PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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1. DATE 4 August, 1960	**2. LOCATION** Platteburg AFB, New York	**12. CONCLUSIONS** ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other Parachute Flare ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local GMT 04/1442Z	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** XX ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes XX ☐ No	**6. SOURCE** Military	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 seconds	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** One	**9. COURSE** East

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Bright white smoke trail was seen to start suddenly and make a straight path across the sky for approximately five seconds. It then stopped and the trail disappated in about 15 seconds. No sound. Trail was about size of an ordinary pencil tapering to a fine point at the end.

11. COMMENTS

Investigation completed at the scene of the sighting confirmed that the object was a parachute flare.

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SUBJECT (Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects)

(U) Report of Unidentified Flying Object.

SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies)

While stopped at an intersection in my car, a sudden white smoke trail appeared in the sky. I watched it and it appeared to me like a trail from a 2" rocket. It burned out quickly. The smoke dissipated in a few seconds. A call to Base Tower divulged no scheduled firings. Subsequent investigation revealed it to be a parachute flare fired at an aquatic survival demonstration class.

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531st Bombardment Squadron Plattsburgh Air Force Base, NY		

At 1442Z, 4 Aug 60, as I was stopped at an intersection on Plattsburgh AFB, I saw a bright white smoke trail in the sky. It started suddenly and made a straight path across the sky for approximately 5 seconds and stopped. This trail dissipated in approximately 15 seconds. No sound was heard, no aircraft visible. It appeared to me to be a rocket in flight as I have seen and fired many aerial rockets. I reported the sighting to the Plattsburgh AFB tower and asked if they had any reported rocket firings. They answered negative. Subsequently I was phoned with a request by "Blue Bottle" control to submit a written report on the sighting. Sighting report information follows:

1. Shape: Not visible.
2. Size: Smoke trail, about size of ordinary pencil held at arms length, tapering to fine point at end in which trail was moving.
3. Color: White smoke.
4. Number: One.
5. Trail was spiraling slightly moving almost in a horizontal plane as observed.
6. Sound: None
7. Course: Easterly
8. What caught attention: The smoke trail.
9. Angle when observed: Approximately 30 degrees above horizon.
10. Flight Path: Straight.
11. How did it disappear: Smoke dissipated.
12. How long visible: 5 seconds burning, 15 seconds until smoke dissipated.
13. Sighting: Ground - visual.
14. Date-Time-Group: 04/1442Z
15. Observer Position: 44° 38½'N - 73° 29¼'W
16. Weather: Clear, no clouds, visibility 30 miles.

INVESTIGATION FINDINGS: The Base Ground Training Section was conducting a class in Aquatic Survival and as a matter of instructional demonstration, fired a white parachute flare over Lake Champlain from the area of the Airmans Beach. This flare rose to a height of approximately 1200' to 1500'. It burns with bright white flame and leaves a white smoke. Burning time is of short duration. Spiraling motion of smoke due to swinging of flare below parachute. Parachute not visible due to distance from observer. Level flight path an illusion created by angle of observer and drift of parachute.

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