through thin overcast. Described as going "straight down" other observers also saw object. 2) Shape of light bulb. Larger than jet. fighter with a white phosphorous glow. No sound. Originally at high altitude, then dropped to 40 feet altitude.				11. COMMENTS From description of the object's course and the duration of sighting, it is believed that the object was probably a meteor.	

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7 February 1955

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects
LEONARD R. COLE
LOWELL FLOW
WELDON BERGREEN - Informants

TO: Director Special Investigations
Headquarters, USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: [REDACTED]
informants, alleged that on 17 January 1955 they observed an unidentified object. [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] described the object as being in the shape of a light bulb and appeared to be somewhat larger than a jet fighter plane with a white phosphorous glow. [REDACTED] described the object as being of a flare type variety with a green tinge.

2. DETAILS: On 17 January 1955 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] South Gate, California, and [REDACTED]
Lynwood, California, stated that at approximately 1730 hours on that date, they had observed an unidentified object heading southeast. They described the object as being in the shape of a light bulb, that it appeared to be larger than a jet fighter plane with a white phosphorous glow. [REDACTED] said that he observed this object heading southeast at a very high altitude, and in a matter of seconds the object descended to a low altitude of approximately forty (40) feet, at which time he was approximately 200 feet away from it. [REDACTED] said that the object disappeared in a southeasterly direction, that it emitted no sound whatsoever.

3. On 18 January 1955 Mr. [REDACTED]
Altadena, California, advised that at approximately 1730 hours on 17 January 1955 he observed an unidentified flying object. [REDACTED]

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described the object as being somewhat similar to the object which was seen by the other two informants. He stated that the object he saw was of the flare type variety and at the time he saw it, it appeared to be at an altitude of some 300 to 500 feet.

4. ACTION: No further action contemplated by the 18th District OSI.

ARTHUR T. CAMERON
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: DO #5 - Info 1
(Comdr, Wright-Patterson AFB
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Air Technical Intelligence Center
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UFOB INDEX CARD

1. DATE 17 January 1955		2. LOCATION Yuma, Arizona		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☒ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 18/0130Z Jan 55		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian & Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Two (2) Seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One (1)		9. COURSE Straight Down	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Very bright object with a long trail of fire which seemed to fade out was observed to fall straight down.				11. COMMENTS Trajectory, appearance, and behavior as reported by the aircraft crew, substantiated by other observers, indicates a probable meteorite.	

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ALLAN T. BRUCKHEIM, Capt., USAF

10-77 Capt. Personnel

1. CONTENTS: Report 4602-1008-75-55

SUMMARY:

At 18/0200Z AM, Pyles, March Flight Service, received phone call from Yuma Flight Service to the effect that a civilian observed an aircraft about 12 miles west of Yuma, on Highway 80, an object which appeared to be an aircraft, consisting of a cockpit, before the crash and explosion occurred. The observer noted two (2) smoke trails leaving the object. During the same phone conversation, it was reported that two (2) aircraft crew members from Yuma AFB observed that they described as a meteorite. The information was passed to Island Rescue at Norton AFB. Immediately after receiving this call from Yuma Flight Service, Mr. Pyles called Luke AFB and William AFB for a possible report on over the local aircraft, but received a negative report. He learned through the conversation, however, that Luke AFB had received a call from Luke Field, Arizona, reporting a civilian observing a "B-29" which might have been a meteorite.

s/Allan T. Bruckheim
ALLAN T. BRUCKHEIM
Captain USAF
Capt. Intel. Off.

APPROVED:

JOHN M. WHITE, Jr.
Colonel USAF
Commander

None

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COMBAT 4602-1008-75-55

D/T 27th AD (Det) w/o Dials
COMBAT 4602-1008-75-55

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DATE: 11/11/55

Reference: 100-100000-100000

(1) Description of the object:

- (a) None
- (b) Basketball
- (c) Bright flash of light
- (d) No
- (e) No
- (f) Negative
- (g) Tail appearing to be two (2) feet long in comparison to size of basketball
- (h) Negative
- (i) Light seen through thin overcast

(2) Description of course of object:

- (a) Flash of light
- (b) 75 degrees in elevation, directly ahead of observer
- (c) Level in elevation and directly ahead of observer
- (d) Path of light described as straight down
- (e) Disappearance of light
- (f) Two (2) seconds

(3) Manner of observation:

- (a) Negative
- (b) Negative
- (c) B-47, 2167, 12000 feet, 240 degrees, 260 knots, Mach 1.1, 6.117

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1. (a) 320th AF Bldg, March AFB, Calif.	2. (b) 4502-UNCL-75-55	3. (c) 1	4. (d) 1	5. (e) 1
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- (A) Time of sighting and date:
 - (a) 150100Z
 - (b) 15 January 1955
- (B) 52/58-216/55N
- (C) Identifying information of all observers:
 - (a) N/A
 - (b) Bishop, Charles R., Capt., 442nd Bomb Sq., B-47 Heavy Bombardment, B (Usually Reliable); Prew, Robert E., Capt., 442nd Bomb Sq., B-47 Heavy Bombardment, B (Usually Reliable).
- (D) Weather and wind-alert conditions at time and place of sighting:
 - (a) Thin overcast with 1000 ft. bottom. No figures on wind-alert.
 - (b) Records of March Weather Service reveal following wind data for period including 150100Z: 5,000 ft 250/20K; 10,000 ft 260/20K; 15,000 ft 270/20K; 20,000 ft 280/15K; 25,000 ft 280/6K; 30,000 ft 280/75K; 35,000 ft 280/100K; 42,000 ft 270/120K.
 - (c) Ceiling in local area according to March Weather Service, 25,000 ft.
 - (d) Visibility 15 miles.
 - (e) Overcast.
 - (f) Negative.
- (E) The following information was received from 1/4 C-124 Pilot, March Flight Service: At 150200Z Lt. Pilot received phone call from June Flight Service to the effect that a civilian observed from a point 12 miles west of June, on Highway 80, an object which appeared to be in aircraft, crashing and exploding. Before the crash and explosion occurred, the observer noted two (2) smoke trails leaving the object. During the same phone conversation, it was reported that two (2) aircraft numbers from June AFB observed that they described as a meteorite. The information was passed to 1st Lt. Robert E. Prew at March AFB. Immediately after receiving the call from June Flight Service, Lt. Pilot called June AFB and March AFB for a possible report on civilian local aircraft, but received a negative report. He learned through the conversation, however, that June AFB had received a call from White Tail, Arizona, reporting a civilian observing a "spaceball" which might have been a meteorite.
- (F) Negative.
- (G) March Flight Service was contacted for information pertaining to air traffic in the area at time of sighting, but that office was unable to enter the aircraft on the time values of flight plans covering the time in question.
- (H) Reporting Officer is Operational Intelligence Officer. Based on information contained in para (1)(c) and para (8), it is possible that the object observed was a meteorite.
- (I) Negative.

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520th ABN. INF. BRIG. AFB, OKLA.

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2. SUMMARY
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4. ANALYSIS
5. CONCLUSIONS

1. SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

2. ANALYSIS OF INFORMATION

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