

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 2 Oct 55		2. LOCATION Poughkeepsie, New York		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 _____ GMT 02/2316Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE ESE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Similar to shooting star (meteor), parallel a/c for 10 sec, altered course to ESE, appeared to gain alt as it disappeared.				11. COMMENTS Astro (Meteor)	

WPE 27V YMA 12LSA232

OO RJEDEN RJEPNY RJEDWP RJEPHQ

DE RJEDLS 1H

O 030046Z

FM FLT SVC CEN OLMSTED AFB PA

TO RJEDEN/ CMDR ADC ENT AFB COLORADO

RJEPNY/CMDR 26 AD DEF ROSLYN N Y

RJEDWP/CMDR AIR, TECHNICAL INTEL CEN WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

RJEPHQ/DIR OF INTEL HQ USAF WASH 25 DC

BT

I DESCRIPTION

UNCERTAIN

B UNCERTAIN

C TYPICAL OF SHOOTING STAR

D ONE

E NIA

F NONE

G NONE

H NONE

I SIMILAR TO SHOOTING STAR

*D. 1/3 270 IN - AEA
4 " 4 x 20*

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DESCRIPTION OF COURSE

A BRIGHTNESS

B IN FRONT OF AIRCRAFT

C ESE

D PARALLELED FLT OF A/C FOR APPROX 10 SEC ALTERED COURSE ESE APPEARED
TO GAIN ALTITUDE AS DISAPPEARED

E FADED FROM VIEW

F 15 SEC

3 MANNER OF OBSERVATION

A N/A

B NONE

C COLONIAL AIRLINES FLT 27 DC3 ALT 6000 FT LGA

A TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING

A 02/23/62

B DUSK

5 LOCATION OF OBSERVER S

4 TO 5 MI NE POUGHKEEPSIE NY

6 IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBSERVE S

A ~~REDACTED~~ D

PILOT

B N/A

PAGE THREE DE RJEDLS 1H

7 WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT CONDITION AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING

A CLEAR 15

B SURFACE LIGHT AND VARIABLE

~~0000~~ ~~300~~ DEG 15 KT

~~10000~~ 280 DEG 10 KT

~~16000~~ 270 DEG 20 KT

~~20000~~ 260 DEG 29 KT

~~30000~~ 260 DEG 36 KT

~~50000~~ NOT AVAILABLE

~~80000~~ NOT AVAILABLE

C CLEAR

D 15 MILES

E NONE

F NONE

8 NONE

9 UKN

10 UKN

11 CAPT. ~~REDACTED~~ FLIGHT SERVICE CLEARANCE OFFICER NONE

12 NONE

BT

COLONIAL AIRLINES, INC.

LA GUARDIA AIRPORT STATION • FLUSHING 71, N. Y.

October 3, 1955

Chief of Staff
United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with CIRVIS procedure for reporting vital intelligence sightings, attached please find report of Captain E. Wood regarding an unidentified object sighted October 2, 1955.

If possible, we would be very interested in knowing what the object was and if there is any way we can prevent future occurrences.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Very truly yours,

COLONIAL AIRLINES, INC.

HWH:GA
Enc.

This report has not been acknowledged by
this headquarters.

Chief Pilot

10-3-55

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TRIP 27 - OCTOBER 2, 1955

As Captain on Colonial's Trip 27 of the 2nd of October 1955, the following occurred.

At 1816 our position was approximately 5 miles NNE of the city of PON at 6000 ft. Ceiling and visibility were unlimited at the time. An extremely bright blue-white light resembling a meteor passed ahead of our port side and hovered approximately 10 to 15 seconds. This object then departed on a southeasterly heading at an extreme rate of speed and disappeared from sight. As it faded from sight, it appeared to gain altitude. Its speed and altitude were difficult to estimate.

I called security on 127.5 Mhz., but was unable to make contact. A verbal report was given to the military upon my arrival at 1845 at 1845 through H. Y. Carter.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~
Captain

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AFOM-4E4/Sgt. Dregner/vap
69216
25 OCT 1955

Case file

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ROUTING	COORDINATION
ATI	
ATIM-1	
	Mr. [REDACTED]
	[REDACTED]
ATIMG	Colonial Airlines, Inc. Laguardia Airport Station Flushing 71, N. Y.
	Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:
	Thank you for your letter of 3 October 1955 transmitting a UPON report by Capt. Edson M. Wood.
ATIMS	
	In order to obtain a more complete record of the sighting, please ask Capt. [REDACTED] to fill out the enclosed "U.S. Air Force Technical Information Sheet" and return same to the following address:
ATIMX	
	Commander Air Technical Intelligence Center ATTN: AFOM-4E4 Wright-Patterson Air Force Base Ohio
ATIR	
	Your cooperation in this matter is certainly appreciated by the Air Force.
ATIS	
	Sincerely,
	1 Incl
ATIA	Information Sheet
1	<i>Dr. H. Duffield, T/SGT., 4E4, 10/24/55</i>
2	<i>C. A. [REDACTED]</i>
3	<i>A. H. [REDACTED]</i>
OTHERS	

E. E. DARVEAUX
Capt., USAF
Asst Adjutant

PERM	TEMP	RETENTION PERIOD
DESTROY		
RETIRE		
FILE AUTHORITY		

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.

1. When did you see the object?

2 OCTOBER 1955
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

18
Hour

16
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 City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: _____

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

Hours

Minutes

30
Seconds

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One): a. Bright daylight
b. Dull daylight
c. Bright twilight

d. Just a trace of daylight
e. No trace of daylight
f. Don't remember

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, 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

8. IF you saw the object, at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, 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. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle One):

☒ a. Yes

b. No

c. Don't remember

10. IF it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?:

(Circle One) a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?

b. Several blocks away?

☒ c. A block away?

d. Several yards away?

e. Other

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

e. Change brightness?

☒ Yes

No

Don't Know

f. Change shape?

Yes

☒ No

Don't Know

g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate?

Yes

☒ No

Don't Know

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

(Circle One):

Yes

☒ No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved in front of: _____

14. Did the object appear: (Circle One):

a. Solid?

b. Transparent?

☒ c. 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 BLUE - WHITE

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: Fairly certain

(Circle One): a. Fuzzy or blurred

☒ b. Like a bright star

c. Sharply outlined

d. Don't remember

e. Other _____

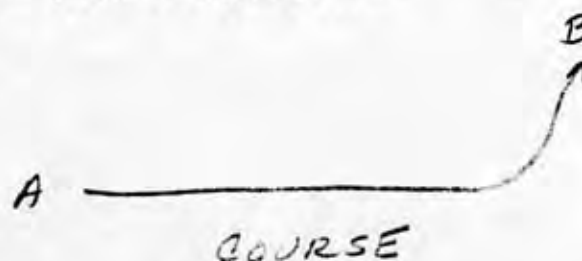
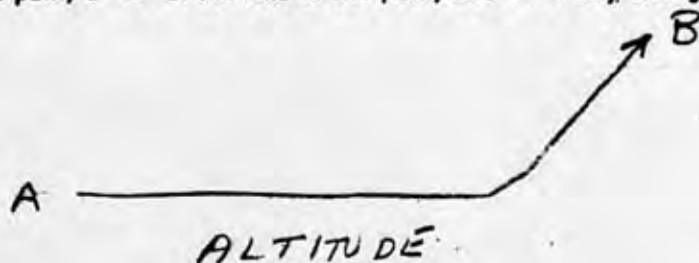
19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? _____

Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

Could it have been like 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.

Handwritten notes:
 The sky was very dark
 and the object was very bright

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.



21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.
_____ feet. UNABLE

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects held in the hand and at about arm's length?

(Circle One):

- a. Head of a pin
- b. Pea
- c. Dime
- d. Nickel
- e. Quarter
- f. Half dollar

g. Silver dollar

- ☒ h. Baseball
- i. Grapefruit
- j. Basketball
- k. Other _____

- 22.1 (Circle One of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.

- a. Certain
- ☒ b. Fairly certain

- c. Not very sure
- d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? GRADUALLY AWAY IN
THE DISTANCE

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? 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.

The only thing it resembled was a so called "shooting star" or meteor.

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
- 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. Flying 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?

Flying as Capt. on a Colonial Airlines Trip.

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 | c. East | ☒ e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

28.2 How fast were you moving? 170 (APPROX) 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 | c. East | ☒ e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

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

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

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

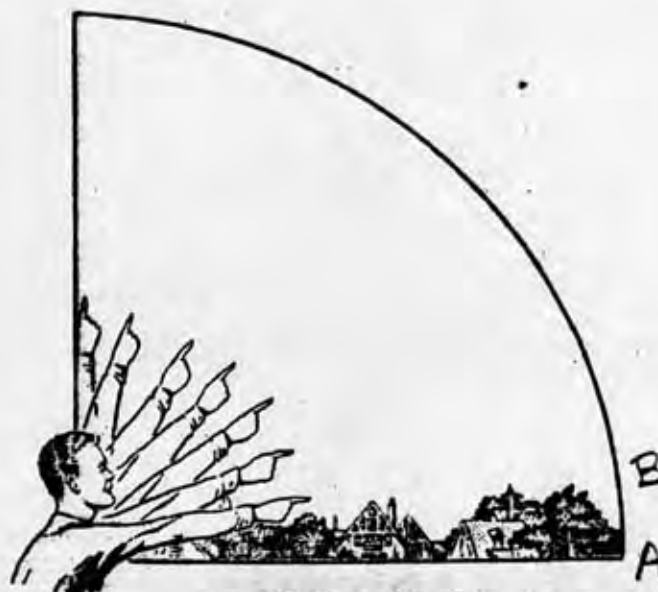
31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 180° degrees.
- b. From horizon 0° degrees.

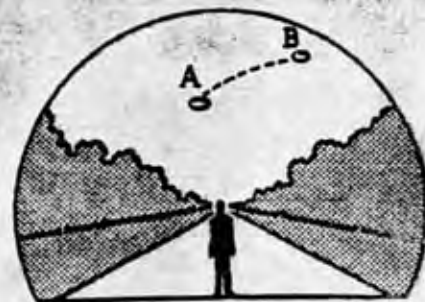
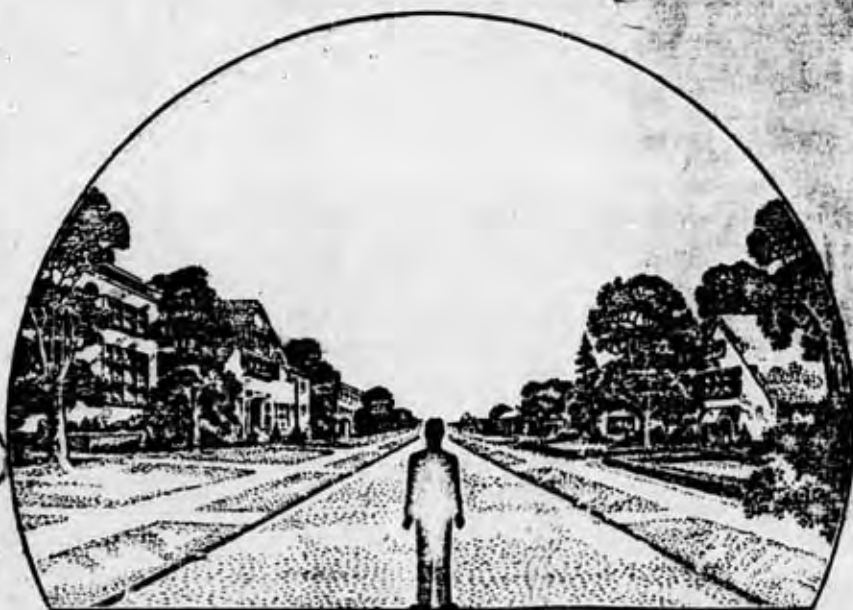
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 140° degrees.
- b. From horizon 10° 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?

34.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

- ☒ a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds
- e. Don't remember

34.2 WIND (Circle One)

- a. No wind
- ☒ b. Slight breeze
- c. Strong wind
- d. Don't remember

34.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

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

34.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- a. Cold
- ☒ b. Cool
- c. Warm
- d. Hot
- e. Don't remember

35. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

2 OCT. 1955
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:

FIRST OFFICER

~~REDACTED~~

COLONIAL AIRLINES
INC. N.Y. N.Y.

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

(Circle One) ☒ Yes No

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?

DO NOT KNOW

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

(Circle One) ☒ Yes ☐ No

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

170 to infinity m.p.h.

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? _____ feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

[REDACTED]
Last Name

[REDACTED]
First Name

[REDACTED]
Middle Name

ADDRESS

[REDACTED]
Street

HUNTINGTON
City

[REDACTED]
Zone

N.Y.
State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

[REDACTED]

What is your present job? AIRLINE CAPTAIN

Age

33

Sex

MALE

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

☒ a. Grade school _____

☐ e. e. Technical school _____

☐ b. High school _____

(Type) _____

☒ c. College _____

f. Other special training MILITARY

d. Post graduate _____

IN AAF DURING

2nd WORLD WAR

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

2nd
Day

November
Month

1955
Year

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

(Please Print)

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

SIGNATURE

DATE

11/2/55

Was enroute LGA at 6000 ft on
Blue airway 18 at the afore mentioned
time, when out of the corner of my
eye I noticed what appeared to
be a very bright meteor or shooting
star. As I called it to the attention
of my co-pilot it reduced its speed
to that of ours and paralleled our course,
for roughly 15 seconds. It then took
off in a southeasterly direction and
gained altitude at a seemingly
infinite speed finally disappearing from
sight, in approx another 15 sec.
time interval. - next page -

Although I'm not at all
certain what it was, I am
reasonably certain it was not a
star, jet or conventional aircraft
or an illusion. I tried unsuccessfully
to contact Air Defense radar
in hopes they might track this
object.