PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 24 July 1958	2. LOCATION Riga, USSR	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ 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
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 24/0030Z GMT 23/2230Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION few seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE SW

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Object moved from NE to SW passing overhead in sight for a few seconds. Believed to be Sputnik. Glittering pipe shaped blue grey exhaust fumes, Impression that object was luminated but no light source visible. Color metallic grey. Observation at night with bright moon. When first observed seemed to be climbing; however, as object was going away and disappeared seemed to have level flight.

11. COMMENTS

Duration and distance traveled indicate meteor sighting at altitude. That the object seemed to be self luminous further supports this conclusion.

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Country: USSR
Subject: Unidentified Flying Object, Riga (5659N/2409E)
Source: [redacted]
Preparing Officer: Michael Novakovic 1st Lt., USAF

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Info Spec: TK/mmc
Distr: 4A2a/4A2c/4E4f/4E4g/4F1/4F3-2 cys/4B/4B1a

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MC #: None
AF #: [redacted]
Rpt #: IR-1139-58
Agency: FRANKFURT TEAM, 7053rd AISS 7050TH Air INTSERWG (USAFE)
D.R.: August 29, 1958
D.I.: July, 1958
Eval: F-6
Ref: SEE II BELOW

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AUTH: Director, JTD
By: [illegible]
Date: [illegible]
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I. Sketchy description of UFO, direction of flight, weather conditions at time of observation.

II. Additional IRs obtained by interviewer BUETTNER, Robert (FN) and editor RINGLER, Harry, from this S:

IR-1138-58 Delta Wing Acft seen at Afld RIGA/SPILVE (5659N/2404E)
IR-1140-58 Unusual Helicopter, RIGA

Additional IR obtained by interviewer OLSON, Edward (FN) and editor BROWN, James, from this S: IR-1147-58 Atom Defense Training, RIGA

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The color of the object was metallic gray. It glittered like a star. S said the object appeared to be 30 cm long but he did not give any comparison. Sound was not heard at all. The object arrived from NE in an oblique flying position and seemed to be climbing. When flying over S's head and during the going away flight the object seemed to be in horizontal position at a steady altitude. The object flew off towards SW. It was visible for a period of a few seconds and disappeared behind bldgs. It was sighted without observation aids. During the observation period the moon was shining and the stars were out. The lights in the city was blacked out as there was an air-raid drill which started at 0030 hrs and ended after S went to bed, time unkn. On his way home S saw a few military cargo and radio trucks travelling in the direction of YELGAVA (5639N/2343E). Acft were not observed. S never thought or asked questions about the UFO after he had seen it. There were no publications in the newspaper or radio and also no rumors among the population.

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I. PREAMBLE:

S, 30, was of average intelligence, cooperative and willingly answering questions. His ability to remember details, to read maps, and to estimate distances and dimensions was average. S had a basically good educational background. He was very selfconfident and somewhat temperamental. Inconsistencies were not noticed. Reliability of S could not be judged.

S, while living in RIGA (5659N/2409E) from 1952 to Jul 58, was a streetcar driver and mechanic employed by the municipal streetcar company. He observed the UFO after leaving the RIGA streetcar depot in the early morning of 24 Jul 58 after late duty hrs. Info was obtained from own observation, unless otherwise specified. Probability of info could not be judged.

II. UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT, RIGA (5659N/2409E)

S observed the UFO around 0030 hrs on 24 Jul 58 right after he and a few fellow workers stepped out of the streetcar depot. S stood in the street and had a limited view of the sky. His attention was called to the UFO by one of the fellow workers who pointed up to the sky and said: "Look out, there's a sputnik." S looked up and saw a glittering pipe shaped object emitting bluish-gray exhaust fumes at its end. S had the impression that the object was illuminated but he did not see any light source.

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