

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 10 July 1957		2. LOCATION Hartford, Connecticut		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 10/2330Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 45 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE W to E	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object unevenly round, 10 times larger than a star. Color brilliant white. Steady W to E course, seen through binoculars. July 10, 1957: Many reports of object or objects from New England, incl. New Haven, Boston, and Brunswick, Me. AF Research Center at Cambridge identified object(s) as Moby Dick balloon, released at Vernalis, California (sic). -- N. Y. World-Telegram & Sun, 7/11; Newark Star-Ledger, 7/11(AP); N. Y. Herald Tribune, 7/12.				11. COMMENTS Probable balloon sighting.	

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DATE OF COLLECTION 10 July 1957		SRI STATUS (If applicable)	
DATE OF REPORT 12 July 1957		SRI NO.	
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE Brilliant White light		EVALUATION Approx 70,000	
REFERENCES (BAIR Subject, previous reports, etc., as applicable)		None	
SUBJECT (Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects)		Compared with a star only 10 times or more larger.	
SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies)		The sighted object was a brilliant white light, it appeared to be unevenly round in shape and could be compared to a star except it was approximately ten times or more larger. Color was brilliant white with only one object in appearance. Course of object was West to East directly overhead, angle of elevation 50°, azimuth 90°, keeping steady West to East course. Object appeared in my sight for approximately forty five minutes and was visible from the ground and also sighted through binoculars. Zulu time date: 2330Z at dusk. The observer was located Latitude - 41° 43' N, Longitude 72° 39' W. No other observers, other than myself, at this location. Weather conditions were excellent with excellent visibility, weather station facilities were not available. Ceiling was unlimited. Nearest air traffic was at Brainard Field and this consisted of only light private planes.	

None

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