

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 8 August 1956		2. LOCATION 20 Mi S of Quart Site, Ariz.		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other <u>UNIDENTIFIED</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☒ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>2300</u> GMT <u>09/0600Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilians			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 observer - 5-7 mins 2 observers - 25to60 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE north		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object-light, size of dime to a quarter color bluish white, object traveled at a great speed. Object did not change color, altitude or speed.			11. COMMENTS UNIDENTIFIED		

Quartzsite - from
the S.W. border of
the Gila, line - north of
Imperial Dam (Due east
of CIBOLA, ARIZ.)

Time - 23 00 hrs.

Bellon Bases: Numerous - to
the East + West
of Quartzsite

Weather: Winds. Time is
exactly one hour

Evaluation:
Insufficient
Data

after normal 22 00 hrs.
launching made. If winds
35-50 knots - in one hour
balloon could have
passed the observer's area

Action: Said to 4802 L. McBe
to act as for dis. See 4602
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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

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

8 October 1956

IN REPLY REFER TO: 5D 24-21-182

SUBJECT: (Unclassified)
UNKNOWN SUBJECT(S):
Report of Unidentified Flying Object
Sighted on 8 August 1956 in General
Vicinity of Quartsite, Arizona

TO: Commander
Air Technical Intelligence Center
ATTN: AFOIN 4E4
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

1. Transmitted herewith for your information and retention is one (1) copy of Spot Intelligence Report, dated 25 September 1956, by District Office #18, file 24-448, 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.

1 Incl
Spot Rpt dtd 25 Sep 56

Copy furnished:
Dir OSI w/o Incl

Lincoln D. Whitson
FOR AND IN THE ABSENCE OF
Wm G. HINES *W. G. HINES*
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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Office of Special Investigations (OSI) (USAF)
P. O. Box 310, Hayward, California

18D 24-1448

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Flying Object Sighted on 8 August 1956 in General Vicinity of Quartzsite, Arizona

SPECIAL INQUIRY

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

1. SUMMARY: At approximately 2300 hours, 8 August 1956, [REDACTED], allegedly observed an unidentified flying object flying directly overhead while at a location east of U. S. Highway 95 and approximately twenty miles south of Quartzsite, Arizona. The object flew in a northwest-northeasterly direction (variance of opinion), maintaining the same altitude and traveling in a straight line. Both witnesses state object appeared as bluish white regulated pulsating light; the light did not appear to have a core but was diffused throughout. Neither could estimate the altitude or speed of the object, but stated that it appeared to be at a great height (higher than aircraft known to the layman can fly), and flying at a high rate of speed. No sound, vapor trail, or exhaust were emitted from the object sighted. [REDACTED] stated object relative size of no smaller than ten cent piece and no larger than twenty-five cent piece; while [REDACTED] stated object relative size of buckshot or B-2 and appeared elliptical in shape.

2. DETAILS: On 17 August 1956, C. L. KUMMEL, Civilian Assistant District Intelligence Officer, Office of Naval Intelligence, Eleventh Naval District, San Diego, California, telephonically advised Special Agent FREDERICK L. KING, San Diego OAI Detachment Commander this District, that he had received correspondence from a Mr. [REDACTED], Attorney at Law, 1017 First Avenue, San Diego, California, dated 15 August 1956, wherein [REDACTED] professed to have observed unidentified flying object on 8 August 1956 while traveling in Arizona. Mr. Kummel stated that [REDACTED] had no further interest in the matter, and therefore the letter would be forwarded to the San Diego OAI Detachment for whatever investigative action believed necessary.

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3. On 20 August 1950, the San Diego OSI Detachment received the correspondence referenced above which is quoted verbatim for your information:

"On the evening of August 8, 1950, I was accompanied with Mr. [REDACTED] on a camping trip into the Arizona desert. The approximate location of our camp was about 20 miles south of Quartzsite, Arizona, and 2 miles to the east of State Highway 95. At approximately 11:00 P.M. in the heavens directly above us and crossing the Milky Way at a 90 degree angle lays a constellation which is circular in nature, actually forming a half circle. The Milky Way also splits at this point and more or less forms a double pattern. To the east, southeast, I observed a light which I will describe as a cold light and diffused in nature. The size of this light would vary from a 10¢ piece to a 25¢ piece. Having nothing to gage the actual size of the light is difficult to describe, however, it did not leave a trail or a pattern and appeared to be a fixed light. This light was oscillating at a constant rate for the length of time the light was on to the length of time the light was off. The light had a constant speed traveling at a 90 degree angle to the Milky Way and crossing through the constellation which I previously mentioned. The color of this light was a bluish white. It did not change in color or appearance. It maintained the same altitude which is unknown and continued on into a northwest direction. Its course of travel was straight and even and it appeared to be traveling at a great height and in a constant speed on a straight flight.

"We were far enough away from any habitation to be free from local noises and interference. It was impossible for us to hear any sound whatsoever with reference to this light.

"At approximately 11:30 P.M. aircraft were observed flying from west to east and at approximately midnight another aircraft flying from east to west. We also heard a jet aircraft but could not locate any lights or the aircraft itself. The night was crystal clear with no difficulty in observing all of the heavens.

"The purpose in reporting this information is because I believe this light was not from any known aircraft to my own personal knowledge. I am positive this light was not a part of a meteorite nor was it a part of any aircraft that I have ever observed. The rate of travel was approximately 5 to 7 minutes and could have been a shorter period of time, as this light traveled at a great speed from the eastern horizon towards the western horizon.

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"I searched the skies for two hours after the incident for sightings of this kind. I also tried and attempted to pre-imagine the incident which I had seen to see if it could have been a figment of my imagination, however, it was impossible for me to develop visually the incident which I had seen.

"Hoping this may be of some value in co-relating unidentified flying objects."

4. On 21 August 1956, Mr. [REDACTED] was interviewed and stated substantially the same information as contained in the letter quoted above, and could offer no further information.

5. On 23 August 1956, Mr. [REDACTED], Attorney at Law, [REDACTED], San Diego, California, was interviewed by Special Agent JOSEPH E. [REDACTED] and stated substantially as follows: On 8 August 1956, he and [REDACTED] were camping approximately ten miles east of Highway 95, approximately twenty miles south of Quartzsite, Arizona. While lying in a sleeping bag and half asleep, [REDACTED] claimed to have spotted an object and pointed it out to him. The object, as he saw it, appeared to be almost directly under the Milky Way, and was traveling in a northeasterly direction. The object appeared to be elliptical in shape and to give off a bluish glow without any definite pinpoint of light effect which would indicate aircraft recognition lights. At this point, [REDACTED] arose from the sleeping bag and went to get his glasses for slight nearsightedness correction. After putting on his glasses, the object did not appear to look exactly the same, it looked more distinctly like a definite light and he cannot recall noting its exact shape. The light itself was an intermittent pulsating light, and at this time appeared to be traveling in a westerly direction at an altitude far above that associated with actual aircraft; i. e., above forty to fifty thousand feet. He stated that he at first thought the object might be a weather balloon with a light suspended from a gondola; however, since there was no light oscillation and the object appeared to be continually moving rather than suspended, he set aside the possibility of the object being a weather balloon. He added that the object appeared the size of B-3 or buckshot, did not emit any audible sound, and left no trailing vapors or exhaust. [REDACTED] stated that it was impossible to estimate the speed of the object; however, since the object did not disappear below the horizon but disappeared from view, and since he had observed this light for a period of twenty-five seconds to sixty seconds, he believed the object to be traveling at an excessively high rate of speed. He was positive, since he had observed meteors and aircraft earlier in the evening, object sighted was not a weather balloon, meteor, or commonly known aircraft. Upon reviewing events that occurred that night, [REDACTED] thought the object might possibly be a launched space station as

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6. ACTION: No similar reports relative to this observance have been received. Neither [REDACTED] could proffer additional information pertaining to other persons who might have observed the same incident. No further action is contemplated relative to the information listed above.

7. This correspondence is classified CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to the authority contained in paragraph 30c2(h), AFI 805-1.

Air Technical Intelligence
Center, Wright-Patterson
AFB, Ohio, ATTN: ATIAA-20 --
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CHARLES W. DANEY
Lt Col, USAF
District Commander

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