

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 November 1958		2. LOCATION Greece 24.10N 58.28E Saudi Arabia/N of Matrah		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 _____ GMT 20/1920Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Oman ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE NE to S	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING 1) flaming obj w/white head, a firey tail, climbing fm NE to S. First detected 10dgrs above horizon & disappeared at 60dgrs above horizon. (IR 702-58) 2) Letter fm [REDACTED], Saudi Arabia American Oil Co employee describing same phenomena. Direction South & time 1955-1920 Check S. Described as much brighter than shooting star.				11. COMMENTS Obj has all characteristics of a meteor.	

[REDACTED]
November 22, 1958

The Assoc. of Am. A
WCTO / Arab
WFO

Commanding Officer,
Wright Air Force Base,
Ohio, U.S.A.

Dear Sir;

I am writing to report an observation of an unidentified "flying" object in the event it may have some significance. I feel there is most likely some logical explanation for the particular phenomena which I observed but its explanation is beyond me.

At some time between 11:15 and 11:20 PM, Ras Tanura time on the evening of November 20, 1958 I was with a group of people on a house lawn located directly on the beach of the Persian Gulf. One of the members of the party said look at the falling star. However what we saw was much brighter than any falling star and was travelling absolutely horizontal with the horizon in a general north-south direction. Not knowing what it was or its distance away I couldn't begin to estimate its speed but I would estimate it was less than one minute before it finally disappeared in the south. As it receded the light or glow turned greenish in color and finally vanished. When it was directly across from us it appeared as an extremely bright ball of light with a short tail. No sound was heard so it couldn't have been anything close by.

All present agreed on what had been seen but no one came forth with any good suggestion as to what we had just seen.

For reference purposes I am a senior construction engineer with the Arabian American Oil Co. Those with me who observed this phenomena were my wife, Dr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] (the [REDACTED] in Ras Tanura), Mr. [REDACTED] (acting head [REDACTED] in Ras Tanura), and Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] in the local engineering offices). There were others present but those listed are the particular ones who were in the front of the house at the time this was first seen.

This information is being passed on for what it may be worth. If your people have any commonplace explanation for it I would be most appreciative to know what it is.

Very truly yours,

[REDACTED]
Arabian American Oil Co.

COVER SHEET										SUSPENSE				
ORIGIN OF BASIC										DATE				
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DATE					TYPE					NO.				
SUBJECT														
UFO Sighting, Saudi Arabia (██████████)														
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: SAFIS-3, Attn: Maj. L. Tacker										DATE 9 Dec. 1958				
FROM: AFCIN-4E4										COMMENT NO. 1				
COMMENTS (Use reverse, if necessary) AFCIN-4E4/Maj Friend/ac/69216/Bldg 828 1. The information received in Mr. ██████████ letter is very limited. However, it is the opinion of the ATIC that the phenomena viewed by this gentleman and his companions was a fireball. A fireball is a meteor of uncommon brightness, by definition brighter than -3 magnitude. 2. Fireballs often leave a short trail, are sporadic in their origin and often change color in flight. Study of these meteors also points out the infrequency of their occurrence. Experienced astronomers rarely see more than one in a lifetime. 3. Because these items are usually an initial experience they have a startling effect on the observers. <i>Richard P. H.</i> H. K. GILBERT Colonel, USAF AFCIN-4E 1 Incl: Ltr dtd 22 Nov 58, F-1 ██████████														

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UFO Analysis Sheet 118-722-58 (Referred to AFM-48.6)

Location [REDACTED]

Date 20 Nov 58

Hour (Z) 1920Z

WX Unknown

Description: Floating object with white head, a silver tail
climbing from NE to S. First detected 10 degrees above
horizon and disappeared at 30 degrees above horizon. Object
observed for 10 seconds

Direction of Motion NE to S

Satellite: Ruled out
(AFCIN-4F3) Phone: 69219

Astronomical Phenomena
Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc. Meteor

Radar Analysis (AFCIN-4E1) None

Natural Phenomena
Ball Lightning, etc. Ruled out