

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 22 Sep 60		2. LOCATION Dedham, 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 type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <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 2018 GMT 23/0118Z		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 2 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE NNE		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING White, starlike object about size of Polaris. In aprox 2 min it moved from zenith to about 45°; then became invisible in general brightness of Boston. From zenith the object moved at constant speed to NNE passing to E of Polaris. Not nearly as bright as Echo and moved several times faster.			11. COMMENTS Witnesses are located on SW edge of Boston. Possible that object observed was one of the many a/c flying in area most of the time, but there is insufficient data to make a valid conclusion.		

October 4, 1960

Mr. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Dedham, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

We have not been able to determine the nature of your recent observation, and are therefore forwarding your report to:

Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center  
United States Air Force  
(AFSCIN - 4E2x)  
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Any further correspondence regarding this matter should be sent directly to them.

Thank you for your time and interest.

Respectfully,

Warren W. McCurdy  
Public Information

cc: ATTC  
Info: SPACON  
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REPORT FORM FOR METEOR OBSERVATION

Information marked \* is vital

\* Place of observation: *Needham, Mass*

\* Date: *22 Sept 60*

Time: *8:18 PM EST*

(Give Time Standard and whether am. or pm.)

\* Accuracy of time given above:

(e.g. say "exact", or " $\pm 1$  minute", or "+5 minutes", etc.)

*$\pm 2$  minutes*

\* Brightness (compared to stars, planets, moon or other useful standard source such as a street light at a certain distance):

*About same as Polaris on that night (very clear, moonless night)*

Direction in which object was first seen:  
(To N, or SE, or WNW, etc.)

*Almost directly overhead*

\* Length or time object was seen:

*About 2 minutes*

\* Apparent direction in which object travelled:  
(N-S, SW-NE, W-N, etc.)

*NNE*

Did it change direction?

*No*

General impression of angular speed:  
(degree/sec. across sky)

*In the approx. 2 min. of observation, it moved from the zenith to about 45°; then it became invisible in the general brightness above Boston.*

Size and shape (if any):

(If just like a star, say "star-like")

*Star-like*

Color

*White*

Did it explode, disintegrate, or suddenly vanish?

*No*

\* Any tail or trail?

*No*

Did any sound accompany the object?

*No*

If sound followed later, give time interval:

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Was it examined with binoculars or telescopes or photographed?

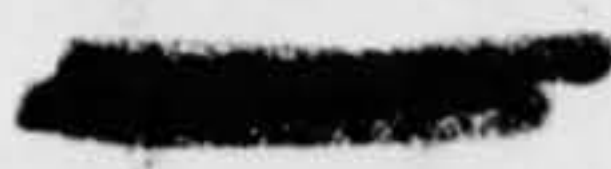
*No*

\*Give position of trajectory for at least two points with regard to stars if possible:

*From zenith, the object moved at constant speed to the NNE, passing to the east of Polaris.*

*Any other remarks: My daughter and son, and I, had been outside for some time to observe the pass of ECHO, scheduled in the SW sky at 8:13 PM EST. In the period of waiting, I had helped the children locate Polaris. After Echo's pass we started to enter the house (about 8:18 PM) when my daughter noticed the object of this report directly overhead. We took it to be a satellite. It was not nearly as bright as Echo, and moved several times faster.*

Name: 

Phone No: 

Address: 

*Dedham, Mass. Date: 28 Sept 60*