

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 5 Dec 55	2. LOCATION McIntosh, Minn		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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 05/2105Z	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		
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE civilian		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE S	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Shaped like ball bat. Silver, looked like it was in 3 parts, but still in one part, like it was divided. Noise-very loud, like a train. Going down and South, spinning, and then would drift, then would spin.		11. COMMENTS Poss A/C.	

⑤ Its angle of entry was very steep, from an angle of 80 degrees to 85 degrees perpendicular to the surface of the earth. It came right on in, it didn't have to use the roller coaster type of reentry that the Apollo eight had to use. This by the way is one reason that I didn't try to report this to the Air Force at that time because in those days you know better than I that we hadn't even gotten into space and that any object striking our atmosphere at those kind of speeds would be burned up, and the Air Force was telling everyone how ding a ling they were for seeing less spectacular things.

When we got into San Jose I phoned the news paper office - San Jose Mercury, to see if anyone else had reported it.

When it left us it appeared to go over very near to Moffitt field the Naval

⑥ Air station. I asked the newspaper office if they would phone them to see if they picked any thing up on their radar. a few minutes later the paper phoned me back and said that Moffitt field wouldn't tell them anything. The newspaper office did tell me that they had been getting a lot of calls lately of UFO sightings but none this particular night.

Mr. Condon I realize that without any scientific proof this report is probably without value in terms of changing any policy, but I just had to unload this from my mind. I have never had anything bug me so much. I know it sounds corny but I really felt that it was my duty as a member of this human race to report it to some one like you. One thought that has really bothered me tho, even before I

⑦ read your report, is the great distances to the nearest solar system to our own & know its in terms of light years and I understand that other intelligent life within our own solar system has pretty well been ruled out. I think from this that you can get a pretty good picture as to what has been going through my mind.

Dr. Condon I would certainly like to thank you for your valuable time in reading this letter, if you could spare a few minutes to drop me a line to acknowledge that you received this letter I would really appreciate it. There are a few details I didn't put in this letter and if I can be of any assistance please feel free to call on me.

I am employed by The Butte County Dept. of Public Works. My title is assistant Civil Engineer. My regular duties are

⑧ Resident Engineer on highway and bridge constr. projects. I am 38 years old.

MY ADDRESS & PHONE NUMBER

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OROVILLE, CALIF. 95965

PHONE NUMBER IS ~~██████████~~ IN GRIDLEY

(I LIVE BETWEEN THESE TWO TOWNS)

P.S.

I didn't mention my brother's name or address in this letter because I didn't consult with him about writing it.

I didn't write this for any publicity. Everything that I have told you is the truth as I remember it, and I am willing to submit to any kind of lie detector test if you should wish me to.

Yours truly

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Dear Sirs

Postmarked 47 May
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I am forwarding a letter to your office regarding a U. F. O. Sighting that I had sent to Dr. Edward U. Condon at the University of Colorado. They returned my letter the other day with a note stating that the project office there was closed and no further work is being done on the study. and they suggested that I send it to you.

I hope that you will excuse me for not sending the letter to you first but I didn't know who to send it to, and I became a little concerned after reading the conclusion of Dr. Condon's report in the paper.

Sincerely,



NCIO

Nov 1955

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10 MAR 1969

UFO Observation

Mr. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

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Oroville, California 95965

Reference your UFO observation of November or December 1955. Although your sighting is too old to investigate, we are including it in our files for information purposes. Thank you for reporting your sighting to the Air Force.

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DIRECTOR QUINTANILLA, Jr, Lt Col, USAF
Chief, Aerial Phenomena Branch
Aerospace Technologies Division
Production Directorate

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Dear Mr. Condon

I have read the report recently that you and your group of scientists released to the press regarding UFO's.

The conclusion of your report plus a few other factors have prompted me to write this letter.

I would like to report a sighting that my brother + I made in 1955, either the last part of Nov or the first part of Dec. The biggest reason that I am reporting it now is because I have never read or heard of another sighting quite like it. This thought has been haunting me for quite awhile and so I would like you to be the judge of whether it was a significant sighting or not.

(2) At the time of the sighting I was living in San Jose Calif. with my oldest brother. We were returning to San Jose from a pheasant hunting trip in Gridley. We were on the highway headed south between Milpitas and San Jose, it was approx. 11: P.M. and the weather was as clear as a bell. I was riding on the passenger side, looking out the window when out of the corner of my eye I saw a flash. As I looked up I saw what appeared to be a meteor just striking our atmosphere and falling toward us at a tremendous rate of speed. It kept coming and wouldn't burn out. It scared me and excited me so much that I yelled out to my brother to look, and as I yelled I took my eyes off of it for a couple of seconds, but my brother had seen it by this time too and he said hell that's no meteor.

③ When I looked back at it, it was coming to a stop at an elevation of approx. 1,500 to 2,000 ft. and I would estimate it to be approx. $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile from us horizontally. It was approx. 50 ft. to 75 ft. in diameter. It looked just like a large ball of "white hot" fire. At first it was kind of hard to tell what shape it was exactly, because of the tremendous brilliance and glow, but as it began to cool you could see that it was nearly round. I would say slightly elliptical. We were so awe struck that we had no idea what we were witnessing.

The object stayed there hovering for about five minutes and there was no sound at all, and then I noticed that its color was beginning to change slightly from the white hot color to more of a yellow, and then it left us in a terrific burst of speed.

④ which I would estimate as approx. 1,500 miles per hour. I had spent nearly four years in the Air Force and had watched F-86's + F-94's make their fastest runs, but I had never seen anything move as fast as this thing. When it pulled out it left in a huge arc but at the same elevation. As it got further away its color changed to a bright orange, but just before it went out of sight over the horizon toward the coast it turned very bright again and a little larger. We thought it was coming back to where we were, and it scared the pants off of me, but it kept heading toward the coast and went out of sight. We sort of thought that its skin friction had caused it to get bright again. Where it first came into the atmosphere its entry speed must have been many thousands of miles per hour.