

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <i>20 MARCH 1952</i>	2. LOCATION <i>CENTREVILLE, QUEEN ANNES COUNTY, MD.</i>	3. SOURCE <i>CIVILIAN (BUSINESS MAN)</i>	
4. TIME Local <i>2242</i> 8 <i>0942</i>	5. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <i>ONE</i>	6. SHAPE <i>SAUCER-SHAPED LIGHT</i>	7. COLOR <i>ORANGE-YELLOW</i>
8. COURSE <i>E</i>	9. ALTITUDE	10. ANGULAR VELOCITY <i>0</i> per second	11. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
12. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <i>GROUND VISUAL</i>	13. LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED <i>APPROX. 30 SECONDS</i>	14. MANEUVERS <i>HORIZONTAL PLANE, TWO VERTICAL JUMPS</i>	
15. CONCLUSIONS <i>No conclusions UNKNOWN</i>		16. COMMENTS <i>SOURCE WAS IN ARMY WIFE HAS FLOWN A LOT.</i>	

21 April '52.
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THE SIGHTING OF A FLYING SAUCER-TYPE OBJECT

Place Observed: Centerville, Queen Anne's ^{County} Md.
Date and Time: March 20, 1952 - 10:42 p. m.
Length of Time Object was in Sights: Approximately 30 seconds

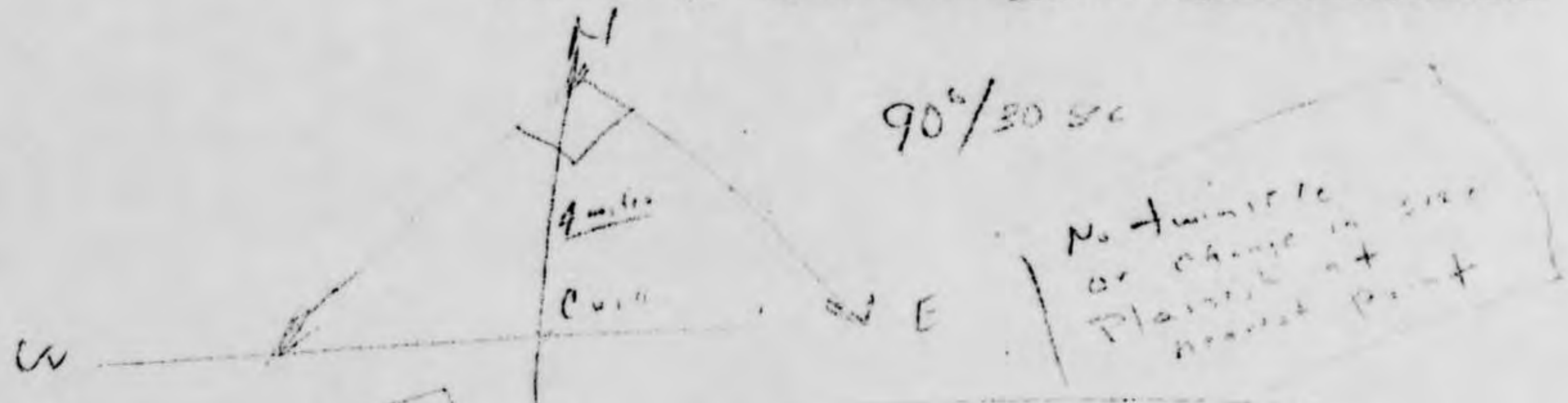
DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT:

An orange-yellow saucer shaped light, two or three times the size of the average wing light on an airplane. It was travelling about half-way between the horizon and zenith from the southwest to southeast at a very fast rate of speed, and twice it jumped vertically at an extremely fast speed and continued on at the higher level. Its upward jump did not appear to be very high. The object appeared to be near enough to hear some noise from it, if there was any, but no noise was heard.

In country - no sound - very clear night
No trail -

Q.V.

Observed by: [redacted] and [redacted]



No twinkling or change in size
Placed at nearest point

Round dull glow old-fashioned electric light bulb

Jumped Order of 2° - 12. posts

Disappeared behind trees

Definitely round not paper at light

Business Park ground
Army camp was I will
Flown a lot
all over world

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On 1 May 1952 Lt FJ. Ruppelt interviewed Mr. [REDACTED]. Three possibilities exist.

- a. aircraft
- b. meteor
- d. unknown

A. If it were a jet aircraft traveling 90° or 490mph in 30 seconds it would have been about 2 miles or $10,500'$ away from the source. At $10,000'$ the source would have heard the noise, he reported no sound.

If the object were 4 miles away, the distance at which the sound of an aircraft may not be heard under certain conditions the speed would have had to be 2 times 490 or 960mph which is higher than any known A/C speed. No A/C that would be over the Washington area at night.

B. The sudden climb would eliminate a meteor.

C. Therefore the object has not been identified by AFIC.

Report of Sighting

Mr. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED], Washington, D. C.,

[REDACTED]. The sighting took place at Centerville, Queen Anne's County, Md., on 20 March 1952 at 2242.

The object was described as a dull, orange-yellow, saucer-shaped light resembling an old-fashioned light bulb. The size of the light was twice to three times that of an ordinary a/c wing light.

The object was traveling very fast and seemed about five miles away from the observer halfway between the horizon and zenith.

The only maneuver performed by the object was twice jumping vertically a distance equal to what looked like a foot at that range. The jumping is similar in nature to the bounce of a basketball.