

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 18 Oct 60		2. LOCATION 8 mi S of Smethport, Pennsylvania		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 19/0420Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Less than a minute		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE NNE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Round, red to reddish-white object, size of basketball at arm's length. Looked like a ball of fire with a dark center, was traveling at a high speed.				11. COMMENTS Object responsible for this sighting was probably a meteor.	

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/UNCLAS/FROM CIS-G OD-142. SUBJECT:

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT, THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS
SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE ^{WITH} PARAGRAPH 15, AFR 200-2:

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

(1) ROUND

(2) BASKETBALL AT ARMS LENGTH

(3) RED TO REDISH-WHITE

(4) ONE

(5) NONE

(6) LOOKED LIKE A BALL OF FIRE WITH A DARK CENTER.

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(7) NONE

(8) NONE

(9) INDIVIDUAL HAS NOT SEEN THE COLOR BEFORE OF THE FLAME

B. DESCRIPTION OF COUSE OF OBJECT:

(1) INDIVIDUAL SAW A FLASH OF BRIGHT LIGHT WHICH
REFLECTED OFF HER CAR

(2) OBJECT WAS AT A 15 DEGREE ANGLE GOING NORTH TO
NORTHEAST AT A HIGH RATE OF SPEED. OBSERVER FEELS
THAT OBJECT WOULD NOT CLEAR A 200 FOOT HILL IN THE
AREA.

(3) SAME AS 2 ABOVE.

(4) NO MANEUVERS OBSERVED.

(5) BEHIND A HILL. TO THE NORTHEAST.

(6) LESS THAN ONE MINUTE.

C. MANNER OF OBSERVATION:

(1) GROUND-VISUAL.

(2) NONE

(3) N/A

D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

0420Z 19 OCT 1960

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(2) NIGHT

E. LOCATION OF OBERVER:

8 MILES SOUTH OF SMETHPORT PENNA ON RT. 46, 41 DEGREES
41 MINUTES NORTH 78 DEGREES, 20 MINUTES WEST.

F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER:

(1) CIVILIAN: [REDACTED]

AGE: 35 OBSERVER SEEMS RELIABLE.

(2) NONE

G. WEATHER AND WINDS:

SURFACE CALM 37 FAHRENHEIT

NO OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

(3) CLEAR

(4) VISIBILITY 7 MILES

(5) NONE

(6) NONE

R. NONE

I. NONE

J. NONE

K. 4621ST SUPPORT GROUP ADC) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
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AIRLINE PLANE CROSSED AREA OF SIGHTING ABOUT 2 HOURS
AFTER THE INCIDENT OCCURED AND REPORTED TWO
FIRES CLOSE TOGETHER. INCIDENT WAS LOCALLY INVESTIGATED
UNTIL 0915 19 OCT WHEN USAF WAS NOTIFIED.

TWO AIR FORCE PERSONNEL WENT TO AREA AND PERSONALLY
INVESTIGATED AS A RESULT OF AIRLINE CORRELATION WITH
GROUND OBSERVATION. FIRES WERE TO DETERMINED TO BE
THOSE OF LOCAL SAW MILLS IN AREA. HELICOPTER SEARCH
OF AREA REVEALED NO SIGN OF ANY CRASH OR BURNING.
POSSIBLE CAUSE OF SIGHTING IS METEORITE.

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