

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 22 Sep 61	2. LOCATION Danbury, Connecticut		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 flare</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>0315</u> GMT <u>220815Z</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	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE Descending	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Fall rapidly to earth at about a 40-50° angle and burned brightly. Seemed to be operating mechanically, spurting flares and lighting up brilliantly every few seconds, as a mechanism emitting at regular intervals. Seemed to be diving rather than falling as a star.		11. COMMENTS witness does not state how long objt was in view, but her report indicates that it was in view longer than duration of a meteor. It is quite possible that objt was a flare. It has been previously reported that there has been instances where flares have been sent up attached to balloons which were subsequently reported as UFO's. It is therefore concluded that objt was probably a flare.	

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AFCIN-2

SUBJECT: Report of Unidentified Flying Object

3 OCT 1961

TO: AFSC(FTD)

Forwarded herewith for your action, attachment 1 is a letter reporting a possible unidentified flying object. Attachment 2 is this office's reply to Mrs Voit.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard G. Jones".

RICHARD G. JONES
Lt Colonel, USAF
Directorate of Warning
and Threat Assessments
OS Intelligence

- 2 Atchs
1. Ltr Mrs ██████████ 25 Sep 61
re: Unidentified Flying Object
2. Ltr AFCIN-2, 4 Oct 61 Rpt of UFO

The Honorable Robert McNamara
Secretary of Defense,
Washington 25, D.C.

RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

CERTIFIED
No. 357097
MAIL

September 23, 1961.

The Honorable Robert McNamara
Secretary of Defense,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. McNamara:

Because I realize that there may be some small value to be gleaned from my telling, please be good enough to see that this letter reaches the proper individual.

At about three-fifteen last Friday morning, September 22nd., I was startled to see what appeared to be a large falling star. This object was falling rapidly to earth at about a forty to fifty degree angle and was burning brightly.

As I watched my interest and alertness increased because the object simply was not behaving as any falling star I had ever observed. Then I realized that it seemed to be operating mechanically, emitting arcs and lighting up brilliantly every few seconds, as if mechanically emitting at regular intervals. It also seemed to be diving at the earth, at an above horizontal angle, as if it was falling from a great height.

When it was only a few miles above the ground I noticed that the light from the object was changing in color as it fell through the atmosphere. Then to my surprise, as I got closer to the spot it landed and to my surprise, it went out - it stopped. I was sure that it was a falling star or if something had burned up in the air. The object was about fifty to one hundred feet above the ground, and as I watched it stop, it stopped burning and it was still about a half mile away from me.

I trust that this has been of some help and hope you will be able to determine whether or not there is any value to you in such a recounting. Also is it possible that this object was still carrying messages as it descended?

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted address]

[Redacted return address]

[Redacted return address]

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When it had only come on me that this might be one of the "satellite" objects it all out to it full of light and noise. Then it got in a moment, as I got out to see it I had to try to look the spot, it went out - it was gone. I was left to see it - I do not know what it was. It was falling left to right to earth as if something had burned up in the air. The object was probably about fifty to one hundred feet above the ground, when it stopped, when it stopped burning and it was still about half mile away from me.

I trust that this is a bona fide story and that you might know what or not there is any value to you in such a recounting, also is it possible that this object was still carrying messages as it descended?

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[Redacted address]

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