

**PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD**

<b>1. DATE</b> 2 December 1957	<b>2. LOCATION</b> 15 Mi W of Russellville, Ala		<b>12. CONCLUSIONS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
<b>3. DATE-TIME GROUP</b> Local <u>      N/A      </u> GMT <u>                    </u>	<b>4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
<b>5. PHOTOS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Physical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Specimen	<b>6. SOURCE</b> Original: Farmer & Sheriff		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
<b>7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b> N/A	<b>8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b> one	<b>9. COURSE</b> N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Tip Tank</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
<b>10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING</b> Report of a hole or path 40 ft long, 3 ft wide with burnt metal particles from Sheriff (in turn) - to 3rd Army Hq - to G2, Ft McPherson, Atlanta, Ga. to Maj McCoy, Robbins AFB, Ga. - to UFO Project Officer - WPAFB (ATIC)		<b>11. COMMENTS</b> Further inquiries indicated that object was an aircraft tip tank accidentally dropped.	

NBR 22032 10 DEC 57  
AC OPERATIONAL IMMEDIATE  
FM COMDR 14 AF ROBINS AFB GA  
TO COMDR ATIC WPAFB  
INFO HQ USAF WASHDC  
COMDR CONAC MITCHEL AFB NY  
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1-454  
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3-4x2  
4-4x20

17 DEC 57  
Object came down  
on night 1 dec

FROM 14 OPL 075. FOR AFCIN 1A1 AND CNOIN.  
REFERENCE CONAC CONFIDENTIAL MESSAGES CNOIN 190, 29 NOV 57, AND CNOIN  
191, 2 DEC 57. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS FORWARDED FOR YOUR  
INFORMATION AND NECESSARY ACTION. ON 8 DEC 57 AT 1225 EST, HQ 14  
AF SAR DUTY CONTROLLER RECEIVED A CALL FROM MAXWELL FLIGHT SERVICE  
REQUESTING INFORMATION OF POSSIBLE TIP TANK DROP ON 2 DECEMBER 57.  
MEMPHIS CONTROL REPORTED AN UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT DROPPED 15 MILES  
WEST OF RUSSELLVILLE, ALABAMA. OBJECT MADE A HOLE IN THE GROUND  
40 FEET LONG, 3 FEET IN WIDTH, WITH BURNT MELTED METAL AROUND THE  
AREA. MR [REDACTED] OWNER OF PROPERTY, STATED HE HEARD  
AN EXPLOSION ON 2 DECEMBER BUT FOUND NOTHING UNTIL 8 DECEMBER  
57. LOCAL SHERIFF WAS GUARDING AREA UNTIL 2200 EST, 8 DEC 57.  
AT 1230 EST MAXWELL FLIGHT SERVICE ADVISED THIS HEADQUARTERS THAT

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THEY HAD REQUESTED THE HUNTSVILLE ARMY DUTY OFFICER TO CONTACT O.  
X. AT MEMPHIS CONTROL. AT 1245 EST, HQ 14 AF SAR DUTY CONTROLLER  
CALLED RESTONE ARSENAL DUTY OFFICER AND HUNTSVILLE STAFF DUTY  
OFFICER. NEITHER HAD INFO CONCERNING BASIC MESSAGE. AT 1440 EST,  
14 AF SAR DUTY CONTROLLER CALLED REDSTONE DUTY OFFICER,  
WHO STATED HE WAS NOT AWARE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED MESSAGE. AT 1620  
EST, 14 AF SAR CONTROLLER THEN CALLED AIR FIELD OPERATIONS AT REDSTONE,  
AND WAS INFORMED THAT CAPTAIN SELFE WAS ENROUTE IN A BEAVER TO IN-  
VESTIGATE. SAR DUTY CONTROLLER REQUESTED THAT 14 AF BE NOTIFIED  
OF RESULTS. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED VIA MAXWELL FLIGHT STATION  
FROM HUNTSVILLE: "FROM AERIAL RECON; UNABLE TO DETERMINE NATURE OF  
OBJECT. MATTER BEING TURNED OVER TO 3 ARMY. SIGNED BY CAPTAIN J K  
SELFE." ON 9 DECEMBER 57, HQ 14 AF INTELLIGENCE DIVISION CONTACTED  
COL FRINDELL, CHIEF INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, 3 ARMY G-2. CID AGENT  
AND 1 (1) E. M. INVESTIGATING THIS REPORT. 3 ARMY WILL KEEP THIS  
HEADQUARTERS INFORMED OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS. THE UNDERSIGNED  
RELAYED COMPLETE DETAILS BY TELEPHONE TO ATIC, CAPT GREGORY, WRIGHT  
PATTERSON AFB, DAYTON, OHIO, INDICATING POSSIBLE RELATIONSHIP TO  
OPERATION "PIG IRON."

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PARAPHRASE NOT REQUIRED  
CATEGORY 1  
ALL INTERNAL SECURITY INFORMATION  
PRIOR TO DECLASSIFICATION  
REFERENCE IF THE DOCUMENT GROUP IS QUOTED

Confirmed by Memphis  
Control tower operator  
stated that it  
was spotted to him  
a plane had  
accidentally  
dropped it

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(Other)