

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

27/10052

DATE 27 July 50	LOCATION Wiesbaden, Germany	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
DATE-TIME GROUP Local	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
GMT 1805Z Day	<input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-intercept Radar	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE M11	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 Min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE Unk.

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING  
 Resembled an auto headlight.  
 Slight oscillation.

11. COMMENTS  
*Insuff Data*



Jul 50 **LT COL HEARN - T**  
**UNCLASSIFIED**

COUNTRY: **USA-MATS** REPORT NO: **IR-248-50** **222061**  
**AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT**

SUBJECT: **Unidentified Aerial Object Sighting on 27 July 1950 in Germany**  
AREA REPORTED ON: **Germany** FROM: **Intelligence Division, Hq MATS**  
DATE OF REPORT: **30 August 1950** Andrews AF Base, Washington 25, D. C.  
PREPARED BY: **[Redacted], Captain, USAF** USAF Airman **2641**  
DATE OF INDENTURE: **27 July 1950** EVALUATION: **B-3**

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List references at end of report. Report of report in 15 words or less.)

1. The Intelligence Officer, 1602d Air Transport Wing, Wiesbaden Air Base, Wiesbaden, Germany, reports that [Redacted] a member of the 1602d Air Transport Wing, sighted an unidentified aerial object in the sky to the west of Wiesbaden Air Base. [Redacted] submitted the following report on the sighting:

"At 1850Z, while sitting on the porch of the MATS barracks\*, I observed an object in the western sky at an approximate bearing of 315 degrees true and approximately 45 degrees vertically, well above the sun which was low in the sky. The body resembled an automobile headlight tilted so that a portion of its under elliptical surface was visible with no motion other than a slight oscillation of its lateral axis. At approximately 1851Z, I called Pfc R. M. Grisillo, sitting near me, and requested that he observe the sunlight being reflected from the body and its lack of motion. Grisillo exclaimed, 'It's a flying saucer!' At 1854Z I observed an almost simultaneous acceleration and disappearance of the object."

\* It is presumed that the barracks are located on Wiesbaden Air Base.

2. The Intelligence Officer states that [Redacted] description of the object was substantially the same as Sergeant Pretko's. Neither of the airmen observed any means of propulsion and neither could state the direction taken prior to the object's disappearance.

3. The two control tower operators who were on duty at Wiesbaden Air Base at the time of the sighting were contacted. Neither had observed anything unusual during their period of duty. One of the operators, however, stated that from their position in the tower, in relation to the sun's rays, it would have been difficult for them to discern an object on the described bearing.

**DOWNGRADED AT 3 YEAR INTERVALS;  
DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS.  
DOD DIR 5200.10**

APPROVED:

**WILLIAM L. TRAVIS**  
Lt Colonel, USAF  
Chief, Intelligence  
Division

**A. G. LOVE**  
Captain, USAF

DISTRIBUTION BY ORIGINATOR

**UNCLASSIFIED**

**CONFIDENTIAL**



### PLANE SAFE WHEN HIT BY 'FLYING SAUSAGE'

By The United Press.  
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., July 30—  
Pilot Jim Graham said today that  
a "flying sausage" collided with  
his plane and "exploded like a  
bomb" but caused no damage.

Mr. Graham, chief pilot for the  
Capital Aviation Company here,  
was flying to Springfield from Chi-  
cago last night when he sighted  
the object as he flew over Wil-  
liamsville, just north of here.

He said the object was a "blue  
streak about ten feet long and  
shaped like a sausage." He said it  
was trailing yellow fire.

The object, which was slightly  
above his plane, dived suddenly and  
ploughed into his propeller.

"It exploded like a bomb when it  
struck," he said.

Mr. Graham managed to stay on  
course and landed at Capital Air-  
port here. He expected to find his  
plane extensively damaged, he  
said, but a thorough inspection  
showed nothing amiss.

Several other Springfield resi-  
dents reported seeing the "flying  
sausage." One woman said she and  
her husband were sitting on their  
porch and saw it pass over Spring-  
field.

"It was making a popping  
noise," she said.

Observers at the Weather Bu-  
reau said the only explanation  
they could offer was that the ob-  
ject might have been a meteor that  
appeared to hit Mr. Graham's plane  
but exploded right in front of it.  
They said they did not see the ob-  
ject.

N.Y. TIMES  
31 JULY 1950