

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 18 Apr 58	2. LOCATION Hamilton, Ontario, Canada		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ CMT 19/0230Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian		☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE - - -	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Bright firey obj lit up place bright as day. Observed fm car moving 50 mph. Obj in straight flight at meteor speed in sight for few seconds. Blue white color with white smoke trailing. Obj seemed to be hot enough tp burn up.		11. COMMENTS Obj has all characteristics of a meteor, and the case is considered to be an astro sighting of a meteor.	

April 21/58

Hamilton

Went

Car

Dear Sir; -

I am writing to you regarding an object I saw come to earth on Friday April 18th at about 9.30 p.m. I was driving up to my cottage for the weekend. I was going about 50 m.h. on #24 highway when all of a sudden the road, bush, and field to my right lit up bright as day. Looking up I saw a ball of fire coming at 60° angle straight for my car, but it landed to my right back of a small woods about one mile away. I marked the place on the highway & I went on to my cottage. I turned the radio on for the

news but my report about (anything ~~to~~ of
this nature, when I came home, I reported
what I saw to the Royal Canadian Police
and our Force, and Provincial Police.
They mentioned it might be a balloon,
or a rocket but it didn't fit, what I
saw. So I saw your article in Life,
mar 31/5-8 so remembered you were
working on something, I think this appa.
to be, so maybe you could let me
know what you think it was & where
it came from, I seem to be the only
one to see the fire works. So every
one ~~thinks~~ thinks I was drunk but I
don't drink. I work for Fuller Brush
Co. (machinist)

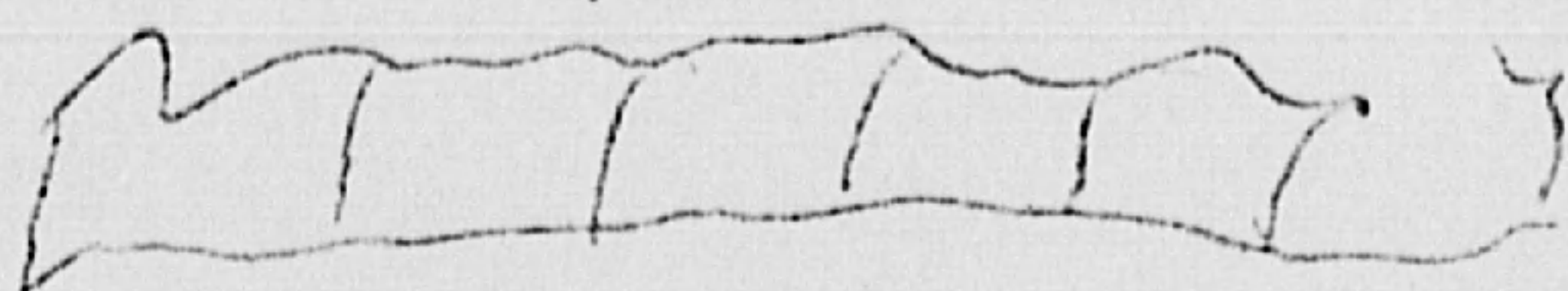
P.S. This is the first
letter in about 30 years

Yours Truly

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~~████████████████████~~ Bold st
Hamilton Ont

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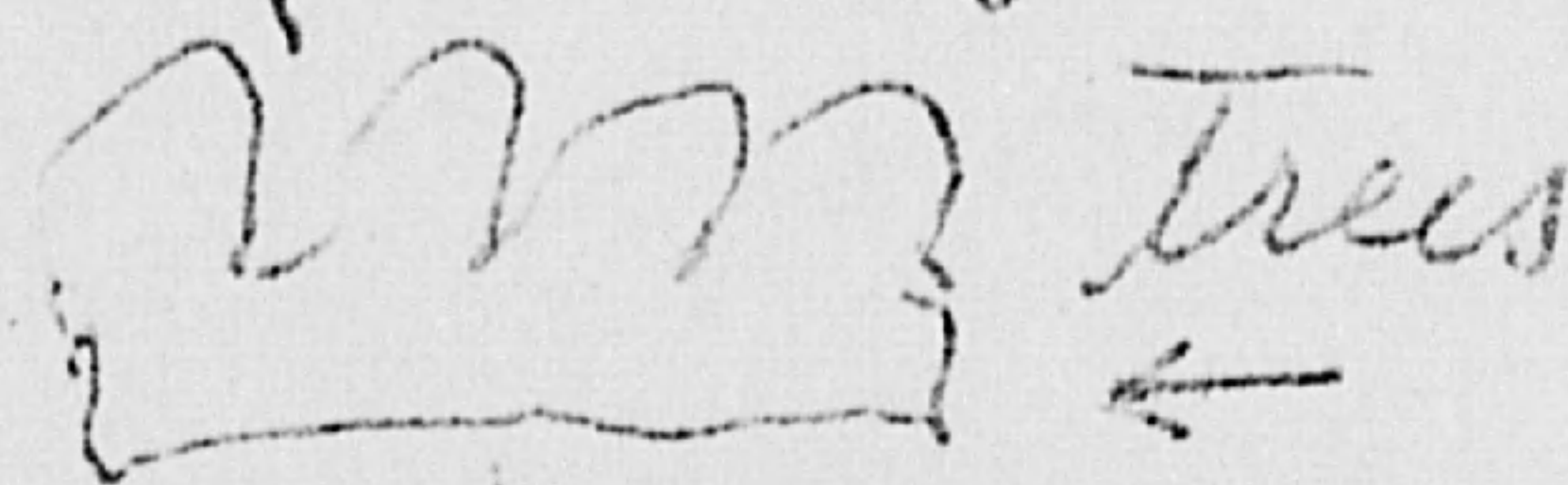
Trees



I think back of trees is a valley



but some place back of trees



Trees

green or road east

Trees

~~just~~ This place lit bright as day

Wonderful clues!

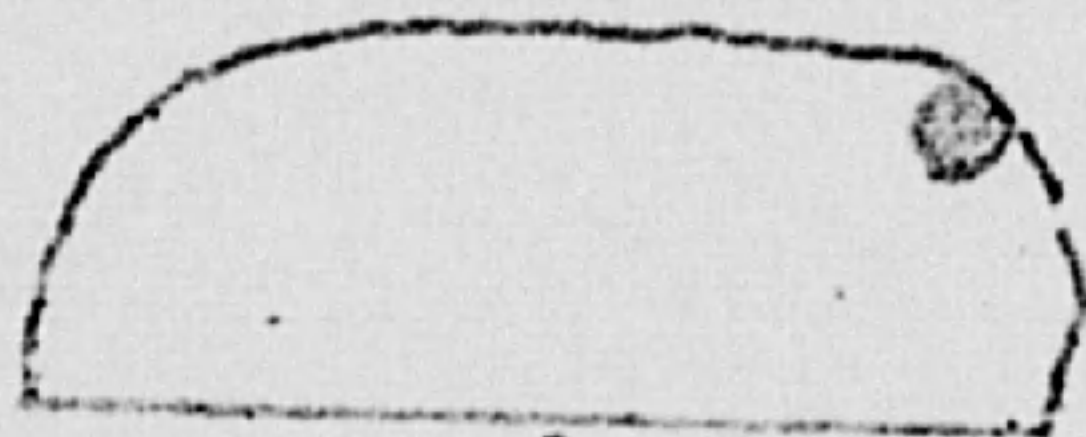
Deputy "Fireball" character

I travelled about 20 ft

North

← x car 50 mile M.H. south
second out of side window

first through front window



looked about 3 feet diameter like blast furnace

It's about there

There was only red hot this was bent back

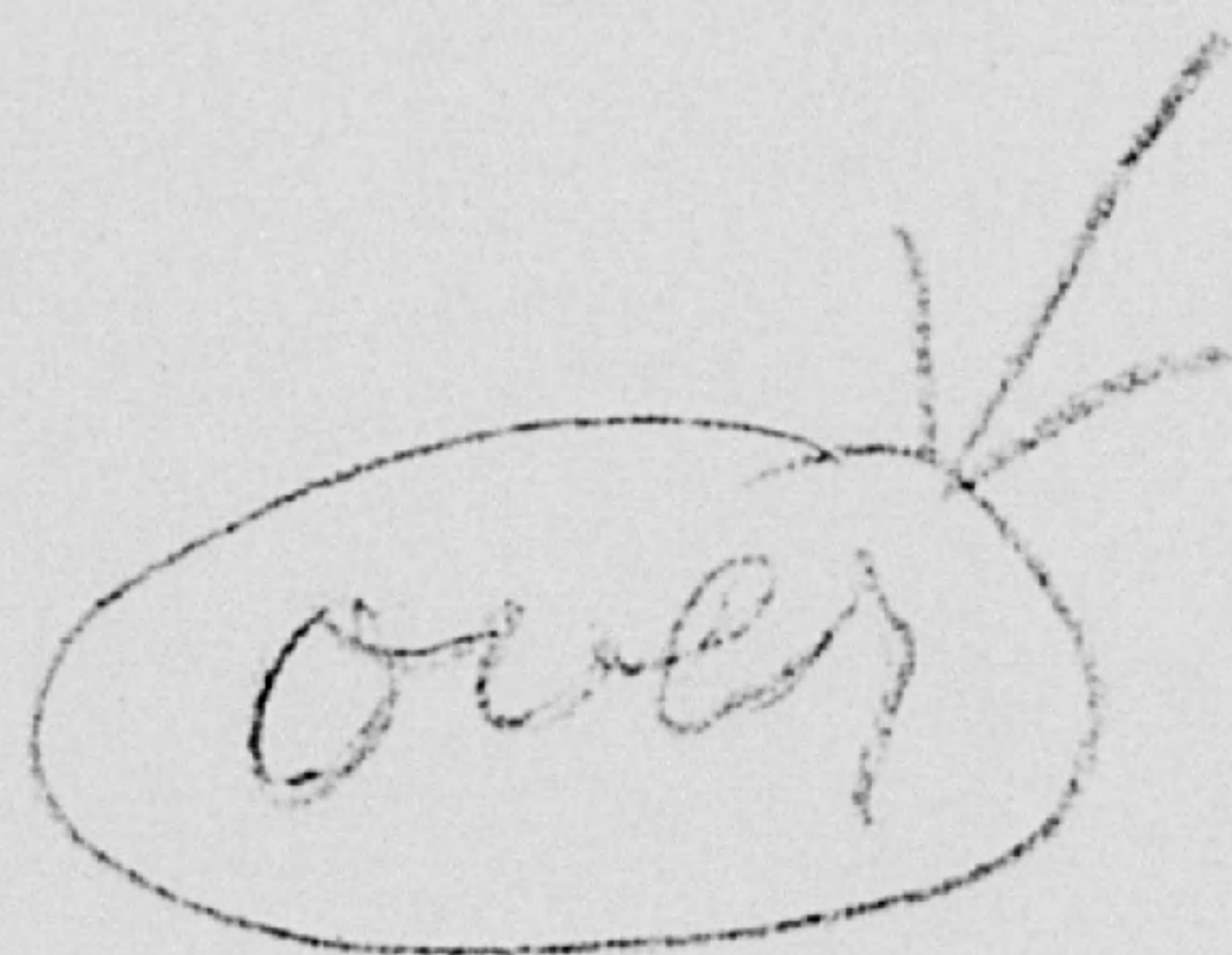
Glow

space from head



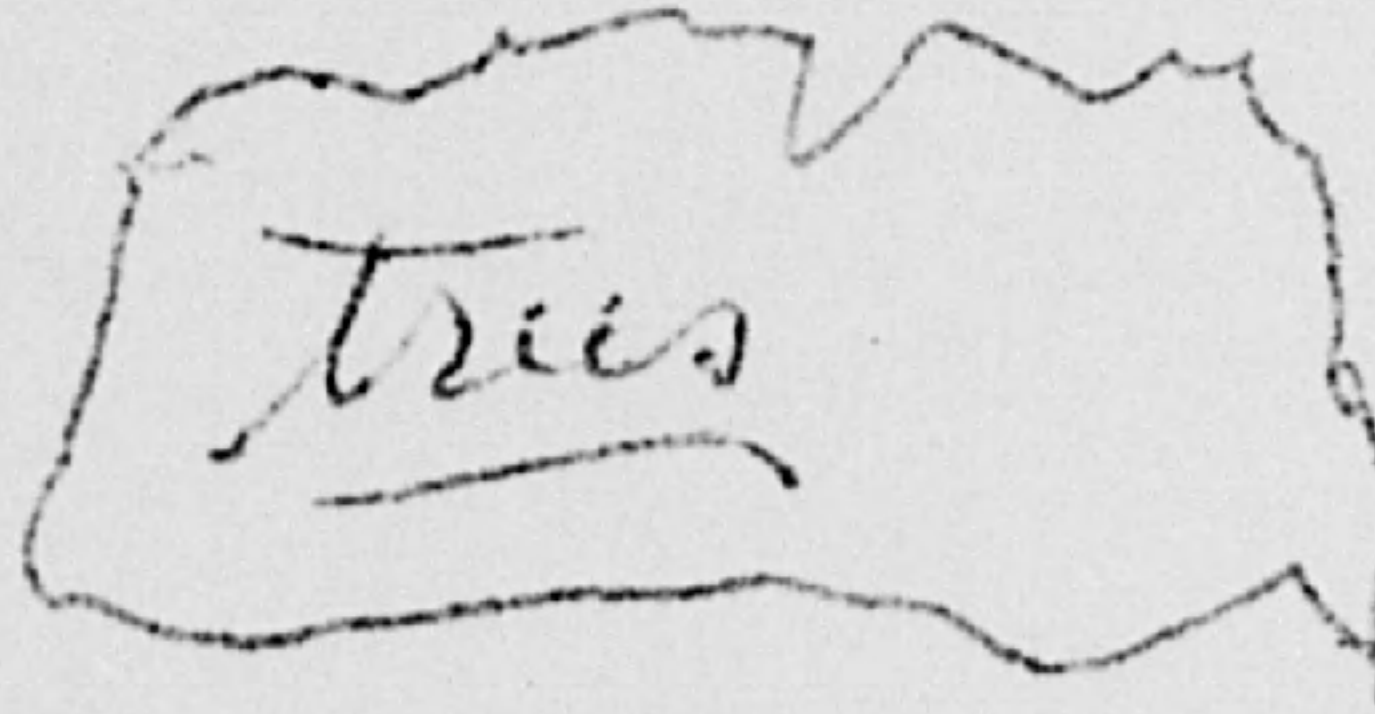
30 ft long
Red hot to bright
red

(all this lasted in seconds)



over

Trees



this might have been off
not in line
as bottom

north

white
smoke

South

are

Blue white

Flames



I judge this
at max. line
about 6 ft (2 m)
at 1 ft

any way and
if this interest
you I will

take any one
up to place

you will
see something

if this can
be found

Worm about 3 ft
long

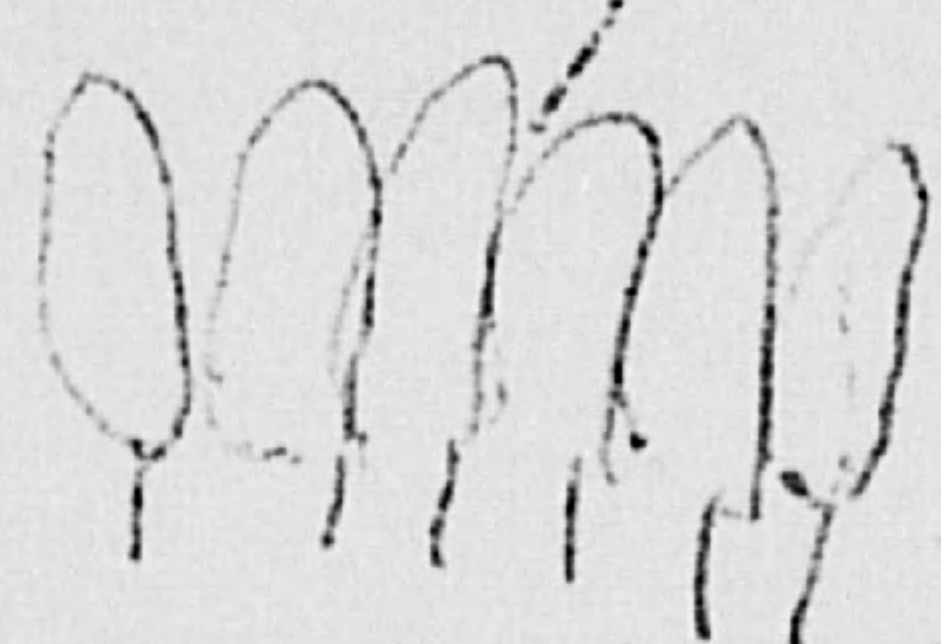
these spots
brighter flames

I will never forget this
sight. Only lasted
seconds

(14) Last look hills

I think this is a valley

Top rod only last seen

 small woods

some snow still in woods

car x

It might had more rods sticking out from it, but ~~sure~~ bright light made it impossible to see, but one at Top & bottom. got cooler near ground. If it wasn't so far from home 100 mile about I am sure it could be found. The rods or what they were made of, didn't seem to be hot enough to burn up.



U. S. NAVAL RESEARCH LABORATORY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO

4100-AW:lds

May 6, 1958

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Street
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

Thank you for your letter of 21 April 1958 describing your observation of an unidentified flying object on 18 April 1958. All available evidence indicates that Sputnik II re-entered the atmosphere and disintegrated on 13 April, but you possibly may have seen a meteor.

We are forwarding your letter to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Dayton, Ohio as a matter of possible interest. Your interest in reporting your observation is appreciated.

Very truly yours,

L. I. Baird
Commander, USN
Management Coordinator
Project Vanguard

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MAY 12 1958

COVER SHEET										SUSPENSE				
ORIGIN OF BASIC										DATE				
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DATE					TYPE					NO.				
SUBJECT														
UFO Report from U.S. Naval Research Laboratory														
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:										DATE				
SAFIS-3, Major Tacker										19 May 1958				
FROM:										COMMENT NO.				
AFCIN-4E										1				
COMMENTS (Use reverse, if necessary)														
AFCIN-4E4g/Capt Gregory/kmo/69216														
1. Attached letter was forwarded to this Center by NRL. 2. The following are submitted to assist you in replying to Mr. Rous, observer of the UFO: a. The very careful attention to details assisted us in determining the identity of the object. b. For example, the description of the object "red glowing space in the head" and that the "place was lit bright as day" are typical characteristics of a true bolide or "fireball." 3. A large number of bolides (a very brilliant-fiery specie of meteorite) have been reported during the last nine (9) months from throughout the U.S.														
1 Incl: Ltr and Sketch frm Mr. ██████████ Hamilton, Ont., Canada										<i>H K Gilbert</i> H. K. GILBERT Colonel, USAF AFCIN-4E				

9:30 pm

18 APR 1958

SAFUS-3/Maj Tacker/jd/73328

26 May 1958

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

This is to acknowledge your letter of 21 April 1958 concerning an unidentified flying object you saw on 18 April 1958 near Hamilton, Ontario.

From your description of the object it had all the typical characteristics of a bolide or "fireball". A bolide is a very brilliant-fiery specie of meteorite.

Your careful attention to details allowed us to identify the object and your report will become a part of our continuing study on aerial phenomena.

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Major, USAF
Executive Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information Services

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Hamilton, Ontario
Canada

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1958 MAY 30
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✓ READER-SAFIS-1
STAYBACK-SAFIS-3

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