

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 5 Sep 60		2. LOCATION Islip, Long Island, New York		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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Prob Aurora</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>06/0220Z</u>		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 30-45 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE SW		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Large circular flashing green object with four or five search lights shining out of rear. Extremely high and southwest from observer, stationary at first and then went toward SW and faded out.			11. COMMENTS Interceptor pilots reported the Aurora was visible in the area of this sighting. There is no evidence to indicate that this sighting was other than the Aurora Borealis.		

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A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT: (1) CIRCULAR. (2) JUST DESCRIBED AS LARGE. (3) FLASHING GREEN. (4) ONE. (5) N/A. (6) NONE. (7) FOUR OR FIVE SEARCH LIGHTS SHINING OUT OF REAR. (8) NONE. (9) NONE. B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT: (1) JUST SAW IT WHEN HE CAME OUTSIDE. (2) EXTREMELY HIGH AND SOUTH-WEST FROM OBSERVER. (3) HIGH AND TOWARD SOUTHWEST. (4) STATIONARY OVERHEAD AND THEN WENT TOWARD SOUTHWEST. (5) FADED OUT TO THE SOUTHWEST. (6) 32-45 MINUTES. E. MANNER OF OBSERVATION: (1)

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GROUND-VISUAL. (2) NONE. (3) N/A. D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING: (1) 06/0220Z. (2) NIGHT. E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER: NEAR STATE HOSPITAL IN ISLIP, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK. F. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION ON OBSERVER: (1) CIVILIAN- [REDACTED] STREET, ISLIP LONG ISLAND, N. YORK. UNKNOWN RELIABILITY. G. WEATHER AND WINDS-ALOFT CONDITIONS AT TIME AND PLACE OF SIGHTING: (1) CLEAR AND BRIGHT MOON. (2) SURFACE 020/12K, 6,000 FT 340/16K, 12,000 FT 310/18K, 16,000 FT 350/35K, 22,000 FT 350/38K, 32,000 FT 360/79K, 50,000 FT 340/45K, 80,000 FT 150/05K. (3) CLEAR. (4) UNLIMITED. (5) NONE. (6) NONE REPORTED BY WEATHER STATION, HOWEVER, INTERCEPTOR PILOT REPORTED SEEING SCATTERED THUNDERSTORMS ALONG THE SOUTHERN SHORE OF LONG ISLAND. (7) INVERSION AT 5,000 FT. H. INTERCEPTOR PILOT REPORTS AURORA BOREALIS OVER AREA OF REPORTED SIGHTING. I. LIMA PAPA 18 AND 19 (2F-101B AIRCRAFT) WERE SCRAMBLED AND SENT TO THE AREA OF THE REPORTED SIGHTING. THEY COULD NOT FIND ANTHING BUT REPORTED AURORA BOREALIS IN THE AREA. J. WEATHER BALLOON RELEASED FROM IDLEWILD INTER-

AREA AT TIME OF SIGHTING. K. CAPTAIN WELHAM S. BARNETT, STAFF INTEL-
LIGENCE OFFICER, HEADQUARTERS, NEW YORK AIR DEFENSE SECTOR, MCGUIRE
AFB, N.J. PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS INDICATED AS FOLLOWS: THE INITIAL REPORT

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WAS CALLED IN TO THE OFFICER OF THE DAY AT SUFFOLK COUNTY AFB, NEW
YORK WHO RELAYED THE CALL TO THE SENIOR DIRECTOR AT HQ NEW YORK AIR
DEFENSE SECTOR. AT THE SAME TIME OF THE INITIAL SIGHTING THIS SECTOR
WAS EXPERIENCING SOME JAMMING AT VARIOUS OF OUR RADAR SITES. SCRABLE
ACTION WAS TAKEN AND TWO F-101B AIRCRAFT WERE SENT TO THE AREA OF
THE REPORTED SIGHTING. THEY COULD NOT FIND ANY TARGET BUT REPORTED
SEEING "VERY PRETTY AURORA BOREALIS." ADDITIONALLY, IT WAS DETERMINED
THAT A WEATHER BALLOON WAS LAUNCHED FROM IDLEWILD AIRPORT AT 2300Z.
THE WIND CONDITIONS ALOFT COULD HAVE HAD THE BALLOON OVER THE ISLIP
AREA ABOUT THE TIME FO THE SIGHTING. HOWEVER, THE INTERCEPTOR CREWS
DID NOT SEE ANY BALLOON. IT IS FELT THAT THE PROBABLE CAUSE OF THE RE-
PORTED SIGHTING WAS THAT THE OBSERVER SAW EITHER THE AURORA BOREALIST
OR A WEATHER BALLOON WHICH DRIFTED AWAY BEFORE THE INTERCEPTORS COULD
GET TO THE AREA OF THE SIGHTING. THE COMBINATION OF THE INITIAL SIGHT-
ING, THE INTERCEPTOR CREWS SEEING THE AURORA BOREALIS AND THIS SECTOR
EXPERIENCING JAMMING AT RADAR SITES ALL AT THE SAME TIME LEADS THIS
OFFICER TO BELIEVE THAT THE AURORA BOREALIS WAS THE CAUSE OF THIS
FOB REPORT. L. NONE.

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