PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 27 April 1955	2. LOCATION Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania!	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical Jupiter ☐ Probably Astronomical ☒ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local ~~2110-220 EDT~~ GMT ~~28/0110Z~~	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 50 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE N/A

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Bright light, varying in color and shape. First round, then cigar shape, then boomerang shaped. When last seen, appeared like distant star. First white then alternated red to green. Hovering.

11. COMMENTS

Jupiter in position reported.

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HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO

12 May 1955

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21-170

SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object at Philadelphia, Pa., between 2110 hours and 2200 hours, Eastern Daylight Time, 27 April 1955

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio
ATTN: ATIAA-2C

1. Transmitted herewith for your information is one (1) copy of letter from District Office No. 3, P. O. Box 709, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, dated 5 May 1955, concerning subject matter.

2. Your attention is invited to the provisions of AFR 124-1, which prohibit the release of investigative information to unauthorized persons.

ROBERTS P. JOHNSON, JR.
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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VIA AIR MAIL TO:
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Center, Wright-Patterson AFB
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3rd DISTRICT OSI (IG) USAF
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5 MAY 1955

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object at Philadelphia, Pa., between 2110 hours and 2200 hours, Eastern Daylight Time, 27 April 1955
SPOT COUNTER INTELLIGENCE REPORT AND REPORTS INCLUDING ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

TO: Director, Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: [redacted] interviewed on 28 April 1955, stated that on 27 April 1955 he had sighted an unidentified flying object while on duty as a member of Ground Observer Corps. [redacted] described object as a bright light, varying in color and shape. Report from U. S. Weather Bureau concerning weather on 27 April 1955 set forth.

2. DETAILS:

a. On 28 April 1955, [redacted] was interviewed by Special Agent JOHN G. HOFFMAN at his place of employment, the Philco Corporation, 4700 Wissahickon Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. [redacted] stated that while on duty as a member of the Ground Observer Corps on the preceding evening, he had sighted an unidentified flying object. [redacted] stated that the object appeared round when first sighted and for brief intervals appeared elongated (cigar-shaped) and once appeared in the shape of a boomerang. According to [redacted] the object was between the size of a dime and quarter when first sighted and when last seen about the size of a pinhead and appeared like a distant star. With reference to color, PATTERSON advised that the object first appeared as a brilliant white spot and alternated to red and green in that order. [redacted] stated that he could distinguish no features or details and could notice no tail, trail,

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or exhaust. According to [redacted] could not hear any sound from the object and at one instant he believes he saw a ray of light shoot out from the object. [redacted] stated that his attention was first drawn to the object by its brightness and unusual color changes and in previous scanning in the course of his duties it had not been there. The position of the object, according [redacted] when he first noticed it, was approximately due Southwest and at a 30° to 45° angle of elevation. According to [redacted] the object was still visible when he went off duty at 2200 hours, EDT, but its position had changed to a west southwest bending and the angle of elevation had lessened slightly as though the object had moved out into space. According [redacted] the object appeared to be hovering or pivoting slightly and the only move it made was to the position where he last observed it where it again hovered [redacted] stated that he was able to observe the object for a period of fifty (50) minutes by ground-visual observation without optical aids other than normal eyeglasses. According to [redacted] he first observed the object at 2110 hours, EDT, 27 April 1955 (2801102 Apr 55) Wednesday night, from the Ground Observer Corps Post [redacted] on the roof of the Bryn Mawr Hospital, Bryn Mawr, Pa. [redacted] advised that the observation booth is located on the northeast corner of the roof with the door facing southwest and he was standing in the door at the time of sighting. [redacted] advised that he resides at 152 Grandview Road, Ardmore, Pa., he was born 23 January 1915, and that he is employed as an Administrative Clerk for the Philco Corp at 4700 Wissahickon Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa. [redacted] advised that he has been a member of the Ground Observer Corps since June 1954 and that he has received no formal training in Aircraft Identification. According [redacted], the weather at the time of sighting was cloudy but clearing with the cloud cover moving rapidly south. The wind was from the north and the moon was shining brightly in the same general area where the object appeared [redacted] described the visibility as infinite and the ceiling as unlimited in the area where the object was sighted. [redacted] stated that at 2115 hours, EDT, he reported his observations of the object to Lt. LEVIN at the Trenton Filter Center, Ground Observer Corps, and was later advised by LEVIN that other posts in the area were unable to sight the object.

b. The following information concerning the weather on Wednesday night, 27 April 1955, was supplied by Mr. NATHAN ELLIS, Meteorologist, at the U.S. Weather Bureau, Philadelphia, Pa., on 29 April 1955. At 2107 hours, EDT, surface winds were from the north, 360° at 4 knots, scattered clouds in northern quadrant at 0000; visibility 8 miles, 30% cloud cover in Northern Quadrant. Winds aloft at 1615 hours, EDT, were: 6,000,20°, 16 knots
10,000,70°, 10 knots

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16,000, 90°, 5 knots
20,000, 210°, 10 knots
30,000, 200°, 20 knots
40,000, 210°, 20 knots
50,000, not available
60,000, not available

Wind at 2200 hours, EDT, at 6,000, 40°, 32 knots. Nothing further recorded at this time. No thunderstorms were reported in the area and there was no unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise known to the Weather Bureau.

3. ACTION: No additional investigation of this matter is contemplated by this District unless otherwise requested by competent authority in accordance with AFCSI Letter No. 85, dated 7 January 1953. The Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio, and the Commander, New Castle County Airport, Wilmington, Delaware, have been furnished copies of this communication.

4. This report is classified RTC [redacted] pursuant to the authority contained in Paragraph 24a, AFR 205-1.

OWEN L. COLAN
Lt Colonel, USAF
District Commander

cc: ATIC, W/P AFB, Ohio
Attn: ATIAA-2C

Comdr, NCCA, Del.

Comdr, Air Defense Command
Ent AFB, Colorado Springs, Colorado

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