

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 9 October 1951		LOCATION Paris, Illinois		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 <u>1345</u> GMT <u>09/1945Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input checked="" 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 Not Reported		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	9. COURSE NE		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Pilot at 5,000 ft observed an object which appeared to be stationary. Described as round and silvery. Object began to move in a NE direction.			11. COMMENTS Duration was not reported. Investigative efforts did not determine duration. Rate of speed of movement not obtained. All basic data indicates that the object was very likely a balloon, however without motion and duration no firm analysis can be made. Case carried as insufficient data.		

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency) HQ, 12AF, Stewart AFB, Newburgh, N.Y.	REPORT NO. IR-56-518	PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES
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1. An unconventional unidentified aerial object was observed by ██████████, Chief Aircraft Communicator, CAA, Hulman Municipal Airport, Terre Haute, Indiana. Observation was made on 9 October 1951 at 1342 CST for approximately 15 seconds.

2. The following descriptions were obtained in an interview with Mr. Sooner and OSI agent, 12th District Office OSI, Chanute AFB, Illinois: Single object was round and the size of a half dollar piece held at a distance of arms length, silver colored with no vapor or exhaust trail and no sound. Propulsion system unknown, speed estimated up to 2880 MPH.

3. Object was sighted visually from the ground and observed to travel a straight path in a south-easterly direction. Electronic surveillance device (EPS-13 located at Hookville, Ind) was used but no sighting was reported.

4. Weather: CAVE with bright sun, winds at Chanute AFB on 9 October surface 270° at 3 knots; 1000 feet to 10,000 feet average direction 315° with at 9 knots average. No physical evidence available. No interviews made.

5. ██████████, a pilot, sighted a similar object on the same date at 1345 CST just east of Paris, Illinois, at 5000 feet. Object was last seen travelling in a north-easterly direction south of atomic energy plant at Newport, Indiana.

6. Although accurate measurement of the distance between sighting number one by Mr. ██████████ and sighting number two by ██████████ is not possible from the information furnished, it appears as though the object could not have been travelling more than 600 MPH (30 miles from Hulman Airport to Newport) if the two sightings were of the same object.

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Appendix IX

PARIS, ILLINOIS - 9 October 1951

On 9 October 1951, at approximately 1245 CST, a private pilot en route from Greencastle, Indiana, to Paris, Illinois, sighted a silver object just east of Paris, Illinois, at 5,000 ft. altitude. The object appeared to be stationary in as much as it did not increase or diminish in size with the approach of the aircraft. The object then started to travel in a north-easterly direction south of the Newport, Indiana, Atomic Energy Plant.

(See Appendix VIII for related incident.)

Weather

Clear, bright sun, no clouds or haze.

Status of Investigation

More details of the incident will be obtained. Weather balloons are launched from Chanute AFB which is approximately 15 miles NW of the location of the incident. It is very doubtful if this object was a balloon as the balloon would have risen to a much higher altitude if it had drifted SE from Chanute AFB.

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Appendix VIPARIS, ILLINOIS - 9 October 1951I. DISCUSSION OF THE INCIDENT

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(See Appendix V for related incident.)

II. WEATHER

Clear, bright sun, no clouds or haze.

III. STATUS OF INVESTIGATION

Further investigation revealed no significant facts. It was impossible to determine whether or not there were any jet aircraft in the area due to the lapse of time since the sighting.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

None.

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10 - 11 October 1951

TWO SIGHTINGS BY A PROMINENT SCIENTIST IN
CHARGE OF HIGH-ALTITUDE COSMIC RAY RESEARCH

October 10, 1951 -- Two observers

"We had just spotted our trajectory flight and were approaching (in a small plane) from the north at an altitude of 4,000 feet. We started to climb towards the balloon on a course of 230 deg. At 6,000 feet I noticed a strange object crossing the skies from the east to west, a great deal higher and behind our balloon. I estimate that our balloon was at approximately 20,000 feet at the time.

Using our balloon for comparison, this object appeared to be about 1/4 the size of the balloon. We were climbing and about six miles northeast of the balloon. The object had a peculiar glow to it, crossing behind and above our balloon from east to west very rapidly, first coming in at a slight dive, leveling off for about a minute and slowing down, then into a sharp left turn and climb at an angle of 50 to 60 degrees into the southeast with a terrific acceleration and disappeared.

J.D. and I observed this object for approximately two minutes and it crossed through an arc of approximately 40 to 45 degrees. We saw no vapor trail and from past experience I know that this object was not a balloon, jet, conventional aircraft or celestial star." J.J.K.

October 11, 1951 -- Four witnesses

"D. R. and I were flying at 10,000 feet observing the grab bag balloon when I saw a brightly glowing object to the southeast of the University of M. Airport. I pointed it out to D and we both made the following observations:

The object was moving from east to west at a high rate and very high. We tried keeping the ship on a constant course and using

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(See Amendix VIII for related incident.)

Weather

Clear, bright sun, no clouds or haze.

Status of Investigation

More details of the incident will be obtained. Weather balloons are launched from Chanute AFB which is approximately 45 miles NW of the location of the incident. It is very doubtful if this object was a balloon as the balloon would have risen to a much higher altitude if it had drifted SE from Chanute AFB.

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Appendix VI

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(See Appendix V for related incident.)

II. WEATHER

Clear, bright sun, no clouds or haze.

III. STATUS OF INVESTIGATION

Further investigation revealed no significant facts. It was impossible to determine whether or not there were any jet aircraft in the area due to the lapse of time since the sighting.

IV. CONCLUSIONS

None.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
12TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
CHANUTE AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS

25 October 1951

SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

12D 1-11-100

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT
Unidentified Aerial Object Sighted Over
Hulman Municipal Airport, Terre Haute,
Indiana, 9 October 1951

TO: Director
Office of Special Investigations
Headquarters United States Air Force
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Chief Aircraft Communicator, CAA, [redacted] Municipal Airport, Terre Haute, Indiana, reported to the Office of Special Investigations agent that on 9 October 1951 at 1342 hours he observed an unknown unidentified aerial object directly overhead at Hulman Municipal Airport. The object was approximately the size of a half-dollar coin held at arm's length and was flying in a southeasterly direction. The day was clear and informant's vision was unobstructed. Exact size and altitude of the object unknown. Informant advised that a pilot, one [redacted] sighted a similar object on the same date at approximately 1345 hours just east of Paris, Illinois at approximately 5,000 feet. Object was last seen traveling in a northeasterly direction, south of the Atomic Energy Plant at Newport, Indiana.

2. DETAILS: Mr. [redacted] [redacted] Street, Terre Haute, Indiana, Chief Aircraft Communicator, Civil Aeronautics Authority, Hulman Municipal Airport, Terre Haute, Indiana, was interviewed on 12 October 1951 by Special Agent Elbert W. Farris, and stated that he had observed an unknown unidentified aerial object at 1342 hours, Tuesday, 9 October 1951. The object was sighted directly overhead at Hulman Municipal Airport which is located approximately five (5) miles east of Terre Haute, Indiana, on Indiana State Road No. 42. According to Mr. [redacted] the object was approximately the size of a one-half dollar held at arms length; was silver in color and flew in a southeasterly direction. Mr. [redacted] stated that the object pursued a straight path of flight; that he

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

SUBJECT Unidentified Aerial Object

AREA REPORTED ON Holman Municipal Airport, Terre Haute, Ind.	FROM (Agency) HQ, RAUF, Stewart AFB, Newburgh, N.Y.
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DATE OF REPORT 20 November 1951	DATE OF INFORMATION 7 October 1951	EVALUATION P-6
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PREPARED BY (Officer) Major J. E. Madalena	SOURCE 12th District OSI, Chanute AFB, Illinois
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REFERENCES (Cite number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)
SEC Letter 000-1, and 12th District OSI Report L-11-100, 25 Oct 51

SUMMARY: (State concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclusions at lower left. Sign last of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)

1. On 7 October at Holman Municipal Airport, Terre Haute, Indiana, Chief Aircraft Commissioner, CAA, ~~observed~~ observed an unidentified aerial object directly overhead at 13:22 CST for approximately 15 seconds.
2. A second sighting reported approximately 30 miles distant three (3) minutes later indicates the "object" may have been jet aircraft observed when the reflection of the sun may have distorted the aircraft in the eyes of the observers.

APPROVED,

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Director of Intelligence

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency) HQ, MAWP, Stewart AFB, Newburgh, N.Y.	REPORT NO. IA-56-51E	PAGE 2 OF 2 PAGES
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1. An unconventional unidentified aerial object was observed by Claude W. Sanner, Chief Aircraft Communicator, CAA, Hulme Municipal Airport, Terre Haute, Indiana. Observation was made on 9 October 1951 at 1342 CST for approximately 5 seconds.

2. The following descriptions were obtained in an interview with Mr. [redacted] and CSI agent, 12th District Office CSI, Coanville AFB, Illinois: Single object was round and the size of a half dollar piece held at a distance of arms length, silver colored with no vapor or exhaust trail and no sound. Propulsion system unknown, speed estimated up to 2880 MPH.

3. Object was sighted visually from the ground and observed to travel a straight path in a south-easterly direction. Electronic surveillance device (EPS-1B located at Kookville, Ind) was used but no sighting was reported.

4. Weather: CAVS with bright sun; winds at Coanville AFB on 9 October surface 270° at 3 knots; 1000 feet to 10,000 feet average direction 315° with at 9 knots average. No physical evidence available. No interviews made.

5. Mr. [redacted] a pilot, sighted a similar object on the same date at 1345 CST just east of Paris, Illinois, at 5000 feet. Object was last seen travelling in a north-easterly direction south of atomic energy plant at Newport, Indiana.

6. Although accurate measurement of the distance between sighting number one by Mr. [redacted] and sighting number two by Mr. Warren is not possible from the information furnished, it appears as though the object could not have been traveling more than 600 MPH (30 miles from Hulme Airport to Newport) if the two sightings were of the same object.

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