

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 5 December 1956	2. LOCATION Amherst, Massachusetts!!	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical (<i>meteor</i>) <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 05/2205Z	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	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 1 - 3 seconds	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE SW to NW
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One dark round object, size of a basketball at arm's length. Object had an exhaust - ball shaped, tapering to pencil thin. Object was first seen at 30 dgr elevation, 132 azimuth and disappeared at 30 dgr elevation, 35 dgr azimuth. Object flew in a straight flight path and disappeared in an orange-yellow puff of explosion, after having been observed visually for 1 to 3 seconds.	11. COMMENTS Description, duration, and manner of disappearance indicate sighting was probably caused by a meteor.	

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AGENCY OF ORIGIN HQ 4050th AREF Wing Intelligence Westover AFB, Mass.	DATE OF REPORT 13 December 1956	
SOURCE OF INFORMATION Mr [REDACTED]	DATE OF INFORMATION 8 December 1956	
PREPARING OFFICER FRANK J. WOJTASIAK, MAJOR, USAF	EVALUATION F-3	

REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
Air Force Regulation 200-2

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SUMMARY (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 119a.)

On 7 December at 1655Z, observer, [REDACTED] a student at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst Massachusetts, contacted A/2C [REDACTED] AF 23986343, HQ 4050th Air Refueling Wing, Westover AFB, Massachusetts by long distance telephone to report an Unidentified Flying Object observed on 5 December 1956 at approximately 2205Z.

Preliminary investigation was conducted by S/SGT [REDACTED] AF 11074471, HQ 4050th Air Refueling Wing on the 7th and 8th of December 1956 in accordance with Paragraph 6a of Air Force Regulation 200-2.

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Director of Intelligence.

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6.) Identifying information of observer:

- A. Name - [REDACTED] B. Age - 26
- C. Occupation - Student
- D. Mailing address - University of Massachusetts
Mills House [REDACTED]
Amherst, Massachusetts

7.) Weather conditions and wind direction:

- A. Wind direction - NNE  B. Wind velocity - 250° at 30 knots
- C. Visibility - Seven (7) miles

8.) Any other activities which might account for sighting - None

9.) Interception or Identification action taken:

Mr S [REDACTED] called the GOC post, Charley November
2-2 Red Amherst, Massachusetts and they immediately notified
the Albany Filter Center, Detachment II 4670th Ground
Observer Squadron, Albany New York.

10.) List any air traffic in the area at that particular time.

- A. Information received from Radar Site Eggnog indicates
that there was Jet aircraft traffic in that area at
that particular time.

11.) Comments: Possible cause of the sighting could be sunspots
or exhaust blast from jet aircraft known to be in
that area.

12.) Physical Evidence - None

1. Object appeared to be moving South
2. Observed with [unclear] exhaust [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear]

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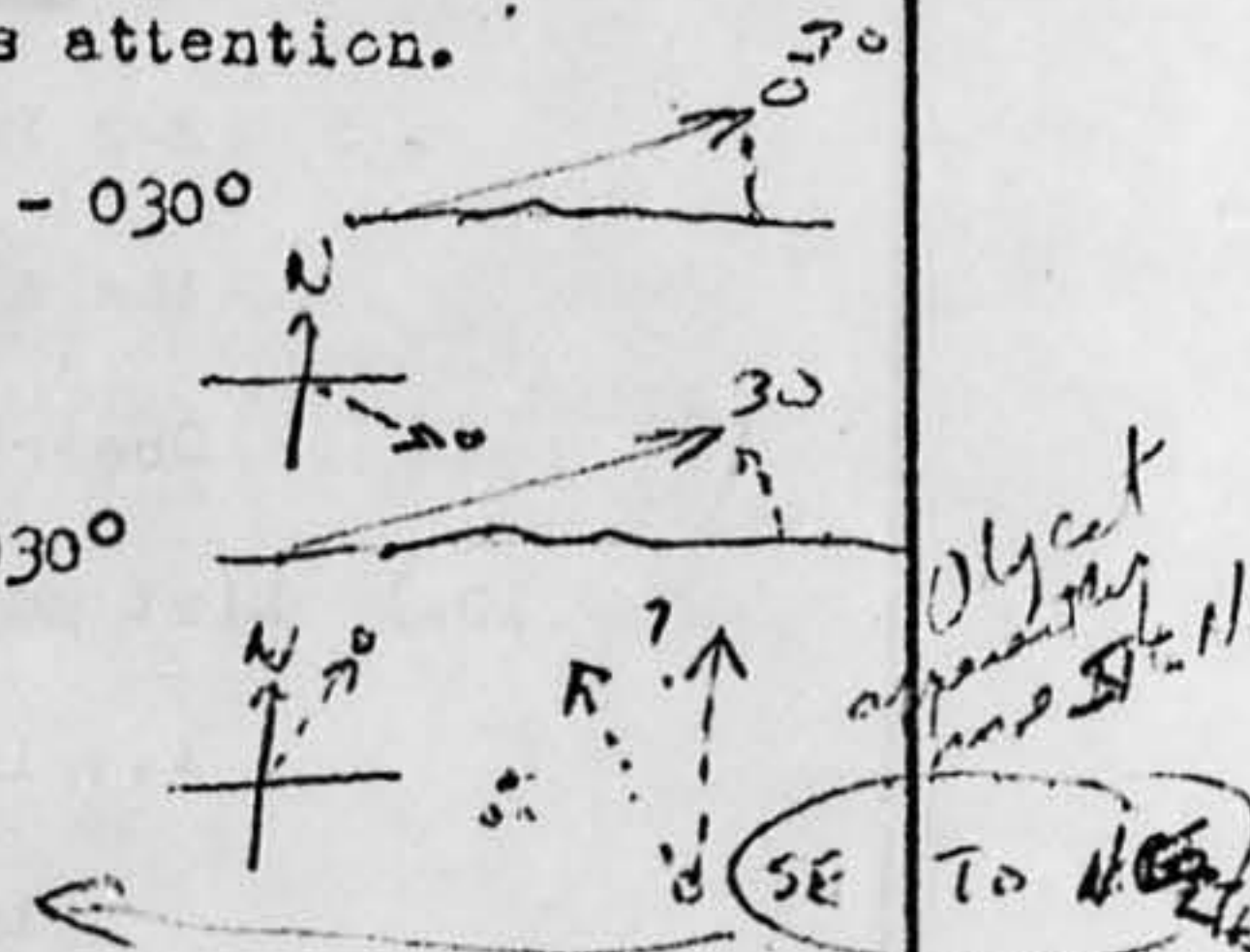
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1.) Description of the object:

- A. Shape - Round
- B. Size - Basketball
- C. Color - Dark
- D. Number of objects - One(1)
- E. Formation - N/A
- F. Any discernible features or details - None
- G. Exhaust - Ball sized tapering to pencil thin.
- H. Sound - not audible.
- I. Other pertinent features - None

2.) Description of course of the object:

- A. The orange exhaust caught the observers attention.
- B. Angle of elevation at time of sighting - 030°
- C. Azimuth at time of sighting - 132°
- D. Angle of elevation at disappearance - 030°
- E. Azimuth at disappearance - 035°
- F. Description of flight path - Straight
- G. Manner of disappearance - Orange-yellow puff of explosion.
- H. Length of time in sight - 1 to 3 seconds.



3.) Manner of observation:

- A. Type of observation - Ground-visual.
- B. Optical aids - None.

4.) Time and date of sighting:

- A. Zulu time-date group of sighting - 052205Z Dec 56.
- B. Light conditions - Night, dark.

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