

UFOB INDEX CARD

ATSS-UEOB-218-56

1. DATE 8-9 Aug 56		2. LOCATION Tarrytown, N. Y.		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 09/0435Z Aug 56		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Still visible at time of Initial report		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One (1)		9. COURSE Southeast	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One (1) yellow star-like object, 5 or 6 times the size of the North Star. Noticed because of light plus movement. Object moved very slowly in a southeasterly direction at a very high altitude. Object still in sight at time of initial report.				11. COMMENTS Do not concur with Reporting Officer that sighting was a shooting star. Sighting meets all criteria for a balloon hypothesis. Winds correlate to course of object. Evaluation of this headquarters as "was balloon."	

Case 183, Tarrytown, N.Y., Aug. 9, 1956—At 12:15 police headquarters received a phone call from Walter Kocher who saw a mysterious light in the sky. Sgt. Fintan Maegerle was dispatched by radio to investigate. He confirmed the report together with two other officers. Sgt. Maegerle, a World War II pilot who holds a commercial license, described the light as yellowish, and "five to eight times the size of any star in the sky." He could not estimate its altitude, but said it was moving in jerks in a generally southeasterly direction. In his flying experience he had seen nothing like it. . . . About 1:30 a.m., the light disappeared.⁹