

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 28 April 61		2. LOCATION Derry, Massachusetts		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical Meteor ☒ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 29/0115Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Stated		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One		9. COURSE West	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object described as very large, glowing with intense blue-white light travelling due west parallel to the horizon, and then suddenly dropping off at an angle and growing smaller. Vanished prior to reaching the horizon. Color changed to orange after trajectory dropped. Tail about 15 % of the total length of object.				11. COMMENTS Object has the characteristics of an evening meteor, in that it was of the slower type. Apparent trajectory drop attributed to atmospheric optics.	

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TO : Mr. W. McCurdy (for ATIC)

DATE: May 12, 1961.

FROM : Alex. B. Geddes (Moonwatch)

SUBJECT: Unidentified Object.

Reported (in personal interview, May 11, 1961) by Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~, ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~, Malden (DA 4-4373).

Date: April 28, 19 15 EST (~~4~~+1 minute).

Observing position: 71° 15' W 42° 42' N (about 4 miles
 south of Derry, Mass., in car heading NNW on Route 28).

Object: Very large, glowing with an intense and blinding
 ice-blue light like an Argon gas flame, and with the
 following definite shape:



(Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ was asked to compare size with a structure
 visible from office window where interview was held. It
 was found that a ruler held at arm's length produced the
 apparent size of 1.5 inches long by 0.5 inches wide).

Object travelled practically due east to west at a level
 altitude of 30° to 35°, from about azimuth 010° to 330°. After travelling ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ parallel with horizon, the
 object suddenly dropped off at an angle, appeared to grow
 smaller, and suddenly vanished before reaching horizon.

Color became orange after trajectory dropped. Back-end
 of object was indefinite and may be described as
 including a short wide trail about 15% total length of
 object.

c.c.: Dr.
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