

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

<b>1. DATE</b> 21 June 1954	<b>2. LOCATION</b> Clayton, Alabama		<b>12. CONCLUSIONS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
<b>3. DATE-TIME GROUP</b> Local <u>2045</u> GMT <u>22/0145Z</u>	<b>4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b> <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
<b>5. PHOTOS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<b>8. SOURCE</b> Civilian		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <b>METEOR</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
<b>7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b> <del>100 SECONDS</del> 30 seconds	<b>8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b> 1	<b>9. COURSE</b> SE to NW	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
<b>10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING</b> Brilliant shooting star coming from SE. Cigar shape, entire object appeared as a light itself, entire flight at 45 deg elev from SE to NW.		<b>11. COMMENTS</b> Considered to be a very brilliant meteorite. Poss association with Savannah Ga Case, same date.	

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MR. [REDACTED], CLAYTON, ALABAMA,

TELEPHONICALLY CONTACTED OSI AT 1220 HOURS, 22 JUNE 1954, AND STATED HE WOULD LIKE TO REPORT INFORMATION ON AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT.

AT 1245 HOURS, 22 JUNE 1954, VENTRESS WAS INTERVIEWED AT THE SHERWIN-WILLIAMS PAINT STORE, MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, BY SPECIAL AGENTS CARL LANGLOIS AND DONALD T. SCAFF, 8TH DISTRICT OSI. VENTRESS FURNISHED SUBSTANTIALLY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

AT APPROXIMATELY 2045 HOURS, 21 JUNE 1954, VENTRESS, WAS STANDING ON A LAWN IN FRONT OF THE ROTARY CLUB, CLAYTON, ALABAMA, WHEN HE OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE A SHOOTING STAR COMING FROM A SOUTHEASTERLY

DIRECTION. AFTER A FEW SECONDS OF OBSERVATION, HE NOTICED THE OBJECT DID NOT CHANGE IN BRILLIANCE, SO HE POINTED OUT THE OBJECT TO THREE

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WITNESSES: MR. [REDACTED] ATTORNEY, CLAYTON, ALABAMA;  
MR. [REDACTED], CLAYTON, ALABAMA, AND  
MR. [REDACTED] FARMER, CLAYTON, ALABAMA.

WITNESSES FURNISHED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING THE OBJECT:

SHAPE: CIGAR SHAPE - LIKE THE WINGS OF AN AIRPLANE, BUT HAVING NO TAIL.

SIZE: AT THE ALTITUDE, IT LOOKED TO BE APPROXIMATELY 6-TO 8 INCHES  
LONG. COULD NOT GIVE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION AS TO SIZE.

COLOR: "BRILLIANCE OF BUNCH OF STARS" - ENTIRE OBJECT APPEARED TO BE  
A LIGHT IN ITSELF. SOURCE COULD NOT STATE A DEFINATE COLOR.

NUMBER: ONLY ONE (1) UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT WAS OBSERVED.

FORMATION: NOT APPLICABLE

NO DISCERNIBLE FEATURES OR DETAILS - NO HEARD BECAUSE OF SOUND.

OBJECT FIRST APPEARED IN SOUTHWEST AND WAS TRAVELING IN NORTH-  
WESTERLY DIRECTION TOWARD MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA. OBJECT WAS OBSERVED  
AT APPROX. 45 DEGREES FROM EYE LEVEL THROUGHOUT PERIOD OF OBSERVATION.  
AT ONE POINT, IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO SOURCE LOSING SIGHT OF OBJECT WHEN  
HIS VIEW WAS BLOCKED BY A TREE, THE OBJECT APPEARED TO MAKE A SHARP  
LEFT TURN. UPON NOTING THE OBJECT AGAIN, IT HAD RETURNED TO ITS NORTH-  
WESTERLY COURSE. THE OBJECT WAS OBSERVED FOR A PERIOD OF

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WITNESSES WERE OBSERVING SOME FAINTLY GLOWING LIGHTS OF  
UNKNOWN ORIGIN. HOWEVER, THE LIGHTS OF AN AIRPLANE FLASHED IN  
THE FACE OF THE OBSERVERS INTERRUPTING THEIR VIEW. NO PHOTOGRAPHS  
TAKEN. NO INSTRUMENTS USED.

(4) TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING:

(A) 100432

(B) NIGHT.

(C) LOCATIONS OF OBSERVERS:

CLAYTON, ALABAMA.

(D) IDENTIFYING INFORMATION OF ALL OBSERVERS:

(A) CIVILIAN:

MR. EDWARD C. VENTRESS, HAYMAKER MERCHANT, CLAYTON, ALA.

(B) MILITARY

N.A.

(7) BEARER AND LINES ALOFT AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING:

(A) SOURCE STATED WEATHER CONDITIONS WERE CLEAR, DARK NIGHT, STARS SHINING, MOON NOT SHINING.

(B) SURFACE 285 DEGREES 4 KNOTS

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10,000 FEET 270 DEGREES 8 KNOTS

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16,000 FEET 85 DEGREES 15 KNOTS

20,000 FEET 100 DEGREES 17 KNOTS

30,000 FEET 070 DEGREES 25 KNOTS

30,000 FEET 010 DEGREES 10 KNOTS

00,000 FEET UNKNOWN DEGREES

(C) CLOUDS - NONE OBSERVED

(D) VISIBILITY - UNRESTRICTED

(E) CLOUD COVER - 0-0

(F) THUNDERSTORMS - NONE

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(9) NEG.

(10) N. A.

(11) UNK

(12) WT. ██████████ FTH DISTRICT OSI.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE RELIABILITY OF THE SOURCE,  
IT IS NOTED THAT HE STATED HE WAS THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT OF THE ROTARY  
CLUB, AND A HARDWARE MERCHANT IN CLAYTON, ALABAMA. HE APPEARED VERY  
STABLE, AND STATED HE WAS HESITANT TO REPORT THE INCIDENT BECAUSE  
EVERYONE "MISSED" PERSONS WHEN THEY REPORTED SUCH  
SIGHTINGS. SOURCE FURTHER STATED HE HAD OBSERVED ALL TYPES OF AIRCRAFT,

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AND THE OBJECT DID NOT APPEAR TO BE A NORMAL AIRCRAFT.

REASON FOR DELAY.

REPORT RECEIVED AT O.S.I. AT 1200 HOURS ON 22 JUNE. TURNED IN TO  
INTELLIGENCE AT 1530, 22 JUNE.

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