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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 14 February, 1960	**2. LOCATION** Nome - Unalakleet, Alaska	**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 0400-1700 (?) GMT 15/0305-0355Z	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** XX ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar XX ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes XX ☐ No	**6. SOURCE** Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 7-8 seconds	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** one	**9. COURSE** West to East

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Long blue flame with intermittant trail of sparks. Appeared to explode and disappear. Additional reports from varied sources. This sighting received a good amount of news coverage and a congressional inquiry from WALSH through his congressman.

11. COMMENTS

The description ot this object fits that of a meteor, and in view of it's extreme height and lack of evidence to indicate that it was a satellite or missile, it is concluded that this was a meteor. Evaluated as a meteor also by Dr Christian T. Elvey, director of Geophysics at Alaska University during investigation by AAC.

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UNCLASSIFIED MESSAGE

INCOMING

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AF IN : 16695 (17 Feb 60)

INFO : CIN, OOP, SAFS

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DE RJKDNPA 19

P 170245Z ZEX

FM COMDR 11 AIR DIV EILSON AFB ALASKA

TO RJKDAG/HQ AAC

INFO RJEZHQ/HQ USAF

RJKDAG/HQ ALCOM

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UNCLAS FROM DOI C18072-3. ACTION AACGKACS/I), INFO USAF (ACS/I), AND ALCOM (J-2). REFERENCE TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN CAPTTAIN RICHARD AMRSTRONG, USAF INTELLIGENCE AND MAROR KARELL, 11TH AIR DIVISION INTELLIGENCE REGARDING UFO OVER WESTERN ALASKA AT APPROXIMATELY 15/0355Z, THE FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS ARE DRAWN: THE OBJECT WAS AN EXTREMELY HIGH SPEED, WHITE HOT METEOR, AT VERY HIGH ALTITUDE. THIS CONCLUSION IS BASED ON THE FACT THAT THE OBJECT WAS OBSERVED AT THE FOLLOWING FOUR LOCATIONS, NOME, ST. MICHAEL, UNALAKLEET, AND HOLIKACHUK WHICH INDICATES THAT OBJECT WAS TRAVELING IN A RELATIVE STRAIGNT LINE FOR A DISTANCE

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OF APPROXIMATELY 180 NAUTICAL MILES. SINCE OBSERVATIONS WERE MOSTLY 5 TO GOP SECONDS, INDICATES TREMENDOUS SPPD AND IN CON-

JUNCTION WITH ANGLE AND AZIMQTH OF FIRST OBSERVATION AND DISSAPPEAR-ANCE ALSO INDICATES THAT OBJECT WAS FAR FROM THE OBSERVERS AND THE FLIGHT PATH WAS AT EXREME ALTITUDE. ALL KNOWN SATELITES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF 1960 ALPHA A HAVE BEEN RULED OUT DUE TO THEIR ORBIT PATTERN. INSUFFICIENT INFORMATION IS KNOWN LOCALLY REGARDING 1960 ALPHA'S ORBIT. IT IS BELIVED THAT THIS OBJECT WAS TRAVELING AT A MUCH HIGHER SPEED THAN ANY KNOWN SATELITE. DUE TO EXTREME HIGH SPEE D SUSPECTED OF THIS OBJECT, MISSILES AND ROCKETS ARE ALSO RULED OUT. CONCULUSIONS DRAWN BY 11 TH AIR DIVISION INTELLIGENCE HAVE BEEN COORDINATED WITH AND CONCURRED BY DR. [redacted], DIRECTOR, GEOPHYSICAL INSTITUTE, UNIVERSITY OF ALASKA AND A MEMBBER OF USAF SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD.

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17/0255Z FEB RJKDNPA

UFO ANALYSIS SHEET

Location NOME- UNALAKLEET - ALASKA

Date ~~14~~ FEB 60 Hour (Z) 0400 1700 LOCAL

WX [15 FEB / 0350 - 0355 Z]

Description LONG BLUE FLAME — TRAIL OF SPARKS APPEARED TO EXPLODE AND DISAPPEAR.

Direction of Motion WEST TO EAST

Satellite: (AFCIN-4F3, Phone 69219) CHECKED -

Astronomical Phenomena (Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc) POSSIBLY METEOR -

Radar Analysis (AFCIN-4E1) N/A .

Natural Phemomena (Ball Lightning, etc) APPARENT VELOCITY OF OBJECT MUCH TOO FAST

Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc. TOO FAST.

Other MISSILE POSSIBILITIES CHECKED AND RULED OUT-

Evaluation of Source Reliability PROBABLY GOOD -

Analysis and Conclusions: USING THAT PORTION OF THE STATEMENTS BY THE WITNESSES WHICH IS MOST LIKELY TO BE ACCURATE — DIRECTION AND ANGULAR ELEVATION — THE POSITION OF THE OBJECT CAN BE FAIRLY WELL DETERMINED. — SOUTH OF NOME AND 250° FROM UNALAKLEET PLACES THE OBJECT APPROXIMATELY 200 MILES FROM THE WITNESSES .. USING THE REQUIRED

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20° ELEVATION BUT THE OBJECT SOME 72-73 MILES ABOVE THEIR HORIZON — CONSIDERING THE CURVATURE OF THE EARTH THIS ADDS APPROXIMATELY 25 MILES TO THE ALTITUDE OF THE OBJECT; OR APPROXIMATELY 98 MILES —.

THE DESCRIPTION OF THIS OBJECT FITS THAT OF A METEOR AND IN VIEW OF ITS EXTREME HEIGHT AND LACK OF EVIDENCE TO INDICATE THIS WAS A SATELLITE OR MISSILE IT IS CONCLUDED THAT THIS OBJECT WAS PROBABLY A METEOR —

Friend.

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Office of Information
Headquarters, Alaskan Air Command
APO 942, Seattle, Washington

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Hq, AAC, 19 February 1960---Reports made public by the Alaskan Air Command indicate the unidentified flying object sighted in the skies in Northwestern Alaska last Sunday was an extremely high speed white hot meteor at very high altitude. It is believed this object was traveling at a much higher speed than any known satelite and due to the tremendous speed, missiles and rockets have been ruled out. These conclusions were forwarded to Headquarters, United States Air Force, by Alaskan Air Command.

Dr. Christian T. Elvey, Director, Geophysical Institute, University of Alaska, and a member of the United States Air Force Scientific Advisory Board, concurred in the findings. These conclusions are based on eye witness sightings at Nome, St. Michael, Unalakleet, and Holikachuk and systems of triangular computations. The meteor was sighted over an area of approximately 180 nautical miles, traveling in a relatively straight line Northwest to Southeast. Sightings were mostly of five to ten seconds duration indicating tremendous speed at a very high altitude in conjunction with the angle and azimuth of observation and disappearance.

MORE

It has definitely been confirmed that this meteor was traveling at a much higher rate of speed than any satelite and out of the normal satelite orbit pattern.

Dr. Elvey stated in his concurrence there is no doubt in his mind that it was never anything other than a white hot meteor traveling at an extremely high speed and at a very high altitude.

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The Alaskan Air Command officials report no additional information has been received concerning the sighting of an unidentified object in the Nome - Unalkeet area. The sighting of the unidentified object was reported to the Alaskan Air Command through civilian sources with the reports on the behavior of the object varying from high and fast to low and slow. The reports have been evaluated within the Alaskan Air Command and no positive identification has been made.

In accordance with current policy the information received has been forwarded to Headquarters, United States Air Force, as an unidentified flying object.

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ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, FEB. 15--(UPI)--REPORTS OF A TUBULAR OBJECT WHICH SWEPT OVER THE BERING SEA AND PARTS OF ALASKA AT "JET SPEED" WERE BEING INVESTIGATED TODAY.

PETE WALSH, STATION MANAGER FOR AN AIRLINE AT NOME, SAID HE SPOTTED THE OBJECT IN BROAD DAYLIGHT SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

WALSH SAID THE OBJECT WAS SIGHTED ABOUT THREE MILES OFF NOME OVER THE BERING SEA TRAVELING TOWARDS THE EAST AND APPARENTLY FROM THE DIRECTION OF SIBERIA.

THE ALASKA AIR COMMAND HERE SAID IT WAS HANDLING THE REPORT AS STRICTLY AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT AND DENIED REPORTS IT HAD BEEN SPOTTED ON RADAR.

DJ808P2/15..

AEROSPACE TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AFCIN-4X2/Capt McNeill/59117

SUBJECT: Extract from ATIC Duty Officers Report

16 February 1960

TO: AFCIN-4E

Following is an extract from ATIC Duty Officer, Captain C. H. Wessel report dated 15 Feb to 16 Feb 60 for your information:

1730 - Anchorage, February 15 - A mysterious object hurtled through Western Alaska late yesterday from the direction of Russian Siberia, the Anchorage Times reported today. A WIEN-Alaska Airlines employee at Noame, [redacted] said the flame bulching object appeared to be a manned aircraft traveling at tremendous speed at 2000 to 3000 feet above the earth. [redacted] told the times that the object was headed SE in the direction of this Alaskian metropolis and was sighted later at Unalakleet and St. Michael about 150 miles across Norton Sound from Noame. He described the object as silvery and tubular, some-what like a jet plane with orange flames shooting from the tail. He was unable to tell if it had wings. Others who saw the mysterious aerial intruder said it curved up and away as it approached Cape Noame, as if it was manned and controlled. The FAA station manager at Noame speculated that the object might have been a friendly jet "on some assignment we didn't know about." It was not sighted in the Anchorage area. Military sources here declined comment about the sightings.

2030 - Received a call from a Major O'Brien, Hq USAF calling ATIC's attention to Associated Press release #200 reporting on a mysterious object crossing Alaska from direction of Soviet Siberia. Object was cylinder shaped, traveling at high rate of speed (2,000 feet alt) and was sighted at two points. Major O'Brien stated that he had called Alaska and that a special team was working on the sighting. Major O'Brien suggested ATIC might want to alert ATILO personnel in Alaska.

2035 - Called Mr. [redacted] and related above. Asked availability to AP wire. Mr. [redacted] informed SDO ATIC only has UPI wire, but that Mr [redacted] would be able to obtain full copy of AP release from local newspaper sources. Mr. [redacted] stated he would contact Mr [redacted]

2100 - On calling Major Davis learned ATIC has no ATILO assigned Alaska.

2120 - Received full text of AP stay from Mr. [redacted]

2140 - Related above to Colonel Lundquist.

2155 - Related above to Colonel Evans after trying unsucessfully to reach Colonel Tisdale, Major French and Colonel Shoop."

JOHN C McNEILL
Captain, USAF
AFCIN-4X2

cc: 4A
4F

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AF IN : 15511 (16 Feb 60)

D/rvp

ACTION: CIN

INFO : OOP, SAFS

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DE RJKDAG 8
P 160314Z ZEX
COMDR AAC ELMENDORF AFB ALASKA
TO RJWFALB/COMDR NORAD ENT AFB COLO
RJEZHQ/COFS USAF WASH DC
P 160100Z
FM COMDR 11 AD
TO COMDR AAC
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UNCLAS EFTO FROM DOI 18066-B. ACTION ACS/INTELLIGENCE.

IN ACCORDANCE WITYXAFR 200-2, 14 SEPTEMBER 1959 FOLLOWING "UFO" INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED: A.(1) MISSIEL (2) INK (3) UNK (4) ONE (5) N/A (6) UNK (7) NOME SIGHTING: LONG BLUE FLAME. UNALAKLEET SIGHTING: TRAIL OF SPARKS INTERMITTENTLY. (8) NONE (9) NONE. B. (1) UNKUMFRL UNK (3) KNK (4) NOME SIGHTING: FROM NW TO SE. UNALAKLEET SIGHTING: FROM W TO EGM (5) NOME: DISAPPEARED TO SE. UNALAKLEET: APPEARED TO EXPLODE AND DISAPPEARED. (6) ONE TO TWO MINUTES. C. (1) GOOUND-VISUAL (2) NOME (3) N/A. D. (1) NOME: 15/0300Z FEB 60. UNALAKLEET: 15/0355Z FEB 60. (2) DUSK. E.

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NOME AND UNALAKLEET. F. (1) NOME; MR. [redacted] RELIABLE.
UNALAKLEET; MR. [redacted], CAB DRIVER RECEIVED REPORT FROM
MISS [redacted] 18 YEARS OLD, RELIABLE. G. (1) UNK (2) 240
DEGREES/13K, 120 DEGREES/10K, 150 DEGREES/25K, 160 DEGREES/25K,
170 DEGREES /25K, 170 DEGREES/30K, 170 DEGREES/15K. (3) NONE
(4) SEVEN MILE (5 SCATTERED (6) NONE (7) MINUS TWO DEGREES. H.
ONE. I. N/A. J. NONE. K. PROBABLY A METEOR. THE NOME AND
UNALAKLEET INFO HAS BEEN COMBINED IN THIS REPORT DUE TO THE
LIMITED INFO AVAILABLE FROM NOME. THE MONE OVSERVER WAS QUESTIONED
BY FAA AT NOME AND THIS INFORMATION WAS GIVEN TO FAA AT UNALAKLEET
WHO IN TURN PASSED IT TO THE COMMANDER OF THE 718TH ACW SQUADRON.
ANY ADDITIONAL INFO WILL BE FOWARDED WHEN AVAILABLE. L. NONE
BT
16/0315Z FEB RJKDAG

NOTE : Advance copy delivered to CIN

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INCOMING

AF IN : 15513 (16 Feb 60) D/rvp

ACTION: CIN

INFO : OOP, SAFS

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FM COMDR AAC ELMENDORF AFB ALASKA
TO RJEZHQ/COFS USAF WASH DC
RJWFALB/COMDR NORAD ENT AFB COLO
0 160215Z
FM 11 ADIV DEF
TO RJKDAG/COMDR AAC
INFO RJKDAG/COMDR ALCOM
BT
U N C L A S E F T O FROM DOI18067-B. ACTION ACS/INTELLIGENCE

INFO ALCOM J-2. REFERENCE UNCLAS EFTO MESSAGE, THIS HEADQUARTERS,

DOI 18066B, DATED 15 FEB 60. FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFO RECEIVED FROM

CAPT STEEL, ADJUTANT, 1ST BATALLION, ALASKA NATIONAL GUARD, NOME.

CAPT STEEL QUESTIONED MR. [redacted] WEIN STATION MANAGER AT NOME

AND MR. [redacted] STATED HE OBSERVED THE OBJECT AT 15/0400Z, HE FIRST

SAW THE OBJECT TWO MILES SE OF NOME AND IT WAS MOVING EASTERLY ALONG

COAST. SPEED IN EXCESS OF ANY JET. BODY BRIGHT, SHINNY AND TUBULAR

IN SHAPE, APPEARED TO HAVE JET FLAME OUT IN BACK. DESCENDING

GRADUALLY.

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NOTE : 18066B is AF IN 15511 (16 Feb 60)
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AF IN : 15512 (16 Feb 60) D/rvp

ACTION: CIN

INFO : OOP, SAFS

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DE RJKDAG 12
O 160510Z ZEX
FM COMDR AAC ELMENDORF AFB ALASKA
TO RJEZHQ/COFS USAF WASH DC
RJWFALB/COMDR NORAD ENT AFB COLO
O 160215Z
FM 11 ADIV DEF
TO RJKDAG/COMDR AAC
INFO RJKDAG/COMDR ALCOM
BT
//UNCLAS EFTO// FROM DOI 18068-B. ACTION ACS/INTELLIGENCE,

INFO ALCOM J-2. REFERENCE EFTO MESSAGE THIS HEADQUARTERS DOI 18066B

DATED 16/0030 FEB 60. FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFO IS SUBMITTED IAW

AFR 200-2, 14 SEPT 1959. A (1) BLUNT ROUNDED SHAPE (2) UNDERTERMINED,

SMALL BUSH PLANE (3) BRIGHT (4) ONE (5) N/A (6) NONE (7) EMITTED

SPARKS INTERMITTENTLY, BLUE FLAME (8) NONE (9) NONE. B(1) BRIGHT-

NESS AND NOTION (2) 20 DEGREES ELEVATION, AZIMUTH 250 DEGREES FROM

ENALAKLEET (3) 20 DEGREES ELEVATION, AZIMUTH 215 DEGREES FROM

UNALAKLEET (4) STRAIGHT, NO MANEUVERS (5) INSTANTANEOUSLY, SPARKS,

LASH, TRAIL PERSISTED. (6) SEVEN TO EIGHT SECONDS. C(1)MGROUND-

VISUAL (2) NONE (3) N/A. D(1) 15/0355Z (2) DAY. E. [redacted],

ALASKA. F(1) MRS. [redacted], 57 YEARS, UNALAKLEET, HOUSEWIFE.

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RELIABLITY UNKNOWN. G(1) CLEAR AND LIGHT (2) 080 DEGREES/10K 120 DEGREES/15K, 140 DEGREES/20K, 150 DEGREES/25K, 150 DEGREES/15K, 170 DEGREES/10K. NO 50,000 FEET OR 80,000 FEET INFO. (3) 4,000 FEET BROKEN, 6000 FEET BROKEN. (4) SEVEN MILE (5) THREE SLANT ONE ZERO COVERAGE (6) NONE (7) MINUS TWO DEGREES. H. NONE. I. NONE. J. NONE. K. A MR. [redacted], 26 YEARS OLD, OPERATIONS SPECIALIST FOR FAA GAVE THE FOLLOWING INFO: MR. [redacted] WAS MAKING WEATHER OBSERVATIONS BETWEEN 15/0350Z AND 15/0355Z AND HE OBSERVED A TRAIL APPROXIMATELY FOUR MILES LONG CONSISTING OF TWO OR THREE PUFFS CONNECTED BY A THIN LINE. MR. [redacted] USING THE 6000 BROKEN LAYER OF CLOUDS AS REFERENCE ESTIMATED THE OBJECTS ALTITUDE AS 25000 FEET TO 30000 FEET, AZIMUTH 212 DEGREES FROM UNALAKLEET. L. NONE.

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NOTE : 18066B is AF IN 15511 (16 Feb 60)
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TOR 161820Z

AZ 06418

FM AFSSO HQ USAF

TO AFSSO ATIC

AFSSO ARDC

USAFSS

O 160300Z

FM AFSSO ALCOM/AAC

TO AFSSO HQ USAF

UNCLAS EFTO CITE INT-2B 0091.

FROM AACIC FOR AFCIN-2A1. RELEASEABLE OUTSIDE SSO CHANNELS.

SUBJECT: UFO. THIS MESSAGE IN FOUR PARTS, PART I. FOLLOWING REPORT RECEIVED FROM MRS [redacted] (HOUSEWIFE) AT UNALAKLEET, ALASKA, OBSERVED A BLUNT ROUNDED OBJECT, APPROXIMATELY THE SIZE OF AN L-20 AIVT, BRIGHT IN APPEARANCE, OMMITTING SPARKS INTERMITTANTLY ACCOMPANIED WITH A BLUE FLAVE FROM 15/0350Z TO 15/0355Z FEB 60. ESTIMATED ELEVATION FROM UNALAKLEET 20 DEGREES AZIMUTH OF 250 DEGREES. DISAPPEARANCE AT 20 DEGREES ELEVATION, 215 DEGREES AZIMUTH. ESTIMATED OBSERVANCE: 7 SECONDS. PART TWO. SECOND OBSERVER MR. PIEFFER, FAA WEATHER OBSERVER AT UNALAKLEET SAW OBJECT BETWEEN 15/0350Z AND 15/0355Z FEB 60. SAW CON-TRAIL APPROX 5 MILES LONG, CONSISTING OF 2 OR 3 PUFFS CONNECTED BY A FINE LINE. MR. [redacted] USED A 6,000 FEET BROKEN LAYER OF CLOUDS AS REFERENCE IN ESTIMATING OBJECTS ALTITUDE AS 23,000 TO 30,000 FEET. AZIMUTH 212 DEGREES FROM UNALAKLEET. PART THREE: THIRD SOURCE A MR. [redacted] WHO IS WEIN AIRLINE STATION MANAGER AT NOME ALASKA STATED AT APPROXIMATELY 15/0400Z FEB 60 HE OBSERVED AN OBJECT TRAVELING SOUGHEAST ALONG THE ALASKAN COAST AT A SPEED IN EXCESS OF ANY JET AIRCRAFT. THE BODY WAS BRIGHT WITH A BRIGHT JET FLAV BAK, DESCENDING GREATLY. 0-45 1974.

NO US AIRCRAFT KNOW IN AREA AT TIME. NO CORRELATION AVALABLE THIS CENTER.

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TO AFSSO HQ USAF
UNCLAS EFTO CITE INT-2B 0091.
FROM AACIC FOR AFCIN-2A1. RELEASEABLE OUTSIDE SSO CHANNELS.

SUBJECT: UFO. THIS MESSAGE IN FOUR PARTS, PART I. FOLLOWING REPORT

RECEIVED FROM MRS [redacted] BK

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X See CASE #5 Marked 1960 FOR ADDITIONAL INFO

HEADQUARTERS
ALASKAN AIR COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
APO 942, Seattle, Washington

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: INF

9 MAR 1960

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Secretary of the Air Force (SAFOI-3)
Wash 25 DC

1. On Sunday 14 February 1960 an unidentified flying object was sighted in the sky between Nome and Unalakleet, Alaska by a number of civilians and reported to this Headquarters through 11th Air Division (D), Ladd Air Force Base. Immediate investigation was begun and reports forwarded in accordance with AFR 200-2.

2. The Office of Information, Headquarters, Alaskan Air Command, was queried as to whether or not these sightings had been reported and the information was given that they had. News media within the ZI contacted NORAD Headquarters and also received confirmation that the reports had been received. The resulting press story was so written it left an inference that an object had been sighted by the Air Force presumably by radar.

3. The investigation of the sighting conducted by personnel at Ladd Air Force Base identified this object as a meteor and local press speculation as to the sources and identity of the object was so intense we locally released the fact that it was a meteor. Subsequently, letters have been received from the civilian populace concerning this object and in accordance with paragraph 8, AFR 200-2 these letters are being forwarded. (Attachment 1 & 2.)

4. With reference to the letter from Mr. [redacted], (Attachment 3), the Chief of Staff this Headquarters, initiated correspondence to Mr. [redacted] thanking him for reporting the object and getting it into Air Force channels. (Attachment 3)

5. In addition to his letter to Colonel Isbell, Mr. [redacted] provided the local press with a statement concerning his disagreement with the published identification of this object (Attachment 4). All subsequent letters regarding this particular sighting will be forwarded in accordance with AFR 200-2.

5. On 6 March 1960 an additional unidentified object was reported in the same general area between Nome and Unalakleet, Alaska. This report originated with an airline pilot and was described as being a bright flash seeming to result from an explosion behind the aircraft flying at about 4500 feet altitude, 86 miles south of Nome. Both the pilot and co-pilot reported that the flash was so bright that they were both blinded for approximately 2 seconds. However, they heard no sound. The only passenger aboard the aircraft was asleep and heard or saw nothing. Two individuals on the ground reported seeing a flash, a 14 year old girl in Nome, and the town marshal of Nome. ~~Initial~~ Investigation was ~~begun~~ by Ladd Air Force Base, the nearest Air Force establishment to this area and reports are being forwarded in accordance with AFR 200-2.

6. The initial press inquiry on this latest sighting was received 8 March 1960. The man quoted as reporting this incident to the press was Mr. [redacted] referenced above who has not been mentioned in any of the reports concerning this object. We did confirm the fact to the press that this unidentified object was reported to us and that we have forwarded this report to Headquarters, United States Air Force.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

ROY L. HAYNES
Major, USAF
Chief of Information

4 Atch.
a/s

Nome, Alaska
February 22, 1960

Colonel James H. Isbell
Commander, USAF
APO 942, Seattle, Washington

Dear Colonel Isbell,

Your letter of February 17th. received, and I do appreciate your letter. I am however taking exception to DR. Alvey's and the AF's report that this object was a meteor. I am not an astronmical engineer, however I have a fair understanding of engineering, and versed in the airline field. I contend that the object was a manned aircraft.

Pray tell; since when have metoers been travelling on a horizontal plane? Parrelling a coastline? Could this have been some classified mission of one of the USAF's? If so wouldn't it be better to declare it. If it wasn't then was it one of Russia's taking a sneak preview? I have some good substantial witnesses who saw this come from over Sledge Island and watch it at eye level parallel the coastline.

I am writing Dr. Alvey and asking these questions of him, for I do not feel that this is a fair answer. To my knowledge there hasx been nonone from the Military or the University asking any one in this area about the object.

I sincerely feel that this warrants a more detailed study. This whole coastline of Alaska is wide open and undefended. Had we a small detachment of minute men here possibly they could have found out what this was, as well as many other sightings that have been reported from St. Lawrence Is, many many times.

Your checking further and advising will be truly appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

[redacted]

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Use office symbol and surname to indicate clearance or coordination.
1. Office Symbol
2. Surname

Mr. [redacted]
Wein Airlines
Nome, Alaska

Dear Mr. [redacted]

I want to thank you for your fine cooperation and initiative in reporting the unidentified object you observed on 14 February 1960. You might be interested in knowing that a similar sighting was reported at (nearliest forty minutes after your sighting.

Your prompt reporting of this to the FAA got the information into Air Force channels and enabled us to start an investigation at once. Your actions are sincerely appreciated.

Sincerely

JAMES L. DENIL
Colonel, USAF
Commander

Walsh Hits AF Explanation Of Mystery Object

Pete Walsh, Nome station manager for Wien Alaska Airlines, said today he takes exception to a recent Air Force report that a mystery object spotted at Nome last month was a meteor.

"Since when does a meteor travel on a horizontal plane, change course and then disappear?" Walsh said.

He said he has written the Air Force challenging its finding in the matter.

"I don't believe them (the Air Force)," Walsh said, adding that many persons in Nome saw the object.

He said the Air Force has alerted its warning stations in the Nome area to be on the lookout for more flying objects.

EDWARD JOHNSTON, CHIEF CLERK

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE

March 1, 1960

Maj. Gen. Thomas C. Musgrave, Jr.,
Director of Legislative Liaison,
Department of the Air Force,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Musgrave:

Within the last two weeks an object was sighted from Nome, Alaska, which has been variously described as a jet [illegible] aircraft, and a meteor. Actually, there is some reason to believe that two different objects may have been sighted in that general vicinity. An acquaintance of mine, a resident at Nome, called me by telephone from there to say he had personally seen this moving through the sky, and he is convinced that it was a small jet airplane moving at a speed higher than he had ever before witnessed. The witness is familiar with an airplane company, so is acquainted with aircraft. Later I read that the Director of the Geophysical Institute at the University of Alaska is convinced that the object was a meteor.

My understanding is that the Alaskan Command launched an investigation into this. I shall be very pleased to learn if any conclusions were reached.

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MEMORANDUM

Major Friend:

Please furnish us with information as basis for reply to Senator Bartlett. We need the information to answer the letter by 11 March.

AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AFCIN-4E2

SUBJECT: Unidentified Aerial Phenomena, Alaska, 15 February 1960

TO: SAFOI-3d (Maj L. J. Tacker)

1. On 15 February 1960, an object described as blunt and rounded, bright in appearance, emitting sparks intermittently, and accompanied by a blue flame was seen from Nome and Unalakleet at approximately 0400Z. ATIC concluded that this object was probably a very bright meteor.

2. Of all of the information provided to ATIC concerning an UFO sighting the most reliable is usually the general description (not to include size), direction from the observer, approximate angle of elevation, duration of the sighting (for very short periods), and the time of the sighting. Using only these factors, it was possible by trigonometric methods to determine that the object was approximately 100 miles high.

3. The description of this object, the duration of the sighting, and calculation of the 100 mile altitude led to the conclusion that this object was probably a meteor.

4. Subsequent to the ATIC conclusion on this case Dr. Christian Elvey, Director of Geophysics Institute, Alaska University, concluded that the object of this sighting was a very bright meteor.

5. Other possibilities for the cause of this sighting; i.e., missiles, satellites, etc. were considered and ruled out due to inconsistencies; i.e., too high for jet aircraft.

6. ATIC has no information which indicates that more than one object was seen on this date. All of the times reported were consistent to within five minutes, a normal expected error.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

PHILIP G. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Sciences and Components

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Senator E. L. Bartlett

14 March 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, TEAM A, SAFLL

SUBJECT: Alaska UFO Sightings

1. The following information should be used in answering Senators Bartlett and Gruening when they reply to Mr. [redacted], President of the Nome, Alaska Chamber of Commerce.

2. There were two sightings in the Nome-Unalakleet area, the first on 14 February 1960 and the second on 6 March 1960.

1st Sighting on 14 February

a. On 14 February 1960, an object described as blunt and rounded, bright in appearance, emitting sparks intermittently, and accompanied by a blue flame was seen from Nome and Unalakleet at approximately 0400Z. Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center concluded that this object was probably a very bright meteor.

b. Of all the information provided to ATIC concerning an UFO sighting the most reliable is usually the general description (not to include size), direction from the observer, approximate angle of elevation, duration of the sighting (for very short periods), and the time of the sighting. Using only these factors, it was possible by trigonometric methods to determine that the object was approximately 100 miles high.

c. The description of this object, the duration of the sighting, and calculation of the 100 mile altitude led to the conclusion that this object was probably a meteor.

d. Subsequent to the ATIC conclusion on this case, Dr. Christian Elvey, Director of Geophysics Institute, Alaska University, concluded that the object of this sighting was a very bright meteor.

e. Other possibilities for the cause of this sighting: i.e., missiles, satellites, etc. were considered and ruled out due to inconsistencies; i.e., too high for jet aircraft.

f. ATIC has no information which indicates that more than one object was seen on this date. All of the times reported were consistent to within five minutes, a normal expected error.

SAFOI-3d/Maj Tacker/mhb/72291

2nd Sighting, 6 March 1960

On 6 March 1960 an additional unidentified object was reported in the same general area between Nome and Unalakleet, Alaska. This report originated with an airline pilot and was described as being a bright flash seeming to result from an explosion behind the aircraft flying at about 4500 feet altitude, 86 miles south of Nome. Both the pilot and co-pilot reported that the flash was so bright that they were both blinded for approximately 2 seconds. However, they heard no sound. The only passenger aboard the aircraft was asleep and heard or saw nothing. Two individuals on the ground reported seeing a flash, a 14 year old girl in Nome, and the town marshal of Nome. Investigation was accomplished by Ladd Air Force Base.

3. Based upon Mr. [redacted] wire and the report from Ladd Air Force Base, there is a difference of opinion among witnesses as to whether an explosion or loud noise accompanied the UFO. ATIC has concluded that this was a very bright type meteor known as a "fire ball" or "bolide." The only difference between a "fire ball" type meteor is that a loud explosion or report is also associated with a "bolide."

4. Suggest Colonel J. H. Isbell, Chief of Staff, Alaskan Air Command receive copies of the letters to Senators Bartlett and Gruening.

cc: Maj Friend

Comeback OI-3d
Reader OI-1

SAFLL-1/Capt. Garret/s.lc/15 Mar 60
SAFIL 116056/117828/116573

18MAR 1960

Dear Senator Bartlett:

The Secretary has asked me to reply to your letters concerning recent unidentified flying object (UFO) sightings in Alaska.

There were two recent reported sightings in the Kenai-Kenaikleet, Alaska, area. The first was on 14 February 1960 and the second was on 6 March 1960. An investigation concerning the 14 February sighting developed the following information.

An object described as black and rounded, bright in appearance, emitting sparks intermittently, and accompanied by a blue flame was seen from Kenai and Soldotna at approximately four o'clock p.m. The Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center (ATIC), Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, concluded that this object was probably a very bright meteor.

Of all the information provided to ATIC concerning a UFO sighting, the most reliable is usually the general description (not to include size), direction from the observer, approximate angle of elevation, duration of the sighting (for very short periods), and the time of the sighting. Using only these factors, it was possible, by trigonometric methods, to determine that the object was approximately 100 miles high. The description of this object, the duration of the sighting, and calculation of the 100 mile altitude led to the conclusion that this object was probably a meteor.

Subsequent to the ATIC conclusion on this case, Dr. Christian Elvey, Director of Geophysics Institute, Alaska University, concluded that the object in question was a very bright meteor. Other possibilities, such as missiles, satellites, et cetera, were considered but ruled out due to inconsistencies; i. e., too high for jet aircraft. ATIC has no information which indicates that more than one object was seen on this date. All of the times reported were consistent to within five minutes, an error in time that can normally be expected.

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c.c. Chf of Staff,Alaskan Air Cmd

Letter to the Honorable E. L. Bartlett, (Continued)

The following information was developed as a result of the investigation concerning the 6 March sighting.

A UFO was reported on 6 March in the area general area between Nome and Unalakleet, Alaska. This report originated with an airline pilot, who was flying at about 6500 feet altitude, 66 miles south of Nome. The object was described as being a bright flash seeming to result from an explosion behind the aircraft. The pilot and co-pilot reported that the flash was so bright that they were both blinded for approximately ten seconds. However, they heard no sound. The only passenger aboard the aircraft was asleep, and neither heard nor saw anything. Two individuals on the ground, a 1½ year old girl in Nome, and the town marshal of Nome, reported seeing a flash.

There is a difference of opinion among witnesses as to whether an explosion or loud noise accompanied the UFO. ATIC has concluded that this object was a very bright type meteor known as a "fire ball" or a "bolide." The only difference between the two is that a loud explosion or report is associated with the "bolide" type meteor.

If you have further questions concerning these UFO sightings I shall be happy to arrange a personal briefing for you. Inclosed, for your information, is a fact sheet on UFO's.

In response to an inquiry from the Honorable Ernest Gruening, United States Senate, a similar reply has been furnished to his office.

M/R: Rec'd 2 Mar SAFLL 116086. Cons of Ltr fm Sen to L&L 1 Mar.
2 Mar: Fwrd to SAFOI, Susp 11 Mar.
11 Mar: Rec'd SAFLL 116573 & 117828. Both cases cons of ltrs fm Sen to SAF 9 & 10 Mar. 11 Mar: Both ltrs fwrd to SAFOI, susp 18 Mar. 14 Mar: Rec'd memo fm SAFOI dtd 14 Mar w/info for reply. 15 Mar: Rec'd ltr prpd & fwrd based on info.

Honorable E. ~~New Release~~ No. 98-60 dtd 29 Jan 60
United States Senate

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS D. WHITE,
General, USAF
Chief of Staff

Major General, USAF
Director, Legislative Liaison

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ALASKAN COMMAND
APO 942, Seattle, Washington
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF INFORMATION

REPLY TO
ATTN OF:

19 February 1960

SUBJECT:

Send to Maj Friend at AFIC if may help them locate

TO: Mr. Orville S. Splitt
Director, Office of News Services
Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (PA)
Department of Defense
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Splitt:

Attached for your information are copies of news items concerning civilian reports of mysterious flying objects seen over Nome, Unalakleet and other nearby points in Alaska.

These civilian reports of a flying object headed in a southeasterly direction were reported to NORAD exactly as received by Alaskan Command units. In the process it seems the story was splintered into two separate missiles flying in northwesterly and northeasterly directions. One conclusion is that the object may have been a high-speed meteor. I understand that Dr. Christan T. Elvey, Director of Geophysics Institute, Alaska University, concurs in this belief. There is certainly no doubt that many people saw something but it was not registered on any tracking facilities in this area and no other information other than sightings has been obtained.

Sincerely,

ERNEST L. SMITH
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief of Information

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SPOT MYSTERY OBJECT AT NOME

Anchorage Daily Times 3
Monday, February 15, 1960

Object Reported Heading In From The Bering Sea

An unidentified object, believed to be a manned aircraft, was reported flying over Alaska near Nome late yesterday afternoon.

The object was between 2,000 and 3,000 feet high and moved in a straight line at a high rate of speed. It was headed southeast, which would be toward Anchorage.

Pete Walsh of Nome told the Anchorage Times that he saw the object and that it was also seen over Unalakleet, St. Michael and two radar stations, probably Tin City and Northeast Cape.

WALSH SAID he believed it to be a manned aircraft. He said visibility was clear and the object glistened in the sunlight. The forward part was tubular and looked silvery, like a jet plane. The flame out the tail was orange.

Walsh said he reported the object to headquarters of the Alaskan Command, to the Federal Aviation Agency and to Sen. E. L. Bartlett at Washington, D.C.

The direction of flight would tend to indicate that the object originated from the other side of the Bering Strait in Siberia.

If the object were of Russian origin, it would be the first time of an actual instance of Soviet intrusion in the skies of Alaska. The military several times in recent years has denied that the Russians have been discovered flying over Alaska.

Dick Gallagher of Northern Aviation Co. at Nome said today in a telephone conversation that many Nome residents had seen the flying object. He himself had not.

"I've heard a lot about it and talked to a lot of people," he said.

He said persons whose observations he would trust told him they saw the object hurtling through the sky, low, about 5 p.m. yesterday. It was headed southeast for Cape Nome.

Gallaher said he was told the object, upon approaching the cape, curved up and away as if it had some form of control.

Alaska UFO Probe Under Way

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) A silvery object flashed through Western Alaska skies late Sunday belching flames and leaving a dozen unanswered questions in its wake.

Was it a jet plane? If so, whose? Was it an unidentified flying object?

The Alaska Air Command hopes to come up with some of the answers today.

The flame-belching object was reported by several persons from Nome to St. Michael about 150 miles away. They said it appeared from the direction of Russian Siberia and hurtled southeasterly.

The reports were conflicting, Major Roy E. Haines, public information officer at Elmendorf Air Force Base here, said yesterday.

"Some had it low and slow. Some had it high and fast," he said.

Pete Walsh, Wien Alaska Airlines employe at Nome, said the object was traveling at tremendous speed about 2,000 to 3,000 feet above the earth. He described it as silvery and tubular, somewhat like a jet plane, with orange flames shooting from the tail.

Mrs. Stanley Molitor of Nome said "it had the appearance of a large star and was a very, very brilliant white." Neither she nor Walsh could tell whether it had wings.

Observers said the mysterious object curved up and away as it approached Cape Nome, as if it was manned and controlled.

Anchorage Daily News, Monday, February 15, 1960

BULLETIN

NOME (UPI) — An unidentified object with a trail of yellow flames was reported streaking across the sky near the coast here today.

The Air Force could not explain the object but said it was picked up on radar at Nome, St. Michael, Unalakleet and St. Lawrence Island.

First reports said the object, tubular in shape, streaked across the sky from the Siberian coast line. It was spotted by Pete Walsh, an airlines station manager near here.

Walsh said it was not determined if the object had wings.

It headed eastward into Alaska, Walsh told UPI.

NORAD PROBES FLYING OBJECT

Anchorage Daily News; Tuesday, February 16, 1960

Residents Of Nome Not Upset

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (UPI) — Officials at the North American Air Defense command (NORAD) in Colorado Springs, said today they had received "unofficial and unconfirmed" reports from civilians that two unidentified flying objects were spotted over Alaska.

NORAD has begun an investigation of the reports, the spokesman said.

The reports were made to the combat operations center of NORAD at Colorado Springs from the Alaskan Air command but the Alaskan command received the information from civilians.

It was emphasized by the spokesman at NORAD that neither object was registered on "any military devices such as radar."

"We're trying to find out more about it," the spokesman said.

He said one report was of a flying object in the vicinity of Nome, moving slowly northeastward. NORAD said it received no description of the object.

The second report, also from a civilian, was of an object moving at a fast rate toward the northwest, over Unalakleet. The civilian told officials the object left vapor trails, indicating it was at a high altitude, and that it disappeared in a flash and explosion.

"We'll make an investigation," the NORAD spokesman said.

In Nome, Art Zylstra of radio station KICY said this morning that the people of that town were not "the least bit upset" about the myserious flying object, even though many of them witnessed its flight.

The object was first spotted Sunday evening near here. It was approximately 2,000-3,000 feet high and was moving in a straight line at a high rate of speed. It appeared to be headed southeast toward the Anchorage area.

Pete Walsh of Nome told UPI that the object was tubular in shape, did not appear to have wings and an orange flame was shooting out of the tail.

Meanwhile, officials at Alaskan Command remained mute on the matter. They did say, however, that the UFO had been reported and was being handled through "normal channels" as an unidentified flying object.

The spokesman said that reports on the object from civilian sources at Nome, Unalakleet and other areas were conflicting.

"Some reports said the object was high and fast . . . others said it was low and slow," the Air Force in Alaska said. "Besides, there were clouds in the sky at the time and it would be difficult to say anything at all about it."

The Air Force also denied in Alaska that the object had been tracked by radar.

"We only have the regular reports that civilians turned in to us," the PIO officer told United Press.

Walsh said that the direction of flight tended to indicate that the object came from the other side of the Berin Strait or from Russia.

If the object is of Russian origin it will be the first time the Soviet Union has flown into the skies of Alaska, the military said.

One member of the Armed Forces commented that if the object did come from the Siberian coast line "someone really goofed by not clobbering it."

"Also," he said, "if there really was an object there and it wasn't one of ours it sure as heck should have been tracked by the radar—that's what the radar network is for."

MYSTERY OBJECTS ARE CONFIRMED

Anchorage Daily Times
Tuesday, Feb. 16, 1960

Report Made By American Air Defense

Two Objects Seen Early Monday In Skies Over Alaska

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP)—A spokesman for the North American Air Defense Command here confirmed today that unidentified flying objects were observed in the skies over Alaska early Monday morning.

The spokesman said at 3 a.m. yesterday the combat operations center o. NORAD at Ent Air Force Base here received a report from northerly observation posts that two objects were moving in opposite directions across Alaska.

One of the objects was reported in the vicinity of Nome. It appeared to be moving slowly in a northeasterly direction. The object disappeared without a trace and without giving any indication of its size.

THE SECOND object was reportedly sighted at Unalakleet, moving rapidly northwest at a speed sufficient to produce contrails in the sky.

The object also produced a flash which was assumed to have been an explosion.

Whether the object exploded has not yet been determined but officials are making a search of the area.

In Anchorage, Alaskan Air Command officials reported that no additional information had been received on the flying object.

The sighting of the object was reported through civilian sources. The reports on its behavior ranged from "high and fast" to "low and slow," an AAC spokesman said.

Reports have been evaluated and no positive identification has been made by the military. The information has been forwarded to the U.S. Air Force headquarters, the AAC said.

Civilian observers at Nome told the Anchorage Times yesterday they had sighted a mystery object shortly before 5 p.m. Sunday.

THEY SAID it was moving in a southeasterly direction when it went over Nome but veered up and away when it reached Cape Nome, several miles to the southeast of the community.

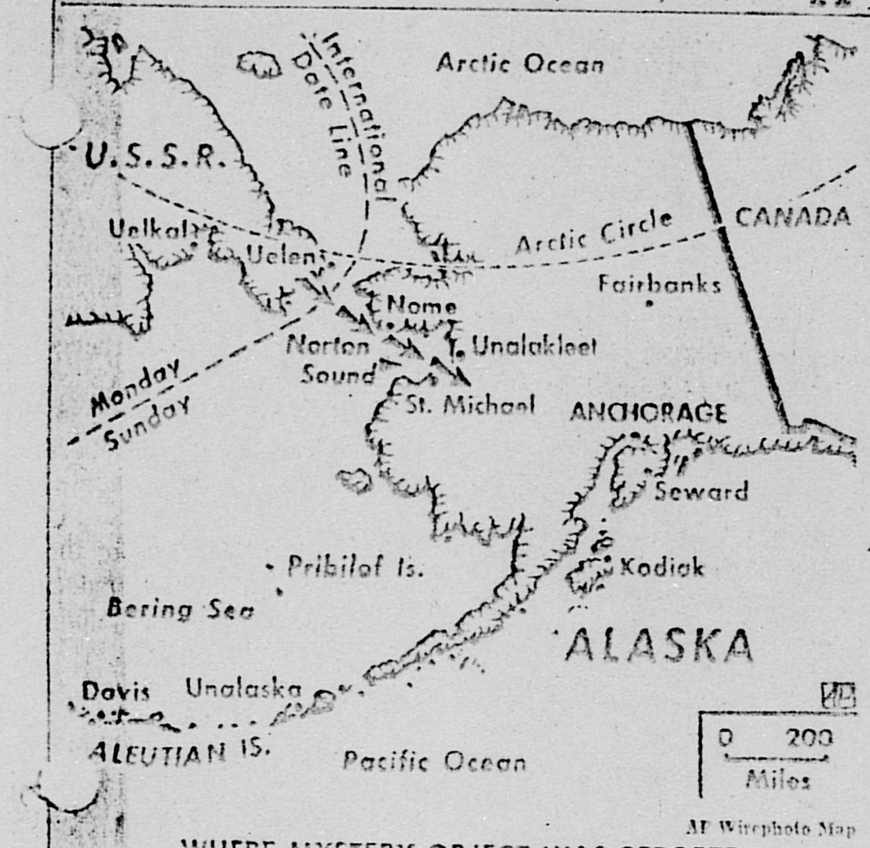
Wien Alaska Airlines station manager at Nome, Pete Walsh, said he believed the object to be a manned aircraft of some sort. He described the object as tubular and silvery with an orange flame at the rear.

Pete's brother, Dan Walsh, an Alaska Airlines mechanic, said in a telephone conversation with the Anchorage Times, that he, too, had seen the object. He said it appeared over Nome at about 4:40 p.m. Sunday. When he saw it, i was flying approximately 300 to 500 feet in the air. He described the object as looking "like a cigar or oxygen cylinder" moving from west to east.

PETE WALSH sai i when he spotted the object it was flying at about 2,000 feet but was descending.

A Nome housewife, Mrs. Stanley Molitor, said the object "looked like the flare from a jet—it had the appearance of a large star and was a very, very, brilliant white."

She said it was going very fast and she "caught just a glimpse of it." She said she saw no wings on the object



WHERE MYSTERY OBJECT WAS REPORTED

Arrows trace the route of silvery, tubular object reported hurtling across Norton Sound into western Alaska.

Alaska Air Command Probes Reports of Silver Object in Sky

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Pete Walsh, Wien Alaska Airlines employe at Nome, said the object was traveling at tremendous speed about 2,000 to 3,000 feet above the earth. He described it as silvery and tubular, somewhat like a jet plane, with orange flames shooting from the tail.

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Mrs. Stanley Molitor of Nome said "it had the appearance of a large star and was a very, very brilliant white." Neither she nor Walsh could tell whether it had wings.

Observers said the mysterious object curved up and away as it approached Cape Nome, as if it was manned and controlled.

Haines said an investigation was started immediately. Radar records of two stations north of Nome were to be checked. Officers also were trying to determine whether any planes from either Elmendorf or Ladd Air Force Base, Fairbanks, might have been in the vicinity at the time of the sightings.

Haines said there were n known flights planned for tha area at that time.

A spokesman for the Nortl American Air Defense Commanc at Colorado Springs said th agency had no report on the ob ject.

"If it were an 'unknown,' w certainly would have a repor on it."

SECOND ALASKA SIGHTING IN THREE WEEKS

On the 14th of February a "flame-belching" object, tubular in shape, hurtled through Alaskan skies over Nome. The silvery object was sighted later at Unalakleet and St. Michael about 150 miles across Norton Sound from Nome.

This sighting, with more than the usual amount of physical description of the object, went out on the press wires. On the 16th of February, a spokesman for the North American Air Defense Command, Colorado Springs, Colo., confirmed that "unidentified flying OBJECTS" were seen over Alaska early on the 15th. Although other wire stories revealed no great amount of information, it seems likely that at least one object was seen on Sunday, the 14th, which would be the object which triggered the initial story, and one or more early the next morning on the 15th.

The NORAD spokesman said that Ent AFB at Colorado Springs received a report at 3 a.m. on the 15th, that two unidentified objects were moving in opposite directions across Alaska. Also revealed by NORAD was the fact that the object which was sighted at Unalakleet was rapidly moving northwest at a speed sufficient to produce contrails. The object reportedly produced a flash which was assumed to have been an explosion. Of added interest is the fact that Pete Walsh, a Wien Alaska Airlines employee at Nome, observed the object and said it appeared to be a manned aircraft traveling at tremendous speed about 2,000 to 3,000 feet above the earth, and was monitored by two radar stations near Nome. Although monitored by radar, no estimates of speed were given by officials. We cannot overlook the possibility that this object or these objects may be Soviet aircraft, but if they are, it is difficult to explain the close resemblance between these objects and the object onserved at Willoughby, Ohio, on Thursday, 10 December. See page 3, column 2 of The Bulletin for January 1960.

On the 6th of March, Mr. Walsh again sighted an unidentified object in the Nome area. In a telegram to Governor William A. Egan, Walsh said that a bright flash in the sky was sighted at 8:51 p.m., followed by an explosion. After the flash, the bright object was seen "drifting" to earth from the east, Walsh told the governor. The Alaska Air Command forwarded the report to NORAD at Colorado Springs, Colo., and on the 8th a NORAD spokesman said the report had been received but routed to USAF headquarters and the Secretary of the Air in Washington, D. C. "This is more in the nature of an intelligence item than an operations problem," the spokesman said.

The Associated Press report of the latest incident also noted that the object sighted in February was later listed as a white hot meteor. Who listed it as such, or how they arrived at that conclusion, was not announced, but the fact that at least one of the objects sighted in February was flying at low speed was not explained. It could not have been a meteor, if the description of the speed is accurate. Also, the Ohio object which strongly resembles the object observed in Alaska was seen to ascend at great speed, disappearing into the sky.