

PROJECT MOON RECORD CARD

1. DATE 17 Feb 52	2. LOCATION ROSWELL, NM MEXICO	3. CONCLUSIONS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Very Brilliant <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical - Meteor <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
4. OBSERVATIVE GROUP 17/0845 MST 17/0845	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Vision <input type="checkbox"/> From Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> From Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> From Rocket <input type="checkbox"/> From Satellite	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE AF Pilot & Bomb.	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COLOR <input type="checkbox"/> Red <input type="checkbox"/> Orange <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow <input type="checkbox"/> Green <input type="checkbox"/> Blue <input type="checkbox"/> Purple <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Black <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Greenish blue fireball, estimated to be approx three feet in diameter with a long tail, observed from an a/c at 15,000' for a period of 2 seconds.	11. COMMENTS Observer did not state the direction the object was traveling but it is believed that object was on a downward course.	

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This Clipping From  
RICHMOND, VA.  
NEWS-LEADER

APR 18 1952

FLYING SAUCER THEORY EXPLODED:  
**MYSTERY OF BALL OF FIRE SOLVED**

By JAMES ELLIOTT

Remember that blazing ball of fire that streaked across the skies of Virginia and North Carolina in February?

At the time, the phenomenon stirred many an imagination into thoughts of flying saucers. And recent disclosures by the Air Force that there might be something, after all, to those saucer sorties, raised a few more eyebrows.

Despite those anxieties and revelations, however, you can rest assured that the gyrating, detonating fireball of February 18 was not mysterious.

In a report made to The News

Leader today, the American Meteor Society disclosed that the aerial flash definitely was a meteor.

And by taking astronomical data, and adding a few mathematical calculations, the society can tell you just about anything you would like to know about the meteor.

**BASED ON 100 ACCOUNTS**

The data is based on more than 100 accounts by persons in both States who saw the brilliant flash.

It first came into sight when it was 73 miles in the air, the report noted. From that point, two miles south of Buffalo City, N. C.,

it rocketed through the sky at an estimated 26 1/2 miles a second for 106 miles before burning out over Virginia, about 12 miles above a point six miles east and one mile north of Fox Hill, Elizabeth City County, over lower Chesapeake Bay.

Its remains, if any, apparently fell into the bay, the report said, and no fragments have been discovered.

The meteor left a train of smoke cloud, said the report, that lasted fully 15 minutes before dissipating.

"Had the fireball appeared at night," the report continued, "it would truly have been terrifying from its brilliancy." The fireball flashed into sight at 11:31 A. M., and was visible to residents of the States despite the clear night.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON

THE INSPECTOR GENERAL  
THE DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION  
ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, ROBINS FIELD, GEORGIA

FILE NO: 24-40  
SUBJECT: MEXICAN SIGHTING

TO: District Commander  
5th Air Force (100)  
Wright-Patterson AFB  
Dayton, Ohio

1. In accordance with your request of 27 February 1952, forwarded herewith are newspaper clippings taken from the latter North Carolina newspapers concerning the sighting of meteors.
2. Also attached are results of interviews in the city of Charlotte, N. C. in regard to these meteoric sightings.

1855 E. WALKER  
Lt. Colonel, USAF  
District Commander

1. Clipping (The Charlotte N. C. News, 6th Feb 52)
2. Clipping (The Charlotte N. C. News, 6th 19 Feb 52)
3. Clipping (The Charlotte Observer, 6th 19 Feb 52)
4. Rpt of Interviews

SUBJECT: MICHIGAN STRIKINGS  
DATE OF INVESTIGATION: 27 February 1952

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Interviews in the city of Charlotte, North Carolina and Mecklenburg County, North Carolina revealed numerous persons who had witnessed a small meteorite on 15 February 1952 at 11:50 hours. All persons interviewed stated substantially the same in that they described the meteorite as being a ball of fire about the size of a tennis ball, orange to red in color and trailed by a white-bluish trail of smoke. They all stated the course of the meteorite was North West and that it was falling very fast from heights described as from being 10,000 to 50,000 feet. They revealed that the meteorite was only in sight three seconds at the most as it was travelling at a very great speed.

MR. JAMES H. BOND, United States Weather Bureau, Charlotte, North Carolina, revealed the weather at 11:50 hours on 15 February as follows:

Temperature	50 degrees
Dew Point	23 degrees
Relative Humidity	74 per cent
Visibility	15 miles plus
Wind	West-Northwest at 3 miles per hour

MR. BOND further revealed that the day had been bright and sunny with a light gust in the air.

MAJOR H. HENCO, USAF, Charlotte, North Carolina Army, Civil Air Patrol, Charlotte, North Carolina, informed that he had received numerous reports of the meteorite sighting at 11:50 hours on 15 February 1952. MAJOR HENCO stated that some of the reports were first given as a plane crash and that the Civil Air Patrol and the North Carolina State Police had investigated these reports with negative results. MR. HENCO further revealed that his office had received reports from the following locations: Bucks County, and Van Hook, South Carolina, Charlotte, Farmville, Hickory, Greensboro, Winston-Salem and Sparta, North Carolina. MR. HENCO informed that when investigation was discontinued when it was determined by their investigation, searches and interviews that there had been no plane crash, but it had been a meteorite that had been sighted.

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## Greensboro Man Reports Meteor

GREENSBORO — An explosion of a bright meteorite took place east of Greensboro, Rich Point air base was reported today by J. J. Miller, meteorologist of the United States Weather Bureau here.

Miller said he had heard an unexplained report that the explosion was a plane exploding at high altitude but he discounted the theory.

Miller said the explosion occurred at 11:33 A. M. He estimated the height of the falling body at 40,000 to 50,000 feet and the distance away from the airport at 100 miles or more.

Several persons employed in the Weather Bureau say the phenomenon in their opinion was not like any reported coming from the vicinity of any of the planes.

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# It Was A Heavenly Day Featured By Explosion

GREENSBORO (AP) — The blast caused when a huge meteorite exploded in North Carolina skies has been set off among their friends had crashed near Wilmington and Salisbury.

J. P. Molen of the U. S. Weather Bureau here said that a meteorite had exploded 100 miles or more north-northwest of Greensboro at a height of 20,000 to 30,000 feet.

A history spanning 100 miles northwest of here, two men saw

a flash of light streak across the sky. Mayo Haines and Lee Gandy said it looked like a red hot stone with a long tail.

A meteorite also streaked into view in Virginia, where it was seen at Hopewell and Parrot.

A heavy rumbling explosion shook the Norfolk Portsmouth area of Virginia before noon. Authorities here reported that

debris had crashed but found no

# The Charlotte Observer

A Friend To Everybody Is A Friend To Nobody

1962 CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA TUESDAY MORNING FEBRUARY 13 6

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## Big Meteorite Is Witnessed In Charlotte

Hundreds of Charlottons at 11:30 a.m. yesterday witnessed the explosion of a huge, flaming meteorite which streaked across the South, on its way setting off a wild chain of rumors involving crashing airplanes, flying munitions and secret weapons.

J. P. Molen of the U. S. Weather Bureau in Greensboro said the meteorite exploded 100 miles north-west of Greensboro at a height of approximately 50,000 feet. In Richmond, Va., a housewife reported seeing the object which appeared to be a ball of fire as big as a basketball trailing a long tail of flames, and in North Carolina's Swain County in the northwestern part of the state, a farmer said "Everything came over my house and landed on another side of the hill."

A Charlotte newspaperman told Meteorite News objects which he said resembled "A football stuck to the horizon, set on fire and tossed high into the air." A local airline pilot said he had declared that it went too far to be an airplane.

### RUMORS FLY

The Weather Bureau in its Municipal Airport was deluged with calls from persons who had witnessed the phenomenon. Some reported the crashing of a jet plane. Similar reports were received throughout the state to put the Civil Aeronautic Authority, the State Highway Patrol and other agencies on the run to determine the accuracy of reports.

Estimates of the flaming object's size ranged from that of a tennis ball to that of a five-room house. There was speculation of a secret weapon, or a guided missile following a heavy, smoldering explosion in the Norfolk-Ferndale area.

It was generally agreed by meteorologists, however, that the object seen at all points in Charlotte, Western North Carolina, in coastal areas and Virginia was a meteorite. It is rare that meteorites are seen in daylight and even rarer that they fail to burn out before striking the earth. It had not been established if the Norfolk-Ferndale Norfolk explosion was related to the meteorite's fall.

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POSSIBILITIES OF ANY OF THEIR ACFT OR BALLOONS BEING IN THE  
STOCKTON-LODI AREA BETWEEN 2300 HRS AND 2400 HRS 23 FEB52.  
STATEMENT AND DESCRIPTION OF SIGHTING BY CREW OF 2D ACFT FR  
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20 FEB 52  
MT DIABLO, CALIF  
BALLOON

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 6

DATE: 20 Feb 52

TIME (Local): 2330

LOCATION: Stockton, Calif.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: Unknown

SOUND: Unknown

SPEED: Unknown

ALTITUDE: 9,000' (Est)

HEADING: 90°

SOURCE: AF Pilots

ACTION OR COMMENTS: No conclusions. No investigation due to time lapse since report.

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Two aircraft pilots observed object described as "locomotive headlight" at same altitude as a/c. Object accelerated and climbed after crossing path of a/c. Possibility of other aircraft in area was negative. No radar returns. ~~SECRET~~

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM: Wing Intelligence Officer 3535th Bn. Ing. Wing, Mather Air Force Base, California	REPORT NO. <b>OW 7-2-52</b>	PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES
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**Description:**

Pilots sighted an unidentified object flying at approximately the same altitude as their aircraft. No specific shape could be determined. The only noticeable feature was a bright light much like the headlight of a locomotive except the object projected no beam but seemed to glow within itself. No aerodynamic features were noted and the object left no visible trail or exhaust. The method of propulsion could not be determined by either pilot. No sound was heard from the object.

**Path of Flight:**

The object approached the observers' aircraft from a northerly direction on an apparent collision course. The object was at the same altitude as the observers' aircraft and from a distance of fifteen (15) to twenty (20) miles the object appeared to be fifteen (15) inches in diameter. It did not appear to have any set course as it variably approached and receded from the observing aircraft. During these moments the object appeared to grow dimmer as it receded and brighter as it approached the aircraft. After crossing in front of the observing aircraft at a distance of approximately seven (7) miles at an approximate speed of one hundred eighty (180) miles per hour, it suddenly turned to an easterly heading, accelerated rapidly to an estimated eight hundred (800) miles per hour and disappeared, climbing at an angle of thirty (30) degrees. One of the observers, formerly a navigator and familiar with celestial bodies, definitely stated that the object was not a star, planet or meteor. Source further stated that the stars were clearly visible at all times and the object could be seen to cross the sky between the observers and the stars.

**Weather Conditions:**

Weather in the area at the time of observation: Temperature twelve (12) degrees centigrade; Visibility unlimited; broken stratus at eight thousand (8,000) feet; Winds aloft report - eight thousand (8000) feet two hundred sixty (260) degrees at eight (8) knots, ten thousand (10,000) feet two hundred eighty (280) degrees at fifteen (15) knots, twelve thousand (12,000) feet two hundred eighty (280) degrees at twenty five (25) knots. No known meteorological or other conditions or activities during observing time which would cause any disturbance in that area were found. A hailstorm earlier in the evening left a very clear sky.

**COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:**

No other physical evidence is available (fragments or photographs) to confirm sighted object. Both observers are rated pilots with a good amount of flying experience. The evaluation of this report is twofold as another aircraft also reported the sighting of this object. Upon direction of the Commanding Officer, Mather Air Force Base, the preparing officer proceeded to Hamilton Air Force Base, California, to interview jet pilots on the feasibility that the aforementioned object could be the result of a jet afterburner. The results of this interview were negative. A check with the Aircraft Control and Warning system of Mather Air Force Base on a possible tracking was also negative.

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COUNTRY United States		REPORT NO. GWT-2-52	(LEAVE BLANK) 428595
<b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>			
SUBJECT Unconventional Aircraft Sighting			
AREA REPORTED ON Stockton, California, U.S.A.		FROM (Agency) Wing Intelligence Office 3535th Emb. Tng. Wing, Mather AFB, California	
DATE OF REPORT 29 February 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 20 February 1952	EVALUATION B-3	
PREPARED BY (Officer) FRED E. WARNER, Captain, USAF		SOURCE (See Summary)	
REFERENCES (Control number, director, previous report, etc., as applicable)			

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)

Interrogation of Captain GATTON, Pilot, and Major RIORDAN, Co-pilot of B-25 #8807 on 20 February 1952. On this date while flying at an altitude of nine thousand (9,000) feet with an air speed of one hundred sixty (160) miles per hour, the aforementioned officers sighted an unconventional aircraft, approximately five (5) miles west of Stockton California (37-54' 30"N - 121-21' 30"W). Time of sighting was 2330 hours Pacific Standard Time.

APPROVED:

*Fred E. Warner*  
FRED E. WARNER  
Captain USAF  
Wing Intelligence Officer

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MARCH 1951 THE FOLLOWING REPORT IS SUBMITTED ON AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING

OBJECT AERIAL PHENOMENA SIGHTED BY PERSONNEL FLYING IN B-29 AIRCRAFT

9698 ON 17 FEBRUARY 1952 PD AT APPROXIMATELY 0845Z AIRCRAFT WAS FLYING

AT A SPEED OF 192 TAS AT 12000 FT AT 3315N 10410W IN A SOUTHEASTERLY

DIRECTION AN A TRUE HEADING OF ABOUT 120 DEGREES PD AT THIS TIME CMA

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### AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency) Wing Intelligence Officer Mather Air Force Base, California	REPORT NO.  GTL 3-52	PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES
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Pilots sighted an unidentified object which at first was believed to be a plane with one (1) landing light on or with a bright light in the nose. Object first appeared to be between Stockton and Sacramento, California. As the object approached the aircraft it appeared to become larger, brighter and more yellow in color. As the object passed in front of the observing aircraft the pilot stated that it was definitely not another aircraft.

**Path of Flight:**

Object first came into view on an apparent collision course from a northerly direction. At this time observing aircraft was at an altitude of nine thousand (9,000) feet over Mt. DIABLO, California. Object continued on an apparent collision course for approximately eight (8) minutes during which time it climbed from nine thousand (9,000) feet to approximately eleven thousand (11,000) feet where it seemed to pick up speed, veer in an easterly direction and was lost from sight as observing aircraft made a turn towards Sacramento California. Object was not sighted again as observing aircraft left the area for a simulated bomb run on Mather Air Force Base.

**Weather Conditions:**

Weather in the area at the time of observation: Temperature twelve (12) degrees centigrade, visibility unlimited; broken stratus at eight thousand (8,000) feet. Winds aloft report: eight thousand (8,000) feet, eight (8) knots at two hundred sixty (260) degrees; ten thousand (10,000) feet, fifteen (15) knots at two hundred eighty (280) degrees and twelve thousand feet, twenty five (25) knots at two hundred eighty (280) degrees. No known meteorological or other conditions prevalent during time of observation existed. A hailstorm earlier in the evening left very clear skies.

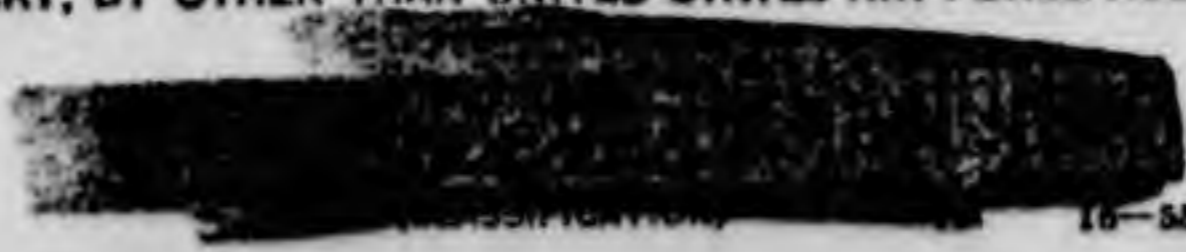
**Comments:**

No physical evidence is available (fragments or photographs) to confirm sighting. Both observers are rated pilots with a good amount of flying experience. The evaluation of this report is twofold as another aircraft also reported the sighting of this object.



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COUNTRY United States	REPORT CLASSIFIED REF 3-52	(LEAVE BLANK)
<b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>		
SUBJECT Unconventional Aircraft Sighting		
AREA REPORTED ON Stockton California	FROM (Agency) Wing Intelligence Officer Mather Air Force Base, California	
DATE OF REPORT 29 February 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 20 February 1952	EVALUATION 3-2
PREPARED BY (Officer) FRED E. WARNER, Capt., USAF Wing Intelligence Officer		
REFERENCES (Control number, direction previous report, etc., as applicable) (See Summary)		

SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)

Interrogation of Captain MONTGOMERY, Richard J. AO 696789, United States Air Force and Captain WATKINS, John Paul, AO 780451. Captain's WATKINS and MONTGOMERY were pilot and co-pilot of B-25 aircraft number 3820. Subject officers sighted an unconventional type aircraft after completing a practice radar bomb run off of Pittsburg, California. Aircraft was at eight thousand feet (8,000) on a heading of eighty two (82) degrees preparing to make a turn to a heading of seventy two (72) degrees toward Stockton when sighting was made.

20 FEB 52

MT. DIABLO, CALIF.

Time 11:30 P.M. local time  
Date of obs - Feb. 20, 1952.

BALLOON

Possibly balloon?  
- wind conditions  
- slight rises  
- seems to hang in front of plane as in collision course

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APPROVED:

*Fred E. Warner*  
FRED E. WARNER  
Capt., in USAF  
Wing Intelligence Officer

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) DIRECTION AN A TRUE HEADING OF ABOUT 120 DEGREES PD AT THIS TIME CMA  
) THE AIRCRAFT COMMANDER CMA THE INSTRUCTOR PILOT AND THE BOMBARDIER ALL  
) VISUALLY SIGHTED A BALL OF GREENISH BLUE FIRE LIGHT APPROXIMATELY 3 FT  
) IN DIAMETER CMA APPROXIMATELY 1 MILE AHEAD TF AIRCRAFT AND AT ABOUT  
) 15000 FT ALTITUDE PD OBJECT APPEARED TO BE TRAVELING IN A SOUTHEASTER  
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) DIRECTION ON A STRAIGHT LINE TRAJECTORY CMA AND WAS ONLY IN SIGHT FOR  
) APPROXIMATELY 2 SECONDS PRIOR TO DISAPPEARING PD OBSERVERS STATEE THAT  
) IT DID NOT APPEAR TO BE A METEOR AND THAT OBJECT DID NOT HAVE STREAMERS  
) OF SPARKS COMMONLY ASSOICATEE WITH METEORS PD INSTRUCTOR PILOT CMA A  
) SQUADRON COMMANDER CMA AND OTHER OBSERVERS ARE ALSO EXPERIENCED AIR CREW  
) MEMBERS WITH EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE PD ALL OBSERVERS WERE IN NOSE SECTION  
) OF AIRCRAFT AND AIRCRAFT WAS ON LET-DOWN TO WALKER RANGE STATION AT  
) COMPLETION OF ELEVEN HOURS AND 15 MINUTES OF FLYING TIME PD WEATHER  
) SEQUENCES AT WALKER AFB AT 0330Z WERE CLEAR CMA 15 MILES VISIBILITY  
) CMA SEA LEAPEL PRESSURE 1010.8 MILLIBARS IMA TEMP 34 DEGREES F CMA  
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TO ATIAA - 2C RUPPELT FROM AFOIN - /TC FOURNET

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

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19 Feb 52  
CSAF ITEM 1  
ATIAA

FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM CGSAC,  
THEIR CABLE FLICON 121, DATED 17 FEB 52,  
WHICH IN TURN RELAYED MESSAGE RECEIVED  
FROM COARIRDIV 47, WALKER AFB NEW MEXICO,  
LATTER'S NO. 6DOI 385. MESSAGE AS FOLLOWS FOR  
YOUR INFORMATION AND ACTION:

**ACTION**

1. ZIPPO. 2. B-3 3. 6 BW
4. CAPT CALVIN W. PARKER AO-793827 AND  
LT COL WILLIAM E RIGGS 8499A,
5. AIRCRAFT COMMANDER AND OBSERVER, 6. 9698
7. 0845Z 17 FEB 52, 8. 3315N-10410W, → 25 miles SE  
Roswell N.Mex.
9. 12,000FEET,
10. APPROX 1 MILE AHEAD AT AIRCRAFT, 11. 15,000FEET,
12. UNUSUAL AERIAL PHENOMENA AT 0845Z 17

FEB THE AIRCRAFT WAS AT 3315-N-1041W AT 12,000FEET.

AT THIS TIME THE PILOT SEIGHTED A BALL OF  
GREEN BLUE FIRE LIGHT APPROX 3 FEET IN DIAMETER,  
WITH A TAIL OF 15 TO 20 FEET. STARTING  
AT APPROX 15,000FEET ALTITUDE THE BALL PASSED  
ABOUT 1 MILE AHEAD OF THE AIRCRAFT. THE  
BALL STAYED IN SIGHT ABOUT 2 SECONDS.

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 1

DATE: 17 Feb 52

TIME (Local): 0145

LOCATION: Roswell, N. Mex.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 2 Sec.

SOUND: None

SPEED: Unknown

ALTITUDE: Above

HEADING: 135°

SOURCE: B-29 crew members

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Green fireball phenomena. No conclusions..

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Greenish-blue ball of fire was observed by a B-29 crew.

HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION <b>UNCLASSIFIED</b>	FILE NO. 24-60	DATE 29 FEB 1952
	REPORT MADE BY PELHAM R BURNETT, S/A	SV
	REPORT MADE AT DO #21, Langley AFB	
	PERIOD 27 February 1951	
	OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB	
TITLE  AERIAL OBJECT (Unidentified) Norfolk, Virginia 18 February 1952	STATUS REFERRED UPON COMPLETION	

CHARACTER  
SPECIAL INQUIRY

REFERENCE  
NONE - This is an initial report

SYNOPSIS

Investigation requested telephonically by Special Agent JAMES T BOYCE, DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio. Unidentified aerial object was reported to have exploded near Norfolk and subsequent investigation under jurisdiction of United States Coast Guard resulted in determination that the aerial object was a meteorite which exploded when entering the earth's atmosphere.

*18 FEB 52  
VA  
ASTRO METEOR*

**18 FEB 52**

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DETAILS:

1. This investigation was initiated by the telephonic request of Special Agent JAMES T BOYCE, DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio. This district was requested to investigate reports that a "ball of fire" was sighted near Norfolk, Virginia by Mr [REDACTED] of the U.S. Weather Bureau.

AT NORFOLK, VIRGINIA

2. On 27 February 1951 inquiry at the Offices of the United States Weather Bureau, revealed that the only person known as [REDACTED] was [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Weather Bureau's Greensboro, North Carolina Office. Weather Bureau personnel advised that the sighting of an unidentified aerial object had been investigated by the U. S. Coast Guard at Norfolk on 18 February 1952.

3. On 27 February 1951, contact with Lt EARL REINHARDT of the U. S. Coast Guard, revealed that their office had acted as the coordinating agency for an air search and investigation following receipt of a report that a "jet plane" had exploded in flight over Whaleyville, Virginia at about 1145 hours 18 February 1952. Review of the Coast Guard log book revealed the following sequence of events:

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1155 hours - Received call from Langley AFB that a Mr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED] at Whaleyville, Va. reported he saw a jet aircraft explode over Whaleyville at 1145 hours. Immediately vectored all available Air Force, Navy and Coast Guard aircraft to the scene and started search of Dismal Swamp area. A Mrs [REDACTED] called from Holland, Va. and reported seeing a white flash above her at 1145 and saw pieces falling to the ground. Preliminary reports from Air Search negative. Helicopter landed and interviews with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] revealed no further information.

1500 hours - Norfolk CAA reports that pilot of Eastern Air Lines Flight 602 reported that he was climbing on a south heading just south of Lake Drummond on the Virginia State line and noticed a bright flash pass ahead and above his plane. Initial sighting was 80° above horizon and flash continued until it disappeared at a point off his left wing at about 20° above the horizon. A trail of black smoke was left in the wake of the flash. Pilot stated the sighting was "some kind of comet".

1501 hours - Norfolk and Richmond Seismographs reported a disturbance south of Norfolk between 1130 and 1200 hours.

1503 - Mr [REDACTED] at Norfolk Weather Bureau reports a deviation on his Seismograph at about 1100 hours and a pressure surge on the barograph at 1145 hours.

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1531 - Associated Press reported that the Weather Bureau at Greensboro reported sighting a meteorite which exploded approximately 100 miles North-North East of Greensboro at an altitude between 40,000' and 30,000'.

1552 - Captain HURST, District Intelligence Office, 5th Naval District, passed evaluation of incident as a meteorite sighting.

1600 - Air search terminated with negative report regarding sightings on ground."

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