

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
1 Aug 52

2. LOCATION
TOKYO, JAPAN

12. CONCLUSIONS

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 01/2115 I

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

Ground-Visual
 Ground-Radar
 Air-Visual
 Air-Intercept Radar

Was Balloon
 Probably Balloon
 Possibly Balloon
 Was Aircraft
 Probably Aircraft
 Possibly Aircraft

5. PHOTOS
 Yes
 No

6. SOURCE
Japanese Engineer

Was Astronomical (METEOR)
 Probably Astronomical
 Possibly Astronomical

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
2-3 sec

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS & COURSE
1 and 2

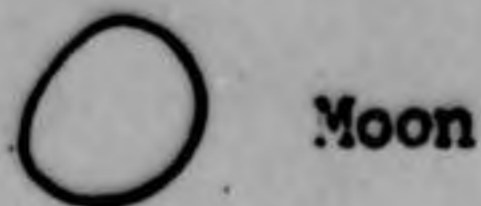
Other
 Insufficient Data for Evaluation
 Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

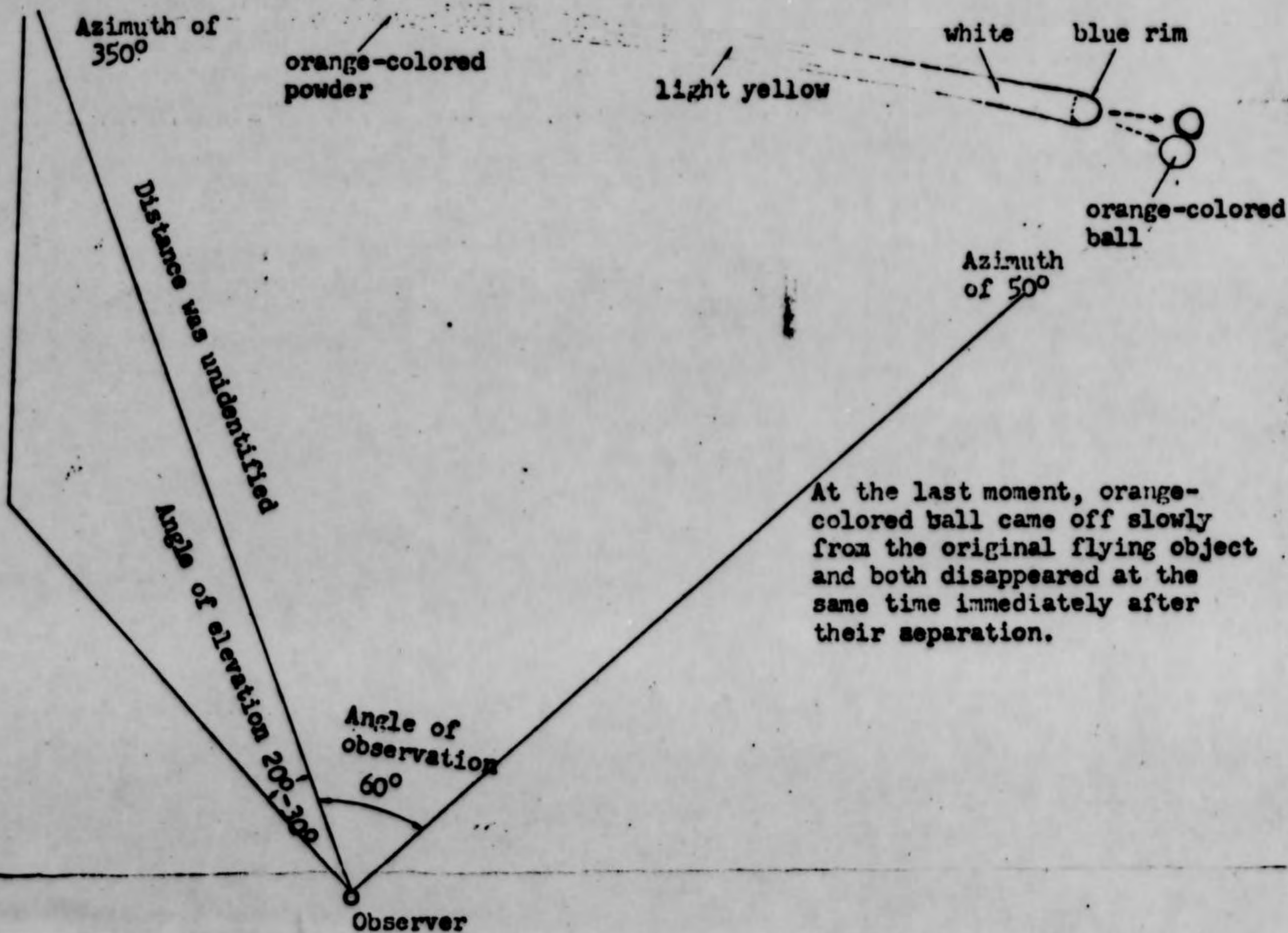
11. COMMENTS

Meteor, type object flashed across sky, separated into two parts.

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INCLOSURE #1



Appeared directly under
the moon



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- (6) Weather and Winds Aloft at Time of Sighting: The weather was fair, with a few clouds and moderate winds coming from South-west to North-east.
- (7) Other Conditions: The moon was shining brightly and was shaped like the one illustrated in the attached sketch.
- (8) Physical Evidence: None
- (9) Interception or Identification Action Taken: None
- (10) Location of any Air Traffic: The source did not know if there was any air traffic in the area.

COMMENTS OF PREPARING OFFICER:

It is the opinion of the various Geophysical and Solar Scientists of Japan, that the object observed by many individuals in the Tokyo Area was not man-made, but a natural phenomena, such as a meteor, etc.

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COMMENT OF THE APPROVING OFFICER:

The object as described was also seen by several persons from Headquarters FEAF. Observers felt that the object was definitely a meteorite.

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In accordance with Air Force Letter No. 200-5, subject: Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (Short Title: FLYOBJRPT), dated 29 April 1952, paragraph 7, sub-paragraph c, the following information is submitted;

(1) Description-

- Shape** - A baseball-shaped object with a light tail similar to that of a large shooting star.
- Size** - The object's size was as large as a standard base-ball. The size of the tail appeared longer than that of the usual shooting star and was as wide as the diameter of the ball-like object.
- Color** - When first observed, the color was light orange and yellow, but changed into white with a blue rim while flying, and at the last moment, changed to orange just prior to it separating into two (2) balls.
- Number of Objects** - One. However, at the last moment during observation, it separated into two (2) round objects.
- Speed** - The speed of the object was considered much more than that of the average speed of a jet aircraft.
- Sound** - There was no sound.
- Maneuver** - The object flew almost in a straight line, but had a slight curve from West to East horizontally.
- Manner of Disappearance** - At the last moment of observation, the object separated into two (2) balls of almost the same size as the original object. Both objects then flew in the same direction and disappeared at the same time.

(2) Time of Sighting - 9:15 P.M. (21:15 hrs), Tokyo Time, 1 August 1952.
Length of time observed: 2 or 3 seconds.

(3) Manner of Observation: Visual, from the earth's surface.

(4) Location of Observer During Sighting: In the Western Suburb of Tokyo, Japan.
Location of Object: The object flew from West to East horizontally, with a slight curve, and had an elevation angle of 20° to 30°, from horizontal.
The angle of observation was from an azimuth of 350° to 50°. Distance to the object could not be determined.

(5) Identifying Information of Observer: Mr. [REDACTED] a Japanese National who is very well known to members of this office, is a man with 15 years of civil engineering experience. This statement by Mr. [REDACTED] is considered by the undersigned officer to be very reliable, not only based on the information submitted by him, but that other people in the Tokyo Area also observed the object on the same evening, at the same time.

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DATE OF REPORT 9 August 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 1 August 1952	EVALUATION B-2
PREPARED BY (Initials) Jon T. Matsuo, 1st Lt. USAF ATILO	SOURCE Mr. [REDACTED], Japanese National	
REFERENCES (Control number, direction, or source report, etc., as applicable) Air Force Letter No. 200-5, dated 29 April 1952, subject: Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (Short Title: FLYOBREP)		

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

- This report contains information pertaining to an unidentified flying object observed passing over the Tokyo Area on the evening of 1 August 1952, at approximately 21:15 hours, Tokyo time.
- The source, Mr. [REDACTED], a Japanese National who is very well known to members of this office, is a man with 15 years civil engineering experience. This report by Mr. [REDACTED] is considered by the reporting officer to be very reliable, not only based on the information submitted by him, but that other people in the Tokyo Area also observed the object on the same evening, at the same time.

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- Sketch of observation

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