

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 17 December 1954	2. LOCATION Frenchman's Bajou, Arkansas		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Spont Combustion</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>2340CST</u> GMT <u>18/0540Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION -- --	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE ---	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Source sighted logs on his farm smoldering. Upon examination, source thought burnt path and smoldering of logs caused by meteorite.		11. COMMENTS 470 4602d unit at Grandview AFB, conducted thorough field investigation of sight on 17 Dec 54. Smoldering caused by spontaneous combustion in old logs packed tightly and serving as a dike on farm of source. Case closed.	

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A Mr. ██████████, Frenchman's Boyer, Arkansas, phoned Joiner, Ark at 2340 Hrs, 35 miles from Memphis, Tenn and reported to Col. Norman Rogers, Memphis Depot, that a meteorite had come down on his farm, entered the ground and was still smoking.

Col. Rogers called Col. O'Hern who in turn called me.

I placed a call to HQ 4602nd to have the nearest unit investigate. also requested they let us have a short preliminary report as soon as possible. Further requested that if it could be identified as a meteorite not to ~~send~~ send it; however, to send it if it is some material which they could not identify.

Inform Col. O'Hern when you get ~~any~~ anything definite. Hardin

1030 Hrs, 20 Dec 54

Sgt. Drepperd received a call from Capt. Bellowant, Flt Commander, 4602d Det at Grandview AFB, Missouri. Capt. Bellowant reported that he and members of his detachment flew down to Mr. ██████████ farm on Friday Night, 17 Dec 54.

Mr. ██████████ has a 1600 acre farm on which he grows rice and cotton. The rice field is separated from the cotton field by a man made dike consisting of many logs. Upon close inspection of the logs, it was evident that spontaneous combustion had taken place and some of the logs were smoldering. From the appearance of the logs, it looked like they had been on fire for quite a while and by the time it was noticed by the owner, it looked like a burnt path of some object.

A teletype report will be forwarded to ATIC by Capt. Bellowant which will contain complete ~~the~~ details.

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(UNCLASSIFIED) AIRS 376 RE ATTY ATLAS-5 NEON TEST OF POSS INTERDIT

AT FRENCHMAN'S TAJON CIV ARN (SECRET 1907 4929) 17 DEC

IN INVE BY THIS V SAME DATE RECEIVED NEG RESULTS RE A SMOKEING PIPE

AND CRATER ALONG ENVE WAS CAUSED BY STOMACH'S COMBUSTION RE LOGS PACKED

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