

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 9 Sep 60		2. LOCATION 111 mi E of Kansas City, Missouri		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 2121 GMT 10/0221Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not given		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE vertical descent	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING A brilliant "shooting star" phenomenon with a beginning burn trace aprox 80° above horizon from eye level. Burn trace increased in intensity to final burn-out at aprox eye level to pilot of a/c flying at 35,000 ft.				11. COMMENTS Description is characteristic of a meteor.	

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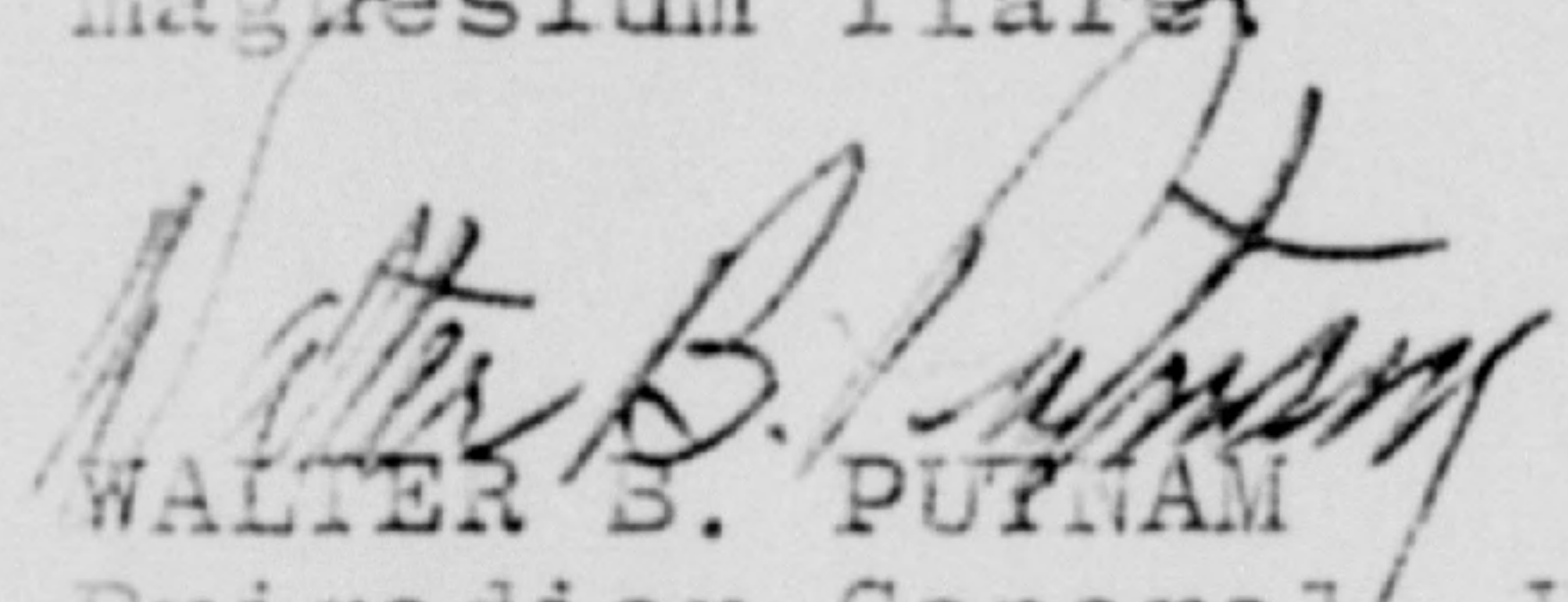
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SUBJECT: Unidentified Foreign Object

TO: Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

The undersigned was pilot in a T-33 aircraft flying at 35,000 feet altitude (indicated) on a magnetic heading of 230° on radial 111 from Kansas City VOR at 2121 EST, 9 September 1960, approximately 60 miles east of Kansas City, and observed the following:

A brilliant "shooting star" phenomenon occurred with a beginning burn trace approximately 30° above the horizontal from the level of my eye. The burn trace increased in intensity to final burn-out on approximately the eye level of the undersigned. The trajectory appeared nearly vertical and directly over the nose of the aircraft. The most unusual aspects of the phenomenon were the vertical trajectory and the pure white intensity of the final burn-out, which approached that of a magnesium flare.


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