

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <p style="text-align: center;">17 Oct 52</p>	2. LOCATION <p style="text-align: center;">TAOS N MEX</p>		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>17/2115 MST</u> GMT <u>18/Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <p style="text-align: center;">2-3 sec</p>	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <p style="text-align: center;">1</p>	9. COURSE <p style="text-align: center;">SE</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING <p style="text-align: center;">Round, bright blue object moved in straight line at speed of 2500 mph.</p>		11. COMMENTS	

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SWORN STATEMENT

I, Warren J Eljenholm, 2nd Lt., USAF, AO 1861372, 34th Air Division (Def), Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, do hereby make the following statement:

On Friday evening 17 October 1952, at approximately 2115 MDT, I observed a strange object in the sky. While sitting in the Municipal Stadium, watching a local football game, I happened to look to the north and saw what appeared to be a very large meteor, the path of fall was almost vertical and toward magnetic north. The object gave off a bright bluish-green color, and emitted a sudden flash when it disappeared from view.

It is extremely difficult to describe the size of the object because, at the most, it was only in sight for two (2) seconds. It was, however, larger than the average falling star. The object appeared to burn itself out rather than fall from sight. This was borne out by the apparent flash at the end of the fall. Distance and speed were other factors of which it would be impossible to give an accurate estimate due to the lack of comparable size.

Warren J. Eljenholm
WARREN J ELJENHOLM
2nd Lt., USAF
AO 1861372

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 21st day of October 1952.

Sam Odenky
SAM ODENSKY
2nd Lt, USAF
Asst Adj Gen

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(1) ONE WND OBJ CMA BRIGHT BLUE IN COLOR CMA SOLID CMA MOVED IN A
STRAIGHT LINE FROM NORTHWEST TO SOUTHEAST CMA SPEED EST AT TWENTY
FIVE HUNDRED MPH AND SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED FROM SIGHT SOUTHEAST OF
CMA PD

(2) TIME OF SIGHTING CLN ZERO FOUR ONE FIVE ZEBRA PD VISUAL
SIGHTING FOR TWO TO THREE SECONDS PD DT 18 OCT 52 PD

(3) SIGHTED BY CMA WHILE DRIVING NORTH ON HWY EIGHTY FIVE TEN
MILES SOUTH OF TACS CMA NEW MEXICO PD

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EXR E S T R I T E D/AQG-CIN 12466 FLYOBRPT PD ATTN: ATIAA-2C WPAFB/

ATTN: DIR INTELLIGENCE HAMILTON AFB CALIF/

(1) ONE AND OBS CMA BRIGHT BLUE IN COLOR CMA SOLID CMA MOVED IN A STRAIGHT LINE FROM NORTHWEST TO SOUTHEAST CMA SPEED EST AT TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED MPH AND SUDDENLY DISAPPEARED FROM SIGHT SOUTHEAST OF

(2) TIME OF SIGHTING CLM ZERO FOUR ONE FIVE ZEBRA PD VISUAL SIGHTING FOR TWO TO THREE SECONDS PD DT 13 OCT 57 PD

(3) SIGHTED BY OBSR WHILE DRIVING NORTH ON HWY EIGHTY FIVE TEN MILES SOUTH OF TAOS CMA NEW MEXICO PD

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(4) OBSR DRIVING NORTH TEN MILES SOUTH OF TAOS CMA NEW MEXICO CMA THIRTY SIX DEGREES FIFTEEN MINUTES LAT ONE HUNDRED FIVE DEGREES FORTY MINUTES LONG PD OBJ APPEARED NORTHEAST OF OBSR AT AN EST ALT OF EIGHTEEN THOUSAND MSL AND AT A DIS OF TWENTY FIVE MILES PD

(5) RELIABILITY OF OBSR CONSIDERED EXCELLENT PD

(6) TRU (13) NEGATIVE PD END PD

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COUNTRY United States	REPORT NO. 112-2 W	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT		
SUBJECT		
AREA REPORTED ON Albuquerque, New Mexico	FROM (Agency) 1st Air Defense Force	
DATE OF REPORT 24 October 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 21 October 1952	EVALUATION 3-1
PREPARED BY (Signature)		SOURCE Visual Observation
REFERENCES (Cite report number, division, previous report no., as applicable)		

SUMMARY: (State 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.)

SUBJECT: FLYOBAPT

In accordance with AFI 200-5, dated 29 April 1952, Subject: Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting (Short Title: FLYOBAPT), the following report of Unidentified Flying Objects is submitted:

On 17 October 1952, Charles R Coble, Major, USAF, Richard D Volk, 1st Lt., USAF, William J. Arrowood, 2nd Lt., USAF, and Warren J. Eljenholm, 2nd Lt., USAF, stationed at Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, sighted an unusual aerial object north of the city of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

These sightings were made from different locations, which were as follows: Major Coble's sighting was made from approximately ten (10) miles south of Taos, New Mexico, and appeared to be approximately 25 miles northeast of the observer at an altitude of approximately eighteen thousand (18,000) feet MSL. The other observers were at the local football stadium and were watching the activities of the half time break when sighting the object. All sightings were made from 2110 to 2115 MPT.

APPROVED: *[Signature]*
JAMES D PARRISH
1st Lt., USAF
Director of Intelligence

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1. Sworn Statements

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FROM (Agency) 34th Air Division (Defense)	REPORT NO. IR-20-52 W	PAGE 1 OF 2 PAGES
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| (1) Shape: | Round |
| Size: | About the size of a Volley Ball |
| Color: | Bright Blue |
| Numbers: | One |
| Formation: | None |
| Maneuvers: | North to Northeast at a 45° angle |
| Manner of Disappearance: | Suddenly |
| Other Factors: | Negative |

- (2) 2110 MST, 17 October 1952. Length of observation 2 to 3 seconds.
- (3) Visual observation.
- (4) Ten miles south of Taos, New Mexico, on highway 85.
- (5) Observer's reliability is considered excellent. (Maj. Coble)
- (6) Visibility was unlimited. Winds were negative.
- (7) through (10) Negative

The information given above is true and correct to the best of the observer's ability and knowledge.

Comments of Preparing Officer: It is believed that this could be a meteor.

Gordon K Rendall
GORDON K RENDALL
 1st Lt., USAF
 Assistant Intelligence Officer

COMMENTS of Approving Officer: After investigation, it has been determined that this sighting could be accounted for by being a meteor. This object was observed by a large number of people not included in this report, due to the sighting receiving newspaper publicity. Local newspapers received many reports on this sighting which were carried in the paper before investigation could be initiated.

Glen D Parrish
GLEN D PARRISH
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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency)	REPORT NO.	PAGE	OF	PAGES
54th Air Division (Defense)	IR-20-52W	2	2	2

- (1) Shape: Round
- Size: Small
- Color: Bluish-Green
- Number: One
- Formation: None
- Maneuvers: Traveling southwest to northeast on a near vertical course
- Manner of Disappearance: Appeared to burn itself out
- (2) 2115 MST, 17 October 1952. Length of observation 2 to 3 seconds.
- (3) Visual observation.
- (4) Albuquerque, New Mexico, 35° North Latitude and 106°35' West Longitude.
- (5) Observers' reliability are considered excellent. (Lt's. Volk, Arrowood, and Eljenholm)
- (6) Visibility unlimited. Winds were negative.
- (7) through (10) Negative.

The information given above is true and correct to the best of the observers' ability and knowledge.

Comments of Preparing Officer: It is believed that this could be a meteor.

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SWORN STATEMENT

I, Charles R Coble, Major, USAF, AO 904573, 4910th Air Base Group, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, do hereby make the following statement:

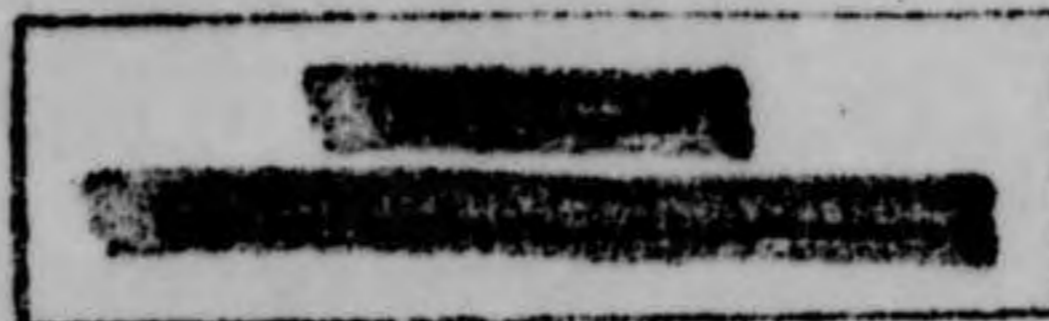
At approximately 1110 hours, on the night of 17 October 1952, while traveling into Taos, New Mexico, I observed from the car window, high in the sky, a large blue object about the size of a volley ball. This object was traveling from a north to a northeast direction at about a 45 degree angle, and was bright blue in color. I would estimate its speed at approximately 2,500 miles per hour, and was approximately 10,000 feet above the ground.

I would say that I observed the object for about 2 or 3 seconds, and it then disappeared.

Charles R. Coble
CHARLES R COBLE
Major, USAF
AO 904573

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 21st day of October 1952.

William J. Arrowood
WILLIAM J ARROWOOD
2nd.Lt., USAF
AO 1850521



SWORN STATEMENT

I, Richard D Volk, 1st Lt., USAF, AO 1903267, 34th Air Division (Def), Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, do hereby make the following statement:

On Friday evening 17 October 1952, at approximately 2110 hours MST, I observed a strange object in the sky. While watching a football game at Municipal Stadium, I noticed what appeared to be a very large meteor east of Albuquerque traveling north. The object was a bright blue-green, and falling very rapidly. It was only in view for about one (1) second, and it was not possible to estimate any speed. The object appeared to burn itself out rather than fall from sight.

Richard D Volk
RICHARD D VOLK
1st Lt., USAF
AO 1903267

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 23rd day of October 1952.

Sam Odensky
SAM ODENSKY
2nd Lt, USAF
Asst Adj Gen

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SWORN STATEMENT

I, William J. Arrowood, 2d Lieutenant, USAF, AO 1850521, 4910th Air Base Group, Kirtland AFB, New Mexico, do hereby make the following statement:

At about 2115 hours, 17 October 1952, I saw an object about the size of a football streak through the sky in a southwest to northeast direction. I was sitting in the public schools stadium in the city of Albuquerque, New Mexico at the time. I estimate the object to be traveling at a speed of over 2000 miles per hour and at an altitude of 30,000 feet. It seemed to me that this object was a meteorite and it was bright blue in color.

I would say that I observed the object for about 3 seconds, and it then disappeared.

William J. Arrowood
WILLIAM J. ARROWOOD
2d Lt, USAF
AO 1850521

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this 21st day of October 1952.

Charles R. Coble
CHARLES R. COBLE
Major, USAF
AO 904573

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