PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 2 Jan 58	**2. LOCATION** Huntsville, Alabama	**12. CONCLUSIONS**
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local evening GMT	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** XX Ground-Visual; Ground-Radar; Air-Visual; Air-Intercept Radar	Was Balloon / Probably Balloon / Possibly Balloon; Was Aircraft / Probably Aircraft / Possibly Aircraft; Was Astronomical Meteor / Probably Astronomical / Possibly Astronomical; Other; Insufficient Data for Evaluation; Unknown
5. PHOTOS Yes; X No	**6. SOURCE** Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 secs	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** one	**9. COURSE** NW

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

A very bright, white ball, brighter and larger than Venus. White at the beginning and turning greenish toward the end. No breakup observed.

11. COMMENTS

Confirmed as a meteor.

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CLASSIFICATION

COUNTRY OF ACTIVITY REPORTING	REPORT NO.	(Leave blank)
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

COUNTRY OR AREA REPORT CONCERNS	DATE OF INFORMATION	
Huntsville, Alabama	2 Jan 58	
ACTIVITY SUBMITTING REPORT	DATE OF COLLECTION	SRI STATUS (If applicable)
Hq 35th Air Division (Def)	17 Jan 58	SRI NO. CANCELED/COMPLETE
PREPARING INDIVIDUAL	DATE OF REPORT	SRI NO. CANCELED/INCOMPLETE
Edward Wootten Capt, USAF D/I	27 Jan 58	SRI NO. ACTIVE
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE	EVALUATION	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON (Date)
Mr [redacted] Mr [redacted]	F-3	

REFERENCES (BAIR Subject, previous reports, etc., as applicable)

BAIR Subject 3A15

SUBJECT (Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects)

Report of UFOB

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)

On 2 January 1958, MR. [redacted]N and MR [redacted] both residents of Huntsville, Alabama, observed and reported a UFOB over Huntsville. The information pertaining to these sightings was furnished by the Rocket City Astronomical Association, Huntsville, Alabama, to Headquarters 3rd U. S. Army, Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Georgia, which in turn furnished the inclosed copy of the original report to this headquarters. The original report was forwarded by 3rd Army to ACS/G-2, U. S. Continental Army Command, Fort Monroe, Virginia.

COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER:

No investigative action was taken by Headquarters 35th Air Division (Def).

Edward Wootten
EDWARD WOOTTEN
Capt, USAF
Director of Intelligence

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Ltr, Observations of Unidentified Object

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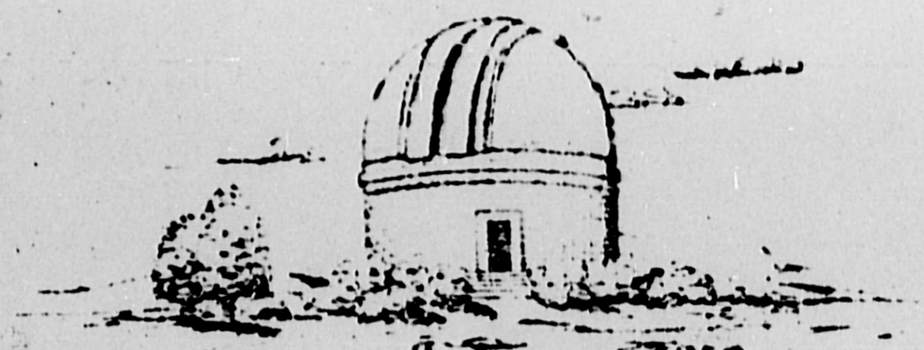

3 January 1958

[redacted]
Huntsville, Ala.

Subject: OBSERVATIONS OF UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT

1. On the evening of 2 January 1958 two individuals reported observing an unusual bright object in the sky.

2. Mr. [redacted] reported the object as a "very bright, white ball. It was brighter and larger than Venus, a white sphere." Place of observation: Paradise Trailer Park, 13th Ave. SW. Approximate data are:

$h_1 = 45^\circ$ $\quad$ $t = 19^h\ 45^m$ CST
$A_1 = N235^\circ E$ $\quad$ dt = 2 sec duration ("slower than meteor")

$h_2 = 30^\circ$ $\quad$ lat. = 34° 42.5 N
$A_2 = N270^\circ E$ $\quad$ long. = 86° 36.1 W
elev. = 600 ft.

3. Mr. [redacted] reported that object was brighter than Venus and "white at the beginning turning greenish toward the end." No breakup observed by either observer.

$h_1 = 45^\circ$ $\quad$ $t = 19^h\ 45^m$ CST
$A_1 = N200^\circ E$ $\quad$ dt = duration not given

$h_2 = 30^\circ$ $\quad$ lat. = 34° 43.8 N
$A_2 = N250^\circ E$ $\quad$ long. = 86° 35.0 W
elev. = 640 ft.

4. Geodetic coordinates were taken off of a USGS-TVA contour map of the Huntsville area. Subscripts "1" on celestial coordinates indicate when first sighted, not necessarily when first appeared. Subscripts "2" were for actual disappearence.

Recorded by:
[redacted]
Vice President
[redacted], SE
Huntsville, Alabama

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March 5, 1958

Capt. George T. Gregory
Air Technical Intelligence Center
P. O. Box 9703
Wright-Patterson AF Base
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Captain:

Lois has kindly typed out my illegible scroll and also the material marked [redacted]. Case 1, Lovelland Case

Case 2 - I am still working on. This is the case I called you up about on Sunday. My own feeling is that it was a plane.

Case 3 [redacted] I have queried him by letter asking for a fuller explanation.

Case 4 - Huntsville, Alabama - This was clearly a meteor but I know Mr. [redacted] who reported this, and I will be in Huntsville myself next month and will make further inquiry then. However, it is quite safe to classify this as a meteor.

I hope this has been some help to you and I hope to see you in the not too distant future.

Cordially,

Allen

J. Allen Hynek

JAH:lc

Enc.

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Group Apparently
they have been
pestering the Pentagon!

Originally gave
This "3rd Party"
in order to work on
the more pressing,
current UFO sighting