[redacted] S/Sgt

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE: 14 Apr 60	2. LOCATION: Vicinity Bitburg AB, Germany	12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☒ Probably Astronomical Meteor ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local / GMT 14/1915Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE: Military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: 3 sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS: one	9. COURSE: descending

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Round, one-half size of dime at arm's length, white, appeared as falling star with pieces falling off. Curved toward earth, disappearing behind building.

11. COMMENTS

Description is typical of a meteor disintegrating in the earth's atmosphere.

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SUBJECT
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DATE OF REPORT	DATE OF INFORMATION	EVALUATION
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SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

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No Case (Information Only)

1 April 1960
Raleigh, North Carolina

April 1: Raleigh, N.C.—A bright pulsating UFO which hovered, then moved below the eastern horizon was reported by Bernard Haugen, Dept. of Water Resources chemist, and Don Patton, a former Air Force control tower man.

Haugen and Patton were standing on the N.C. State College campus engaged in conversation about 7:00 p.m. when they noticed the bright object about 35° above the eastern horizon apparently moving slowly to the south. As the men watched, the UFO flared up, then dimmed. After hovering in one spot for several minutes, the UFO began moving more noticeably and, still pulsating, dropped out of sight behind buildings to the east.

[redacted] has disclosed that the UFO seen April 1 in Raleigh, N.C. (See May NICAP Special Bulletin) probably was a giant Space Agency balloon launched from the Wallops Island research center. The time, direction, and general appearance coincide with the balloon launched that date at 6:55 p.m. (EST).

The Wallops Island UFO

Perhaps the most spectacular (and short-lived) UFO in history appeared at 6:55 P.M. E.S.T. on April 1, 1960, along the east coast. A bright-yellow streak of fire shot up from the horizon into the eastern sky and slowly changed into a huge zigzag pattern. With the streak of fire appeared a large reddish sphere, reported by some observers to be as large as the full moon and many times brighter than a planet. Visible along the entire eastern seaboard, the brilliant object slowly moved eastward, followed by a trail of greenish sparks. While still at high altitude out over the Atlantic Ocean, it suddenly vanished—as though it had simply taken off into outer space. Switchboards in eastern cities were jammed as witnesses called newspapers, universities, and nearby observatories to report a comet, a fireball, or a flying saucer.

Newspapers immdeiately printed a full explanation of this April Fool's Day apparition: a scheduled but unannounced rocket launching from Wallops Island, Virginia. The yellow fire was debris from the rocket, reflecting the rays of the setting sun; contrary winds in the upper atmosphere produced the zigzag form. The luminous globe was a full-scale model of the Echo satellite—an inflated balloon 100 feet in diameter, carried aloft by the rocket. Dry powder escaping through holes in the balloon produced the greenish tail. The object had "vanished" when the balloon fell back into the earth's shadow and was thus no longer visible.

Although the newspapers published a full explanation within a day or two, some saucer enthusiasts continued to treat the apparition as a mystery. In its *Special Bulletin* for May the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (see *Chapter* XIII) included the incident under "Recent UFO Sightings" and described the object as a bright, pulsating UFO that hovered in one spot for several minutes before it began to move. Not until three months after the launching did the organization concede (*UFO Investigator*, July-August, 1960) that the UFO of April 1 was "probably" the giant balloon sent up from Wallops Island.

On August 12, 1960, the counterpart of this balloon went into orbit and became the satellite Echo, which is still circling the earth, shining like a star of the first magnitude near dawn or sunset.

No Case (Information Only)

2 April 1960
Long Beach, California

April 2: Long Beach, Cal.—Three young men sighted a V-formation of eight "round white-lighted objects" which swept over the city from the south at about 9:00 p.m. The UFOs changed positions in formation and disappeared to the northeast after about a minute.

No Case (Information Only)

6 April 1960
Opa Locka, Florida

April 6: Opa Locka, Fla.—Norris Cook and several children watched a bright disc-shaped UFO apparently maneuvering around a B-52 bomber about 5:30 p.m. Mr. Cook was interviewed by NICAP member Al Koblank, who reported that the apparent diameter of the UFO was one-fourth to one-third the wingspan of the B-52.

"At first sighting the UFO was astern of the aircraft...it moved to port of the aircraft then to dead ahead and then to starboard," as it circled the plane at a constant distance of about 400-500 feet. The B-52 and the UFO soon disappeared in the distance.

No Case (Information Only)

7 April 1960
Mozambique, East Africa

On April 7 at Mozambique, East Africa a round orange object, which emitted a glow landed and four little men emerged and ran into the woods--then their craft exploded with large concussions. Prior to the landing of the object, it made a loud whistling sound. The witnesses numbered in the hundreds, however no additional report has come as to the fate of the little men.

No Case (Information Only)

13 April 1960
Lexington, Massachusetts

On April 13 at Lexington, [redacted], noted Boston area newscaster, along with his wife and family watched a bright white UFO sweep across the sky at 8:40 P.M. The UFO moved from west to east, then made a gradual turn to the north over the eastern horizon. Stuart checked with observatories and ruled out the possibility of a satellite before reporting the sighting on [redacted]-TV. While checking he learned that Fort Monmouth, N.J. radar had tracked a UFO at about the same time- apparently the same object.

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