PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 12 Mar 54	2 LOCATION Scranton, Pennsylvania 4 TYPE OF OBSERVATION CROwnd-Visual D Ground-Radar D Air-Visual D Air-Intercept Radar Civilian		Was Balloon Probably Balloon Possibly Balloon Probably Balloon Probably Aircraft Probably Aircraft Probably Aircraft Probably Aircraft Probably Astronomical Possibly Astronomical
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7. LENSTH OF OBSERVATION 20-30 seconds	a. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	9. COURSE	Other
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- 1. 3YMOPSIE: A serenten, Pa., 16 March 1974 and addressed to the Screnton, Pa. Detechment of the 3d District OSI (ID) USAF, the sighting of an unidentified flying object on 12 Moret 1976 at about 1960 bours in the vicinity of the 1900 block of May Mag Avenue, Serenten, Fe. The Pres intervious on 16 March 1976 and furniched substantially the same information as contained in his letter, copy of which is attached as an inclosure to this report.
- 2. DETAILS: On 16 March 1996, the Seventon, Pe. Detechment of the 34 District ST (E) USAF, received as unsigned letter, postmarked Scranton, Pa., 16 March 1976, reflecting the writer's telephone number in Screeten, Pa., and reporting the sighting of an unidentified flying object at approximately 1960 hours 12 Merch 1956 at Screnton, Pa. A copy of this letter is attached as an inclosure to this report. Subsequent to the receipt of this letter the writer was identified as a remaining of 1417 May Ame Avenue, Screnton, Pa

On 16 Merch 1956, The Mee Interviewed by Special Agent ALDEN T. MARKER, Jr. of the Serentes, Pa. Detechment, 3d District OST (IG) USAF. In accordance with paragraph 6, AFR 200-2, dated 26 August 1953, Subject: Unidentified Flying Objects Reporting, and in accordance with AFCSI Latter 85, dated 7 January 1955. Subject: Reporting Information on Unidentified Flying Objects, the following information was obtained from

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(1) Description of the object(s):

- (a) Shape Observer stated that the object was in the shape of a vapor trail similar to those made by high-flying aircraft; that it appeared to him to be about two (2) feet in width and that it was equally luminous from beginning to end.
- (b) Size compared to a known object. Observer stated that he could not compare the object he saw to any known object.
- (c) Color. Luminous no particular color.
- (d) Number. One (1).
- (e) Formation, if more than one. Met applicable.
- (f) Any discormible features or details. Home.
- (g) Tail, trail, or exhaust, including size of same compared to size of object(s). Observer stated that the whole object recembled a vapor trail and stated that he first thought it was the exhaust of a jet or the tail of a meteor.
- (h) Sound. If heard, describe sound. None heard. Cheerver stated that truck traffic on a nearly highway my have obscured my sound that the object made.
- (1) Other pertinent or unusual features. Hone.

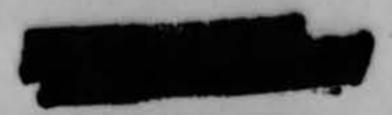
(2) Deceription of course of object(s):

- (a) That first called the attention of observer(s) to the object(s)? Stated that he was looking into the sky while walking home and that he noticed the object while doing so.
- (b) Angle of elevation and minuth of the object(s) when first observed. Common continued that he first saw the object at an angle of elevation of about 50°.
- (c) Angle of elevation and asimuth of object(s) upon disappearance. - Unknown.

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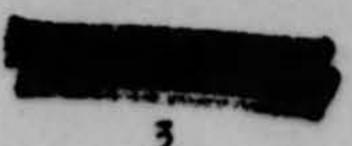


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- (2) Description of course of object(s): Cont'd
 - (d) Description of flight path and maneuvers of object(s). stated the object was proceeding due north at an altitude he could not estimate, and that the object made no maneuvers while he had it in sight.
 - (e) Manner of disappearance of object(s). Commercial that the luminessence of the object grow din as he turned around due to the glare of lights on the ground.
 - (f) Longth of time in sight. About 20 30 seconds.
- (3) Manner of observations
 - (a) Use one or any combination of the following items: Ground-visual, air-visual, ground-electronic, airelectronic. (If electronic, specify type or radar.) Ground-visual.
 - (b) Statement as to optical sids (telescopes, bineculars, and so forth) used and description thereof. - None.
 - (c) If the sighting is made while airborne, give type aircraft, identification number, altitude, heading, speed, and home station. - Not applicable.
- (4) Time and date of sightings
 - (a) July time-date group of sighting. Approximately 1940 hours EST, 12 March 1954.
 - (b) Light, conditions (use one of the following terms): Right, day, dame, duck. - Might.
- (5) Locations of observer(s). Exact latitude and longitude of each observer, or Goores position, or position withreference to a known landmark. - Observer was walking south in the 1500 block of May Aug Avenue in Screnton, Pa.
- (6) Identifying information of all observer(s):
 - (a) Civilian-Name, age, mailing address, occuration, and estimate of reliability. -31 (DOB: 20 Feb 25 at Serenton, Pa.), Screnton, Pa. Employed as a laborer in the Finishing





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- (6) (a) Department of the U. S. Hoffman Machinery Co., South Washington Ave., Scranton, Pa. . is a high school graduate and has never attended college. He was in the infantry until March 1946 and has not been in the service since. He has never been in the Air Force, and has only a mild interest in and knowledge of aviation. He appears to be slow and deliberate in his thoughts and actions, and during the interview did not seem to be lying or trying to draw attention to himself. He was unexcited during the interview and answered all questions freely. that he had not been indulging in intericents prior to his observation. Although a is not a trained observer, it is thought that he reported something he actually observed. The interviewer rates the source and the information as about C-3.
- (7) Weather and winds eleft conditions at time and place of sighting:
 - (a) (beerver(s) account of weather conditions. Observer stated that the night was very clear and that there were no clouds. Observer added that there was little or no wind on the ground.
 - (b) Report from nearest AMS or U. S. Weather Baroom Office of wind direction and velocity in degrees and knots at surface, 6,000', 10,000', 16,000', 20,000', 30,000', 50,000', and 80,000', if available. Not available.
 - (c) Cailing. Unlimited.
 - (d) Visibility. Clear might.
 - (e) Amount of cloud cover. Hone.
 - (f) Thunderstorms in area and quadrant in which located. -
- (5) Any other unusual activity or condition, meteorological, astronomical, or otherwise, which might account for the sighting. None known.
- (9) Existence of any physical evidence of the sighting, such as materials and photographs. None.

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- (10) Interception or identification action taken (such action may be taken whenever feasible, complying with existing air defense directives). None known or observed.
- (11) Location of any mir traffic in the area at time of sighting. -
- (12) Position title and comments of the preparing officer, including his preliminary analysis of the possible cause of the sighting. ALDEN Y. WARMER, Jr., Special Agent, OSI, Detachment Commenter, Seranton, Pa. Detachment, 3d District OSI (IB) USAF.

On 16 March 19th, 1st Lt CLARENCE J. COLE, Adjutant, 648th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, Benton, Pa., was interviewed by Special Agent WARNER at the 648th ACAT Squadron. COLE stated that a log is maintained on all flying objects sighted and tracked and advised that a review of this log indicated that no flying objects were sighted or tracked at approximately 1940 hours 12 March 1954.

5. ACTION: Director of Special Investigations, Washington 25, D. C., Commander, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Chio, ATTN: ATTAL-SE, and Commander, Sighth Aircraft Control and Warning Squadren, Bouton, Pa., notified of this sighting of an unidentified flying object by Spot Intelligence Report,

FOR AND IN THE ABSENCE OF

OWEN L. COLAW

District Commander

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The following is a copy of a letter, undated and unsigned, received by the 3d District OSI (ID) Detachment, Scranton, Pa., in an envelope addressed to Dept of the Air Perce, Special Investigation Dept., Select Building, Scranton, Pa., postmarked Scranton, Pa., 16 March 1954:

"Sire:

I do not know whether or not I'm writing to the proper party or whether this is of any importance; but I figure there is no harm done.

Friday, March 12 about 20 minutes to 5 in the evening I was walking home and I looked up into the sky and I can what I thought was a comet or what I expected a comet to look like. I took a few stops and stopped to watch the comet because it was certainly unusual to see one se clearly, but when I stopped I saw that this comet was moving. It was noving perallel to the Street I was walking on but to the side. Then I saw that it was moving I figured that it was a motocr but there was no bright front to it. It was about the same luminosoity from front to rear. So then I figured it was a high flying jet that left a sort of vapor trail that was made luminous because of heat generated by its gases. The trail second to stay about the same length and I did not hear ony noise. I turned around and watched it go by. It's rather difficult to judge time but I watched for about 20 or 30 seconds. If it was a high flying jet it meet here really been ming.

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