PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

9 - 13 August 1957			12. CONCLUSIONS
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local GMT	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION G.Ground-Visual Ground-Radar Air-Intercept Radar 6. SOURCE Civilian		
5. PHOTOS CI Yes CI No			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION	B. NUMBER OF OBJECTS	9. COURSE	D Insufficient Data for Evaluation Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING		11. COMMENTS	
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ATTC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

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Mr. Moute Bakersfield, California

Dear Mr.

Your letter of 12 September, addressed to the Department of the Army concerning a report of an unidentified serial object, has been referred to the Air Force for review and comment.

A careful study of your report indicates that you observed a seldem seen form of a meteorite, generally referred to as 'bolides' or 'fireballs'. Between the 9th and 13th of august the earth intersected a meteoric swarm called the Perseids. Past experience with meteoric swarms of this nature shows that a larger number of meteorites, 'shooting stars', and fireballs are observed during this period.

Your description of the object is so similar to a description of these bodies given by a well known setronomer that a portion is given here:

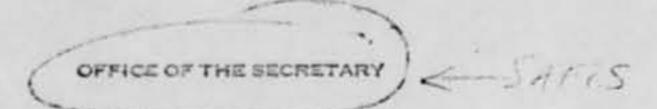
"....A majority of people never see one in their lifetime. Fireballs differ from ordinary meteors in that they appear like a magnesium flare hurtling through the lower atmosphere. They are predominantly greenish in color, but often have blue, yellow or crange tints intermixed. Unlike meteors which become visible and burn out at high altitudes, fireballs to not burn out in the air but generally persist until they crash to earth, sometimes breaking into smaller sections and an array of sparks before doing so..."

Your reporting of this incident to the authorities and the interest shown in the matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE WASHINGTON



8 October 1957

Dear Captain Elwood:

Inclosed, please find letter from Mr. A regarding unexplained aeriel phenomena in the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania area, on 9 and 10 September 1957.

Mr. That been advised of this referral.

Also inclosed is a letter from Mr. Bakersfield, California reporting a sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object.

These letters are forwarded to your Headquarters for possible investigation and/or evaluation.

Sincerely,

2 Inclosures

1. ltr fr Mr.

2. ltr fr Mr.

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