

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 31 Dec 55		2. LOCATION Lyons, Nebraska		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 31/0630Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 seconds varied		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE confused	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Letter containing multiple reports of object assumed to be same object. Characteristics of star on occasion and on others that of helo. See Letter:				11. COMMENTS Possible Astro (Star/Planet) or A/C. Insufficient Data for Evaluation.	

31 DEC 1955 LYONS, NEBR AFOIN-X/Sgt Evans/pse/71092/12 Mar 56
Also See Case 20 Dec from DECATON, NEBRASKA

12 MAR 1956

AFOIN-X

MEMORANDUM FOR OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
ATTENTION: Assistant for Civil Defense

SUBJECT: (U) Sighting of Unidentified Flying Objects

1. Reference is made to your letter, Subject: "Unusual Phenomena", dated 23 February 1956, to The Secretary of The Air Force which was referred to this office for action. We, in-turn, assigned action to the Air Technical Intelligence Center.

2. Inclosed is a copy of the reply to the correspondence, as requested for your files.

1 Incl:
Ltr to Mr. [REDACTED]
dtd 9 Mar 56

Signed
TIMOTHY R. JOHNSON
Lt Colonel, USAF
Directorate of Intelligence

9 MAR 1956

Mr. ~~W. H. H. H.~~
~~W. H. H. H.~~
Fremont, Nebraska

Dear Mr. ~~H. H. H.~~

The information concerning your sighting of an unidentified flying object in December 1955 has been forwarded to the Air Technical Intelligence Center for reply.

Your letter report and illustrations has been studied with interest; however, additional information is needed in order that a complete analysis of the case may be made. It is, therefore, requested that you fill out and return the inclosed technical information sheet for that purpose.

You may be assured that your interest in this program is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

1 Incl
Info Sheet

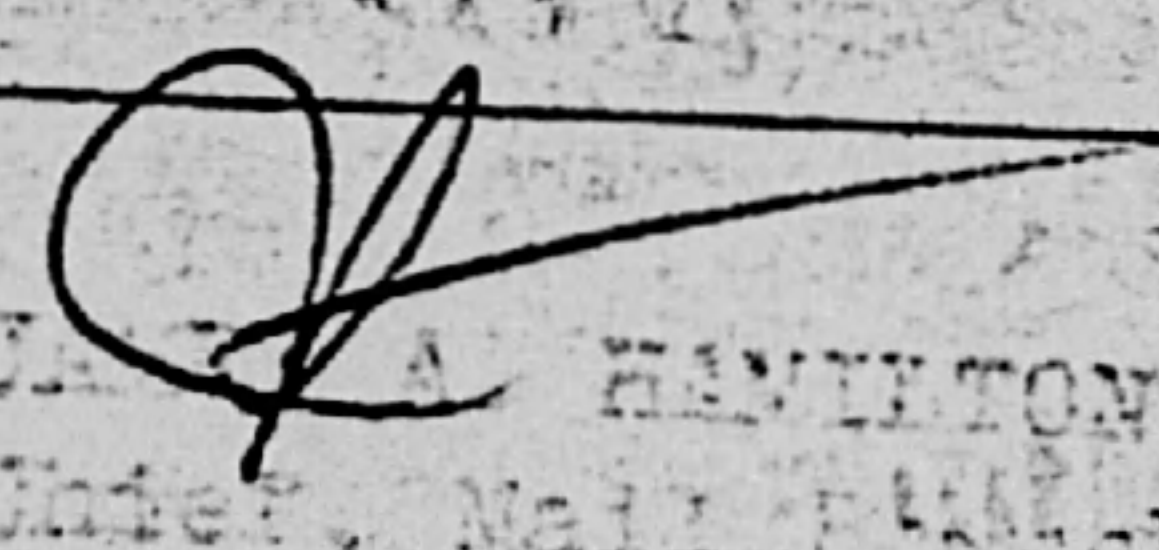
WALLACE W. ELWOOD
1st Lt., USAF
Assistant Adjutant

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE ROUTING SLIP				DATE FEB 24 1956	
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☒	CHIEF OF STAFF			ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	
	UNDER SECRETARY			GENERAL COUNSEL	
	ASSISTANT SECRETARY FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT			OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE LIAISON	
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	ASSISTANT SECRETARY RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT				

TYPE OF ACTION	
☒ APPROPRIATE ACTION	ACTION ASSIGNED TO
REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS	
DIRECT REPLY	ATTENTION
INFO ON WHICH TO BASE REPLY	
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COORDINATION	COORDINATE WITH
NOTE AND RETURN	
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FILE	
PREPARE REPLY FOR SIGNATURE OF	SUSPENSE DATE

REMARKS

BY DIRECTION OF:	
☒	THE SECRETARY
	THE UNDER SECRETARY
	THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY


J. A. HAMILTON
Chief, Mail Division

AFHQ

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8 DEC 55

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

23 February 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE

Attention: Colonel R. H. Warren, Executive Officer
Office of the Vice Chief of Staff

SUBJECT: Unusual Phenomena

Attached correspondence reporting observance of unusual phenomena in the State of Nebraska is forwarded for information and preparation of reply direct to the writer.

Request this office be furnished a copy of
your reply for our files.

signed

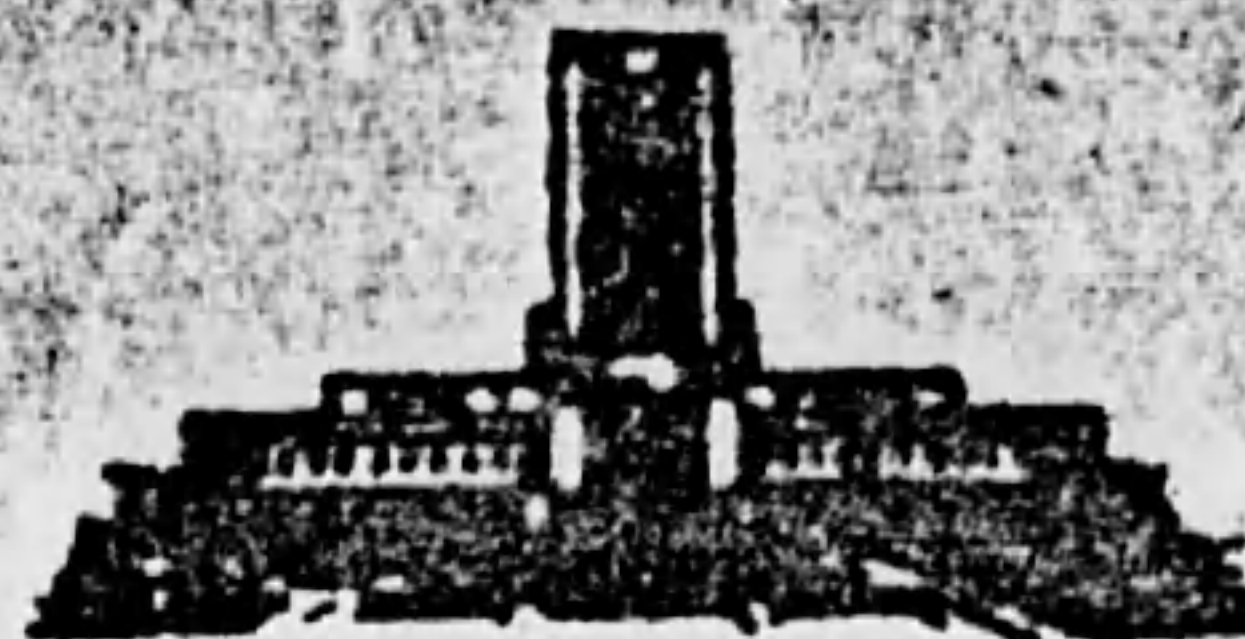
BARNET W. BEERS, Colonel, USA
Assistant for Civil Defense

Enclosures

CIVIL DEFENSE AGENCY
STATE CAPITAL

MAJ. GEN. GUY H. HENNINGER
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
STATE DIRECTOR

AUSTIN S. BACON
DEPUTY STATE DIRECTOR



State of Nebraska

VICTOR E. ANDERSON
GOVERNOR
LINCOLN 8

JAN 23 1956
FEDERAL CIVIL DEFENSE
ADMINISTRATION

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT

January 19, 1956

Mr. A. C. Tilley
Regional Administrator, PCDA
Box 8878, University Park Station
Denver 10, Colorado

Dear Mr. Tilley:

We enclose herewith material which was forwarded to this office by the State Game and Forestation Commission, which they received from a man in Fremont reporting the sighting of an unidentified object.

General Henninger has seen it, and states that inasmuch as this party appears to be very sincere, we should forward it to your office.

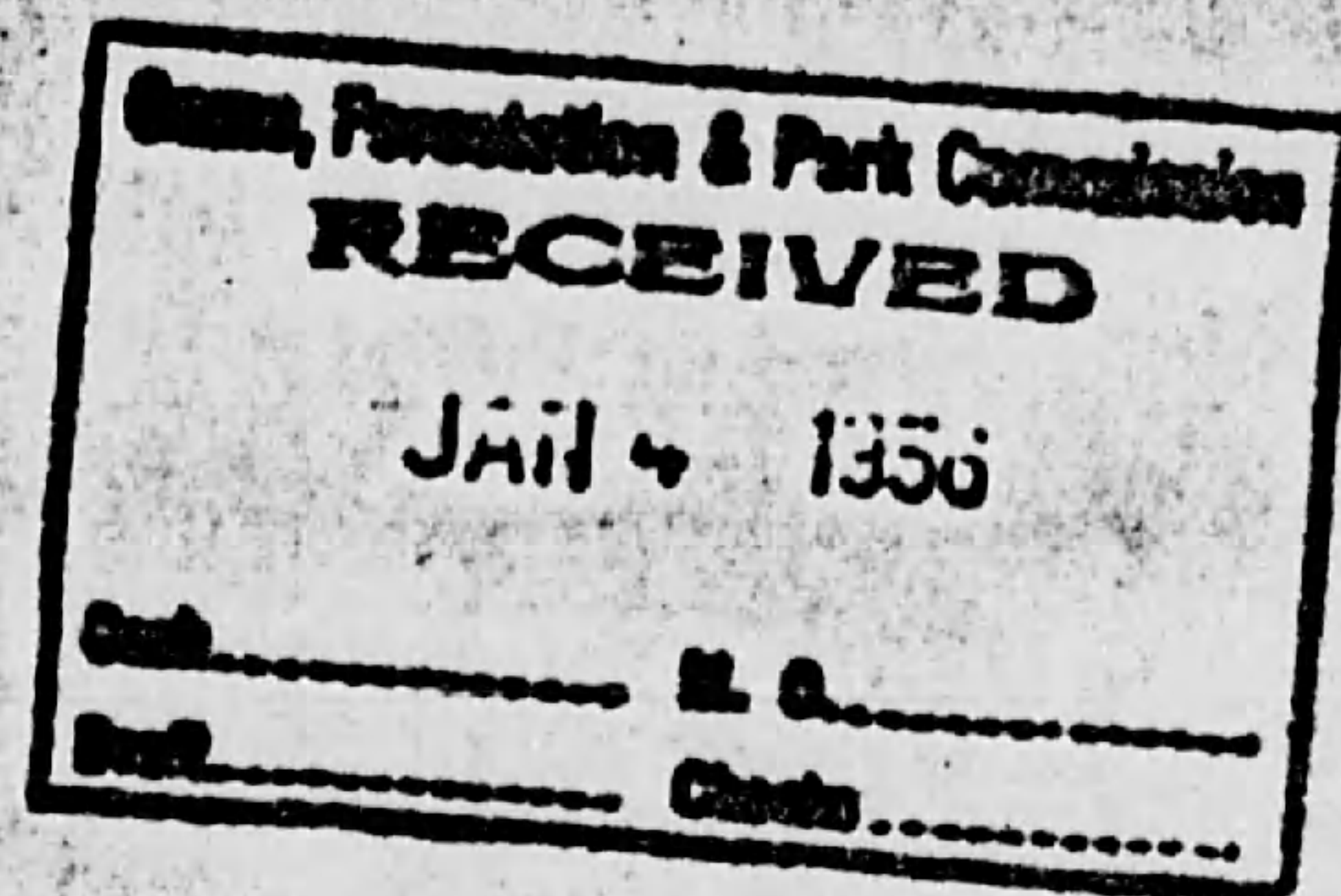
Very truly yours,

Austin S. Bacon
Deputy State Director

ASB:let
Encl.



Nebraska Fish and Game Com.
State House
Lincoln, Neb.



Dear Sirs,
As I don't now where I shall
write to get this information about I don't
I am writing to you and I am
hoping you will forward it to where
ever I can get this information.
Please forward immediately.

Thank you
Very much

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something like that. Read my other
letters and find out.

Thank you

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Eerie Fireball Seen Again at Ord

The second appearance of a float-
ing fireball has been reported at
Ord and a mysterious colored light
has been reported near Fremont.

Two Burwell women, Mrs. Gla-
dys Rose, teacher at Taylor and
Mrs. James Cunningham were
driving on Highway 11 near Ord
about 9 p.m. one evening recently.

Here is Mrs. Rose's story as re-
ported by the weekly Ord Quiz:

"We were driving fairly slow
about 35 miles an hour and had
just passed the Ord cemetery.

"As the car approached a corn-
field on the extreme south limits
of the Evelyn Sharp airport, I saw
a molten orange ball raise out of
the cornfield and soar in a grace-
ful arc across the highway.

"I immediately turned to Mrs.
Cunningham and said, 'What did
you see?'

Mrs. Cunningham answered: "I
saw an orange fireball cross the
road."

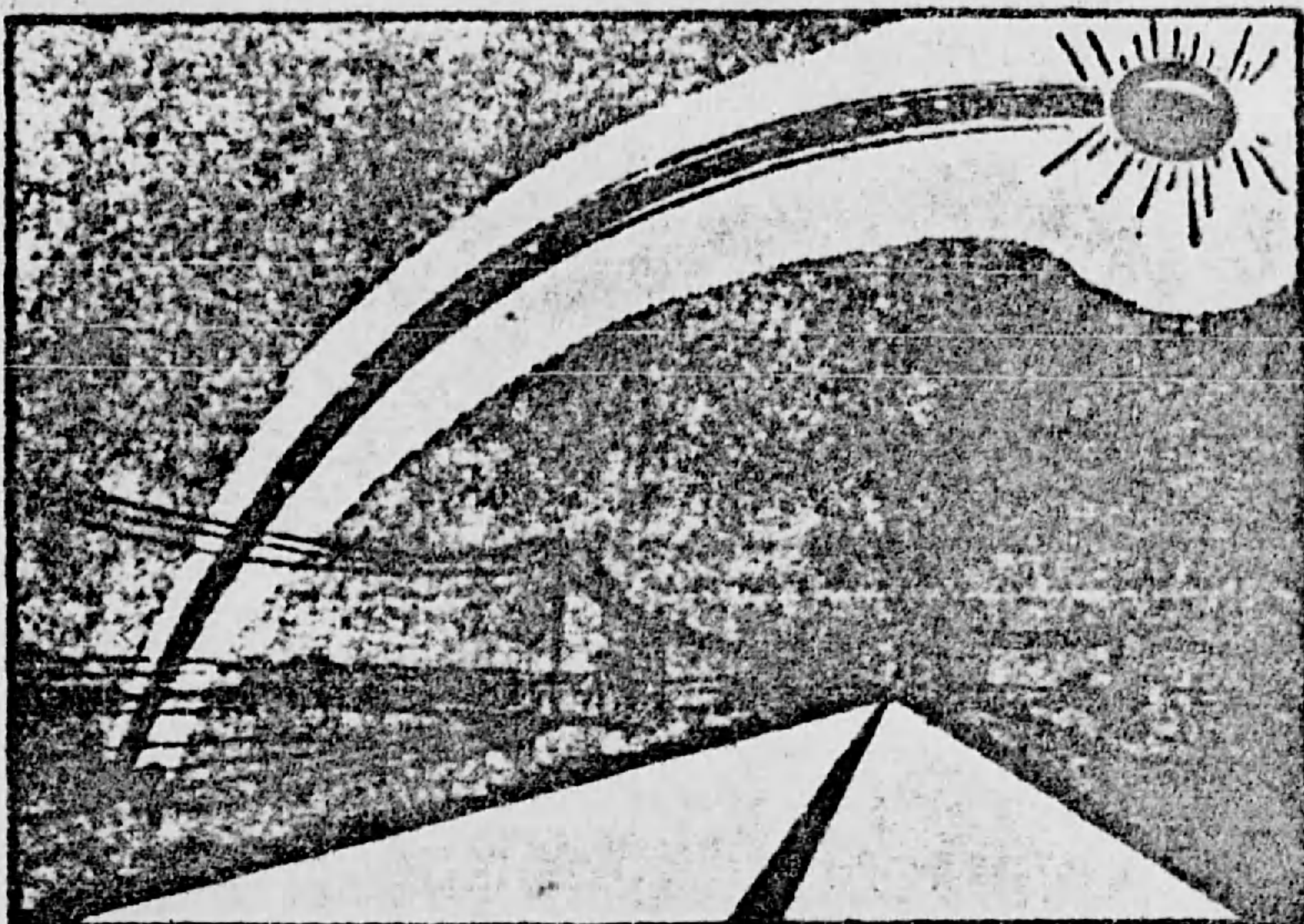
Grapefruit-Size

The women said the fireball was
about the size of a large grape-
fruit and soared across the high-
way and then went out.

"It was visible through the wind-
shield all the time it was in flight.
Mrs. Cunningham and I estimated
it was about as high as a tele-
phone pole and a half," said Mrs.
Rose. It was estimated 75 feet
from the auto and made no sound.

She said she wasn't frightened,
"but we just couldn't figure it out."

Later they went back to inves-
tigate but found nothing.



This is an artist's conception of the fireball two Burwell
women saw near Ord.

Last summer Don Wiberg, an
Ord High school youth, said a
mysterious glow in Mira Valley
near Ord chased his auto while
returning home from Loup City
a b e u t midnight. Something
stampeded a herd of cattle through
a corral fence the same night
along the road.

A White Light, Too

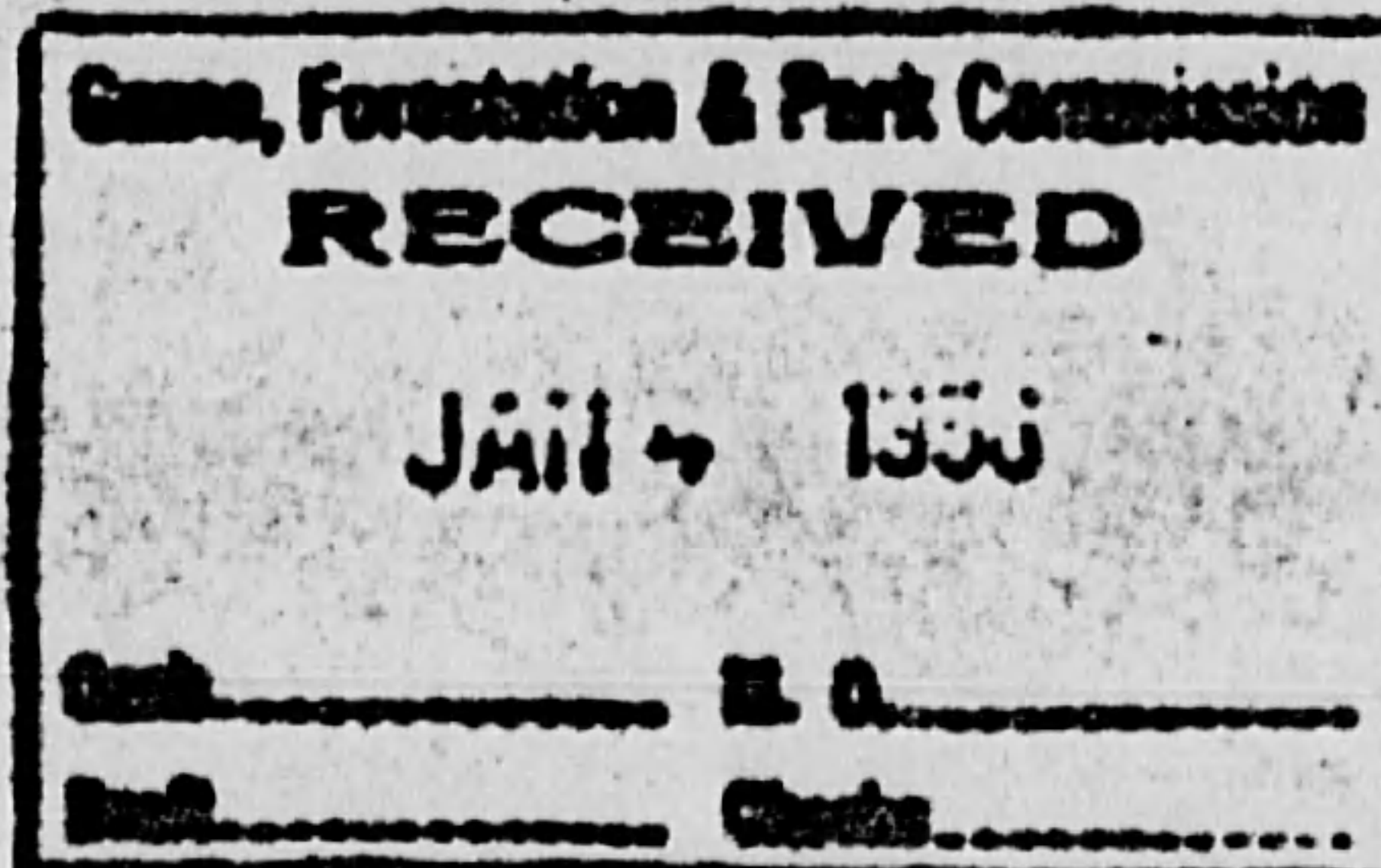
On the same night Wag Homes of
Fremont said he saw near Oak-
land a large white light which
later blinked on and off in colors
of red, blue and white. He said he
was driving on Highway 77 from
Lyons to Oakland when he spotted
the light to the west. He estimated

it was two miles away and about
100 feet off the ground.

Homes said he drove back to
Oakland, got his brother, and re-
turned. They spotted it south of
where it was originally seen and
drove toward it. The light disap-
peared again so the two headed
back to Oakland. When they got
almost to Oakland they saw the
flashing colors again to the east of
Highway 77 and over a hill.

Homes got other witnesses to
watch the light. Then he said it
went up into the sky. He said it
made no noise.

The next night, he said, he saw
the same light again for about 30
seconds west of Oakland.



Jan. 1, 1956

~~San Francisco, Calif.~~
Fremont, Neb.

Dear Sirs,

I am writing you to find out more information about a certain thing I saw, Dec. 30-31 1955. I was traveling from Lyons, Neb. to Oakland, where I used to live, on my way I saw in the west a large white light low approx. 100' or less above the ground not moving that I could tell when I got to Oakland I went a mile south of town and drove down a road stopped and here I could see this light it was blinking Red, blue and white, I est. its distance away at about 2 miles from where I was and about 100' high or less it was blinking and not moving. I went back to town got my brother we went out there and it was gone, before it had not moved as I could tell, we looked south further and we saw it down south very low it was moving so we headed south on U.S. 22 for about a mile and cut over on a country road

but we never saw anything so we
headed back towards town by following
the country roads when we got even with
the city dump I looked towards some hills
in the east and there it was very low
above this one hill my brother saw it
to, and three or four others who I went
and got will look me up. We watched the
only way it went was up. While it
was very low the brightness of its blinding
light could be seen better than after it
got up higher, blinking Red, blue, and white.

Could you please tell me what this
could have been as we are all around
my house out at Oakland wondering what it
was.

Sat. night I saw it in the west
up by cabland again at about 12:30 at
night. I only saw it for about 30 sec.
but the light was the same Red, blue,
and white only the blue was sort of a greenish
blue this time. There was no sound at all.

I hope you can tell us what this
was. Some say it was a Helicopter others
say a star but I am not sure. Do stars
blink? Helicopters would make a noise.

Enclosed find a diagram of how it was
seen both nights.

Thank you very much for
any information you have.

~~Yours,~~

~~Wm. H. Wood~~

Fremont, Nebr.

17:30 at Night

only a short time then
it was gone. North
12-30-55

blue over light

West foot of hill

white
south

if we were south here
East

①
12-30-55
South

object
AS
turning or
blinking
Dark Blue
W 25

drift road

LOCHS
CREEK

where I stopped first
OAKLAND

1700,
NCR

North

②
12-30-55

East
seen object here first
going south on 77

Ad. blue white

object
very low

North

OAKLAND

U.S. 77

WEST-POINT ROAD

West

KAISER

COVER SHEET

SUSPENSE

ORIGIN OF BASIC

DATE

ASSIGNED BY

DATE

TYPE

NO.

SUBJECT

(U) Request for Information on UFO Sightings from General Public

ROUTING

Initial "IN" column to denote review prior to action. Initial "OUT" column to denote review of completed action. (X for action; ✓ for coordination.)

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TO:

SAFIS-3 Attn: Maj. Tacker

DATE

26 August 1958

FROM:

AFCIN-4E4

COMMENT NO.

COMMENTS (Use reverse, if necessary)

AFCIN-4E4/T.Sgt Polieu/ac
Ext. 6-9216/Bldg 828

1. This office has received many inquiries from individuals and UFO clubs requesting the Air Force evaluation of UFO reports, some of which the Air Force never received. The time required to honor such requests would prevent the office staff from performing their primary duty of analysis.

2. The Air Force viewpoint concerning so-called "flying saucers" is well known. No evidence has been found to prove their existence.

3. The following sightings referenced by Mr. Kaiser, were not received by this office:

- a. 15 Dec. 1955, Cambridge
- b. 3 Jan. 1956, Pasadena
- c. January 1957, Florida

Many such sightings are reported to newspapers, UFO clubs, or to individuals and never reach the Air Force.

1 Incl:

1. Ltr dtd 14 Aug 58,
fr David R. Kaiser

LEONARD T. GLASER
Colonel, USAF
AFCIN-4E4

15 DEC 55 CAMBRIDGE, MASS

INFORMATION
ON

~~Washington Co.,~~
Washington Co.,
Pennsylvania
August 14, 1958

Office Of The Secretary Of Defence
Washington 25, D. C.

Sirs:

Please send me affirmation that the following reports of Unidentified Flying Objects are, or are not Flying Saucers and if not, why.

December 15, 1955 .- Cambridge, - At 5 p.m. a girl of 12 saw a " huge round object, spinning around, and humming." The object seemed to be giving off a white light.

At the same time the girl's 25 year old brother some miles away reported seeing a " brilliant object in the sky. "

NO CASE (INFORMATION ONLY)

27 Dec 55

Yakobu, Vatulele, Fiji Islands

SOURCE: CRIFO Newsletter, 3 Feb 56

METALLIC FRAGMENTS SPRAY OVER

Case 127, Yakobu, Vatulele, Fiji Islands, reported December 27, 1955—Whatever the origin and purpose of the fireball and its inexplicable behavior, i.e., much like a ranging missile, we look searchingly to other relative events for a possible clue. Such a clue may be found in the report reaching us from Suva in the Fiji Islands. The Auckland Star, December 27, '55 reported, "During a lightning storm, the village of Yakobu, in Vatulele, was showered with metallic fragments of all sizes. Nobody was hurt. A possible explanation, said the Star, 'was that a meteorite exploded at a low level, causing a flash thought by the islanders to be lightning. Such an explosion could have caused a shower of meteorite fragments. Samples of the metallic shower are to be sent to the Fiji Mines Department.'"

Harold Fulton, of C.S.I., New Zealand, who sent CRIFO the news item, noted, "I am writing to Vatulele authorities for samples of the metallic shower." Perhaps remote, in connection with the Fiji incident, but not so remote by nautical miles is the bizarre affair of the Joyita. This 70 ton cruiser, which steamed out of Apia in Western Samoa for the Tokelau Islands Oct. 2, 1954, had 24 people aboard, but for some mysterious reason the vessel did not reach the Tokelau. It was found on November 10 "wallowing lifelessly in a light sea" reported Life magazine, but no one was aboard. Unaccountable was the burned-out semi-circular section on topside. We have no way of knowing, but the Joyita may have experienced a similar "lightning storm" like that over Yakobu.

METALLIC FRAGMENTS SPRAY OVER FIJI

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JANUARY 1956 SIGHTINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
Jan	•Hungary	Civilian	Insufficient Data
3	•Scott AFB, Illinois	Military	Astro (METEOR)
5	•Indianapolis, Indiana	██████████	Astro (CANOPUS)
6	•Zionsville, Indiana	██████████	Insufficient Data
7	•Trulock, California	Teen-Age Students	Astro (STARS/PLANETS)
8	•Bedford, Indiana	██████████	Insufficient Data
8	•Roseburg, Oregon	██████████	Astro (METEOR)
8	•Battlecreek, Michigan	██████████	Insufficient Data
9	•Honshu, Japan	Multi	Other (WEATHER CONDITION)
9	•Miami, Florida	██████████	Astro (METEOR)
9	•Chanute AFB, Illinois	Civilian	Insufficient Data
9	•Portland, Oregon	Multi	Other (REFLECTION)
11	•Wurtsmith AFB, Michigan	Military (VIS & <u>RADAR</u>)	Balloon
16	•Wurtsmith AFB, Michigan	Military	Insufficient Data
17-18	•Walkill, New York	██████████	Astro (VEGA)
18	•Itazuke, Japan	Military Air	Balloon
18	•Long Beach, Long Island, New York	██████████	Balloon
18	•North Platte, Nebraska	██████████	Astro (VENUS)
18	•Elmendorf AFB, Alaska	Military	Astro (METEOR)
19	•Stroud, Oklahoma	Military	Astro (METEOR)
20	•Maui, Hawaii	██████████	Aircraft
21	•SE Bermuda (Atlantic)	██████████	Astro (METEOR)
21	•Maywood, New Jersey	██████████	Astro (METEOR)
22	•Miami, St Petersburg, Florida	██████████, EAL pilot	Astro (METEOR)
23	•McChord AFB, Washington	Military	Astro (METEOR)
24	•Wheelus AFB, Morocco	Military (RADAR)	Aircraft
24	•Beltsville, Maryland	██████████ (<u>PHOTO</u>)	Moon (TIME EXPOSURE)
24	•Seattle, Washington	██████████	Insufficient Data
25	•Edison, Washington	██████████	Aircraft
28	•New Bedford, Massachusetts	██████████	Aircraft
28	•Pittsfield, Maine	██████████	Astro (VENUS)
28	•Albany, Georgia	Military	Astro (METEOR)
29	•Bremerton, Washington	██████████	Aircraft
30	•Lake Andes, South Dakota	██████████	Balloon
30	•Seattle, Washington Area	Multi/██████████, ██████████	Astro (SIRIUS)
31	•Boonton, New Jersey	██████████	Aircraft
31	•Seattle, Washington	██████████	Astro (VENUS)
Jan-10	•Marrisonville, Missouri	██████████	Aircraft
DR 24	•Afghanistan	Military	Insufficient Data

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
1956	•San Diego, California	██████████ (Ltr)	
1956	•Cebot, Pennsylvania	██████████ (Ltr)	
1956	•Culver City, California	██████████ 164)	
1956	•San Juan, Puerto Rico	██████████ (Green 164)	
1956	•Over Atlantic Ocean	News Article	
3	•Pasadena, California	██████████ (Ltr)	
7	•Honolulu, Hawaii	News Article	
9	•Central, Oregon	News Article	
26	•New Orleans, Louisiana	News Article	
30	•Calvin, Oklahoma	News Article	