

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 22 Sep 60		2. LOCATION Dedham, Massachusetts		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2018 GMT 23/0118Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE NNE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING White, starlike object about size of Polaris. In aprox 2 min it moved from zenith to about 45°; then became invisible in general brightness of Boston. From zenith the object moved at constant speed to NNE passing to E of Polaris. Not nearly as bright as Echo and moved several times faster.				11. COMMENTS Witnesses are located on SW edge of Boston. Possible that object observed was one of the many a/c flying in area most of the time, but there is insufficient data to make a valid conclusion.	

October 4, 1960

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Dedham, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

We have not been able to determine the nature of your recent observation, and are therefore forwarding your report to:

Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center
United States Air Force
(AFSCIN - 4E2x)
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Any further correspondence regarding this matter should be sent directly to them.

Thank you for your time and interest.

Respectfully,

Warren W. McCurdy
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REPORT FORM FOR METEOR OBSERVATION

Information marked * is vital

* Place of observation: *Needham, Mass*

* Date: *22 Sept 60*

Time: *8:18 PM EST*

(Give Time Standard and whether am. or pm.)

* Accuracy of time given above:

(e.g. say "exact", or " ± 1 minute", or " ± 5 minutes", etc.)

± 2 minutes

* Brightness (compared to stars, planets, moon or other useful standard source such as a street light at a certain distance):

About same as Polaris on that night (very clear, moonless night)

Direction in which object was first seen:

(To N, or SE, or NW, etc.)

Almost directly overhead

* Length or time object was seen:

About 2 minutes

* Apparent direction in which object travelled:

(N-S, SW-NE, W-N, etc.)

NNE

Did it change direction?

No

General impression of angular speed:

(degree/sec. across sky)

In the approx. 2 min. of observation, it moved from the zenith to about 45°; then it became invisible in the general brightness above Boston.

Size and shape (if any):

(If just like a star, say "star-like")

Star-like

Color

white

Did it explode, disintegrate, or suddenly vanish?

No

* Any tail or trail?

No

Did any sound accompany the object?

No

If sound followed later, give time interval:

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Was it examined with binoculars or telescopes or photographed?

No

*Give position of trajectory for at least two points with regard to stars if possible:

From zenith, the object moved at constant speed to the NNE, passing to the east of Polaris.

Any other remarks: My daughter and son, and I, had been outside for some time to observe the pass of ECHO, scheduled in the SW sky at 8:13 PM EST. In the period of waiting, I had helped the children locate Polaris. After Echo's pass we started to enter the house (about 8:18 PM) when my daughter noticed the object of this report directly overhead. We took it to be a satellite. It was not nearly as bright as Echo, and moved several times faster.

Name: [REDACTED]

Phone No: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Dedham, Mass. Date: 28 Sept 60