

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 22 Sep 61		2. LOCATION Danbury, Connecticut		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0315 GMT 220815Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE Descending	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Fell rapidly to earth at about a 40-50° angle and burned brightly. Seemed to be operating mechanically, spurting flares and lighting up brilliantly every few seconds, as a mechanism emitting at regular intervals. Seemed to be diving rather than falling as a star.				11. COMMENTS Witness does not state how long objt was in view, but her report indicates that it was in view longer than duration of a meteor. It is quite possible that objt was a flare. It has been previously reported that there has been instances where flares have been sent up attached to balloons which were subsequently reported as UFO's. It is therefore concluded that objt was probably a flare.	

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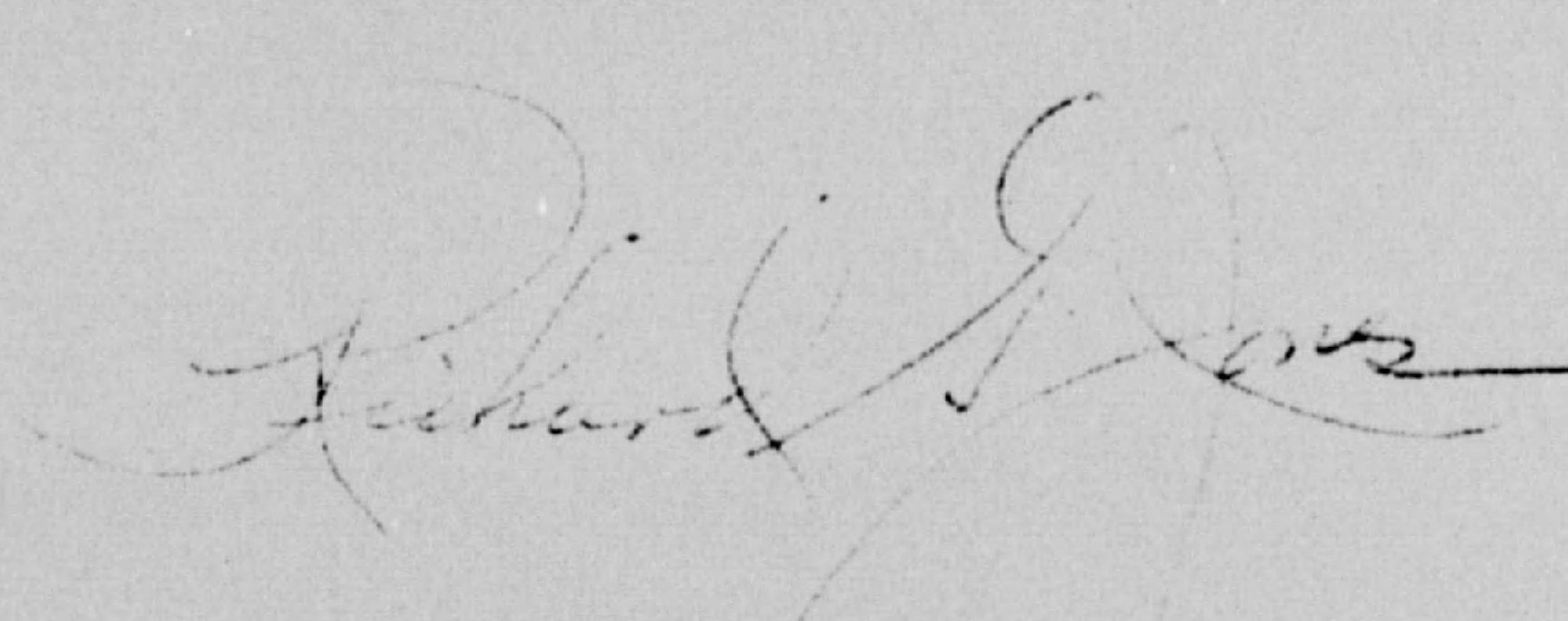
REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AFCIN-2

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Flying Object

3 OCT 1961

TO: AFSC(FTD)

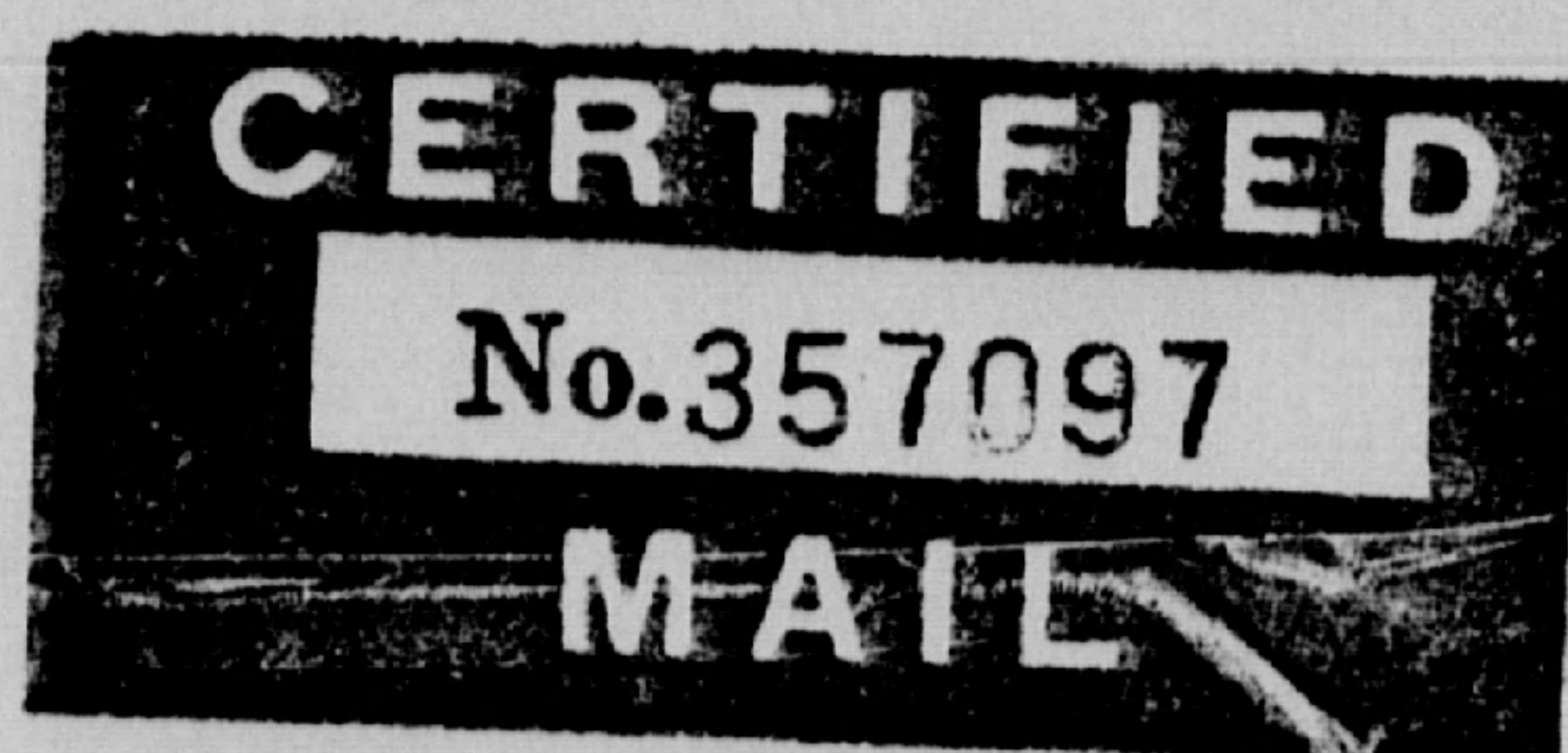
Forwarded herewith for your action, attachment 1 is a letter reporting a possible unidentified flying object. Attachment 2 is this office's reply to Mrs Voit.


RICHARD G. JONES
Lt Colonel, USAF
Directorate of Warning
and Threat Assessments
OS Intelligence

- 2 Atchs
1. Ltr Mrs [REDACTED] 25 Sep 61
re: Unidentified Flying Object
2. Ltr AFCIN-2, 4 Oct 61 Rpt of UFO

The Honorable Robert McNamara
Secretary of Defense,
Washington 25, D.C.

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September 25, 1961.

The Honorable Robert Torricelli
Secretary of Defense,
Washington, D.C.

77-103-2-12. C. 1416:

Because I realize that there may be some small value to be gleaned from the telling, please be good enough to see that this letter reaches the proper individual.

At about three-fifteen last Friday morning, September 2nd., I was startled to see what appeared to be a large falling star. This object was falling rapidly to earth at about a forty to fifty degree angle and was burning brightly.

As I watched my interest and alertness increased because the object simply was not performing as any falling star I had ever observed. Then I realized that it seemed to be operating mechanically, sparking fires and lighting up brilliantly every few seconds, as a mechanism emitting at regular intervals. It also seemed to be diving at the earth, at the above mentioned angle, rather than falling from outer space.

Then it suddenly came on me that this might all be one of the satellites burning itself out as it fell through the atmosphere. Then to my disappointment, as I got out to check it I found and to try to mark the spot, it went out - although someone had pointed the way on it - and I do not know whether there was anything left to fall to earth or if everything had burned up in the air. The object was probably about fifty to one hundred feet above the ground, and I tried to mark it by, when it stopped burning and it was within about a half mile or so of home.

I trust that this has been of some help and would appreciate knowing whether or not there is any value to you in such an accounting, also is it possible that this object was still sending messages as it descended?

Sincerely yours,

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