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PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 22 Dec 60	**2. LOCATION** Buckingham, Iowa	**12. CONCLUSIONS** ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other_____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1750 GMT 22/2350Z	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	**6. SOURCE** Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 7 sec	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** one **9. COURSE** SE-NW	

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

When first spotted, it was about 45-50° high in the sky and started as an object that appeared to be a jet or satellite--a spot about the size of a large orange star. Traveled about 2-3 sec then developed a tail. Then it became white in a tear shaped ball that appeared about 100 times its original size. Behind this white spot were spots or sparks (very large) that were orange and trailed a long way behind the ball of white. Ended at about 10-15° above the horizon.

11. COMMENTS

The report submitted by the witness is very similar to that received from other parts of the country this time of year. The object has all the characteristics of a meteor.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

HEADQUARTERS
AIR FORCE MISSILE TEST CENTER
AIR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
PATRICK AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA

3 January 1961

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: MTW

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Letter Regarding UFO

TO: ATIC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

The attached letter was received by this office on 3 Jan 1961. It is forwarded as a matter of possible interest to your organization.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Oscar C. Bailey Capt
for E. L. COMMONS, JR.
Lt Colonel, USAF
DCS/Intelligence

1 Atch
Ltr, Buckingham Iowa, 23 Dec 60

Buckingham Iowa
Dec. 23 1960

Missile Base
Cape Canaveral, Florida

Dear Sirs:

I do not whether or not this imformation is of any value but I read in a newspaper that you wished any news of falling meteorites, satalites or objects. The phenomena I saw was extraordinary I believe.

This object started in the northeast and traveled from the southeast toward the northwest. It was about 45 to 50 degrees high in the sky and started as an object that appeared to be a jet or sattelite; a spot about the size of a large orange star. This was at 5;50 P M Dec 22 1960.

After I spotted it, it traveled about 2 or 3 seconds then developed a tail then it became white in a tear shaped ball that appeared to be 100 times its original size. This white spot traveled about 3 Or 4 seconds- behind this white spot were spots or sparks(very large) that were orange and trailed a long way behind the ball of white. This I estimate took about 3 or 4 seconds and ended at about 10 to 15 degrees above the horizon. At first I tho't a Jet had exploded but the white spot developed tooslowly for an explosion. I shall not try to estimate the distance but possibly you can figure it from the angle and trajectory of its flight. I hope that this information may be of some value to you.

Yours truly
[redacted]
Buckingham Iowa

12-22-60 5:50 P.M. White light with orange sparks trailing. Viewed 7 seconds. Observed from Buckingham, Iowa.

Sent 11 Jan 61

AFCIN-1E2x

UFO Sighting ([redacted])

SAFOI-3d (L/Col Tacker)

It is requested that ATIC Form 164 (UFO questionnaire) be forwarded to Mr [redacted] for his completion. His address is as follows:

[redacted]
Buckingham, Iowa

FOR THE COMMANDER:

PHILIP G. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science and Components

U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U.S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes, and will be regarded as confidential material. Your name will *not* be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that, if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

Please refer to my letter for exact date & time

1. When did you see the object?

22 (Day) Dec (Month) 60 (Year)

2. Time of day: 5 (Hour) 50 (Minutes)

(Circle One): A.M. or (P.M.)

3. Time Zone: (Circle One): a. Eastern b. (Central) c. Mountain d. Pacific e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving b. (Standard)

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

_____ Nearest Postal Address; Buckingham City or Town; Iowa State or Country

Additional remarks: _____

5. How long was object in sight? _____ Hours _____ Minutes approx 7 (Seven) Seconds

5.1 How was time in sight determined? Was driving on highway facing sitting and driving about 55 mph - Travelled about 600 to 650 ft.

a. Certain
(b.) Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY	NIGHT
a. Bright	(a.) Bright
b. Cloudy	b. Cloudy

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you b. In back of you c. To your right d. To your left e. Overhead f. Don't remember

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8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS *(Circle One)*:

a. None
b. A few
c. Many
d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON *(Circle One)*:

a. Bright moonlight
b. Dull moonlight
c. No moonlight — pitch dark
d. Don't remember

9. The object appeared:

(Circle One): a. As a light b. Shiny c. Dark d. Don't remember

10. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? Yes - because it was amber with a long tail and turned to exceedingly bright light before it disappeared.

11. Did the object: (Circle One for each question)

a. Appear to stand still at any time?	Yes	No	Don't Know
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?	Yes	No	Don't Know
c. Break up into parts or explode?	Yes	No	Don't Know
d. Give off smoke?	Yes	No	Don't Know Don't Know
e. Change brightness?	Yes	No	Don't Know
f. Change shape?	Yes	No	Don't Know
g. Flash or flicker?	Yes	No	Don't Know
h. Disappear and reappear ?	Yes	No	Don't Know

12. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: _____

13. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what in front of: _____

14. Did the object appear: *(Circle One)*: a. Solid b. Transparent c. Vapor d. Don't Know

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

a. Eyeglasses	Yes	No	e. Binoculars	Yes	No
b. Sun glasses	Yes	No	f. Telescope	Yes	No
c. Windshield	Yes	No	g. Theodolite	Yes	No
d. Window glass	Yes	No	h. Other _____		

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound none

b. Color amber that to white large spot with amber dust tail like tail on sky rocket.

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

18. The edges of the object were:

(Circle One): a. Fuzzy or blurred
b. Like a bright star only lays or
c. Sharply outlined
d. Don't remember

e. Other _____

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? _____
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.

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21. How large did the object appear to you as compared to an object with which you are familiar?

Est - 100 times as large as big star.

22. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

Object was shape of match head. as per instructions would estimate match head would just cover object.

23. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? yes it disappeared as the - it had burned out because the white spot disappeared leaving a tail which also disappeared in another second.

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

In common language this was like the meteorites we see in multitudes at certain times of the year only this was probably 100 times or more in volume. The speed was far greater than a jet in powered flight as we see them each day or nite. When first sighted it looked like ECHO but travelled many times faster and turned white.

25. Where were you located when you saw the object? *(Circle One)*:

a. Inside a building
b. In a car
c. Outdoors
d. In an airplane (type)
e. At sea
f. Other _____

26. Were you *(Circle One)*

a. In the business section of a city?
b. In the residential section of a city?
c. In open countryside?
d. Near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other _____

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

Driving on a straight highway at the crest of a hill and this was almost in the center of my driving vision - slightly to the right of center driving vision

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1 What direction were you moving? *(Circle One)*

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

28.2 How fast were you moving? 55 miles per hour.

28.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? *(Circle One)*

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest
i. Overhead

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? *(Circle One)*

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest
i. Overhead

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North (thru east) and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

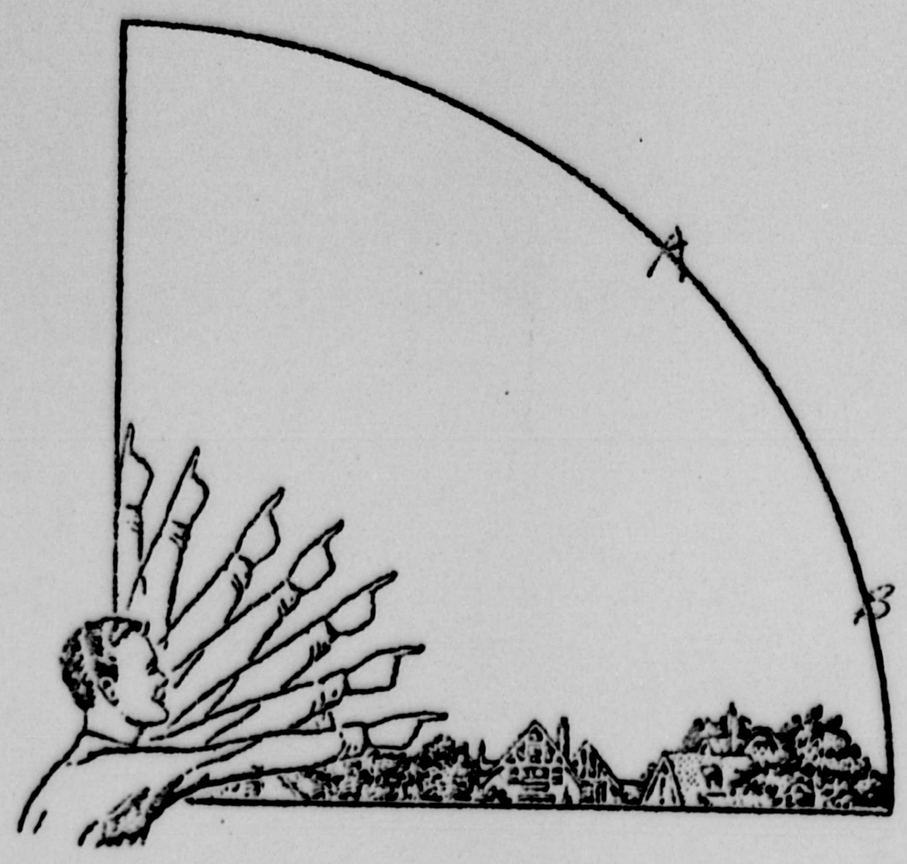
31.1 When it first appeared:

a. From true North 45° degrees.
b. From horizon 45° degrees.

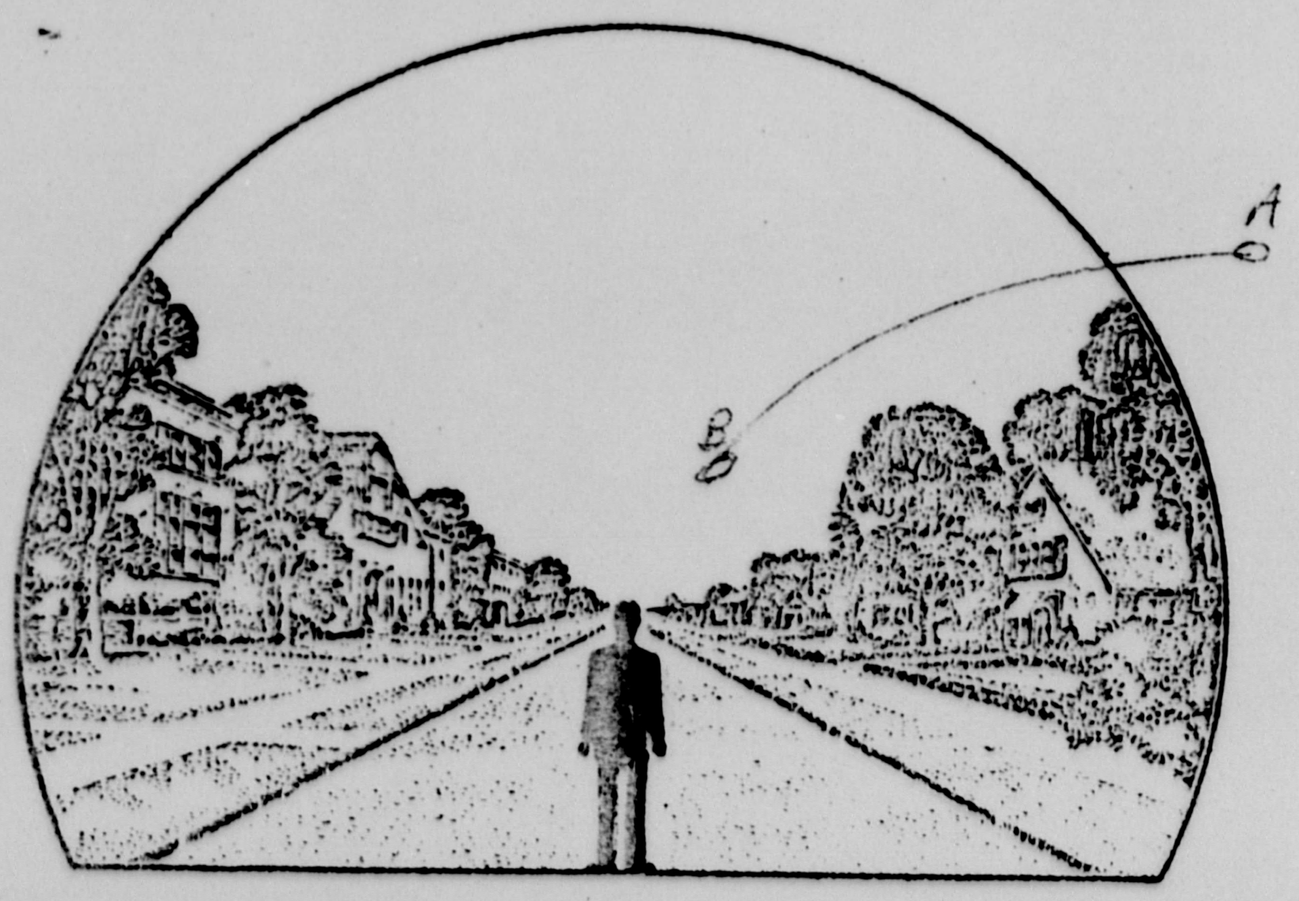
31.2 When it disappeared:

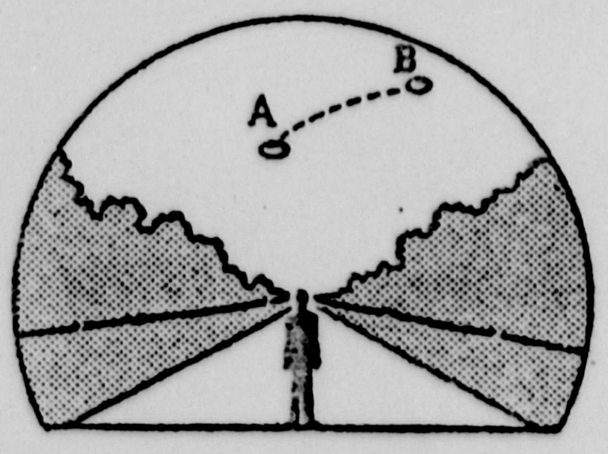
a. From true North 20°-25° degrees.
b. From horizon 10°-15° degrees.

32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the *same* curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw it.



33. In the following larger sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you *first* saw it, and a "B" at its position when you *last* saw it. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.





34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS *(Circle One)*

a. Clear sky
b. Hazy
c. Scattered clouds
d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER *(Circle One)*

a. Dry
b. Fog, mist, or light rain
c. Moderate or heavy rain
d. Snow
e. Don't remember

35. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object? to my wife and to Cape Canaveral the following day

Day _____ Month _____ Year _____

36. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

36.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One) Yes No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle One) Yes No of this magnitude

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

I think the object was a meteorite because I have never seen a satellite burn when an account was given by the press or radio.

39. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One) Yes (No) Because I do not know how far away the object was. However about 10 times as fast as a jet as we see them

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? _____

40. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) Yes (No)

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? _____

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted] (Last Name) [redacted] (First Name) [redacted] (Middle Name)

ADDRESS / (Street) Buckingham (City) _____ (Zone) Iowa (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

Age 55 Sex male

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any education, which might be pertinent.

High School plus adult classes in bacteriology + chemistry at Iowa State Teachers College - 16 years at Cash Packing Co - Waterloo Iowa as Supervisor - (16 years in General Service at Buckingham Iowa) retired from active business left 1959. Still [redacted] at Buckingham, Iowa. 17 years at [redacted] at Buckingham, Iowa

42. Date you completed this questionnaire: Jan 19 (Day) _____ (Month) 1961 (Year)

I am not interested in sensations but only in anything that might help to secure the welfare of our wonderful nation.

U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

(SUMMARY DATA)

In order that your information may be filed and coded as accurately as possible, please use the following space to write out a short description of the event that you observed. You may repeat information that you have already given in the questionnaire, and add any further comments, statements, or sketches that you believe are important. Try to present the details of the observation in the order in which they occurred. Additional pages of the same size paper may be attached if they are needed.

NAME [redacted] BUCKINGHAM, IOWA
(Please Print)

SIGNATURE [redacted]

DATE Jan 19 - 1961

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