

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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| 1. DATE 22 Dec 1951 | | 2. LOCATION Hamden, Ohio | | 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>Early Morning</u> GMT _____ | | 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 - - - | | |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Light in SE appeared to be following car. Too bright to be Star. Object disappeared with coming of daylight. | | | 11. COMMENTS Mars, Venus, Spica and Saturn in SE along ecliptic. Object on of these Astro bodies. Venus being the most bright. | | |

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22 December 1951 - Hamden, Ohio

Report evidently phoned in to Lockborne Flight Service. Lt Ruppelt notified on 0625 by W-P AFB Flight Service Center who got report by CIRVUS.

First report by a Mr. [REDACTED] of Hamden, Ohio, said object appeared to be following automobile on State Route 75, south of Hamden toward Wellston, Ohio. Then source reported it to be in sky about 40 miles east of Wellston traveling vertically. He said that it was too bright to be a star. Appeared to be circular with fire around the edges.

Tower at Lockborne reported seeing bright light SE of their station.

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LIGHT - 31 = 0647

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1125TH USAF FIELD ACTIVITIES GROUP
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
DAYTON, OHIO

AIR INSPECTOR

IN REPLY REFER TO:
ATIAA-23

15 JAN 1952

[Redacted]

[Redacted]
Landan, Ohio

PUBLIC INP. OFFICE

Dear Sir:

COMPTROLLER

The Air Force has been advised that you observed an unidentified aerial object on the morning of 22 December 1951. Since it is the mission of the Air Force to identify all aerial objects, a continuous interest in information such as yours exists.

PERSONNEL & ADM.

It is requested that you fill out the inclosed questionnaire as soon as possible and return it in the self-addressed envelope provided. It is possible that some of the questions are not applicable to your experience. If so, please state "not applicable" in the blank space.

RESEARCH & DEV.*

Yours truly,

Incl
Questionnaire

EDWARD J. RUPPELT
1st Lt USAF

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Hamden, Ohio
Jan. 21, 1952

Lt EDWARD J RUPPELT
USAF

Dear Sir:

In reference to your letter of Jan. 15, 1952 -~~ATIAA~~ ATIAA-2c
Due to recent information, I'm positive the aerial object I observed on the morning of 22 December 1951, was the coincidence of the two Stars or Planets that by-pass in their celestial orbit in an 800 year cycle.

Not being cognizant of the fact that this phenomena was due to occur, I was thrown completely off base by the greatest celestial show of my experience, which includes 3 years as a weather observer in World War II.

Not being one to jump at illusions I gave due consideration to this phenomena before reporting to the AF.. Such as-

It doubled in size and brilliancy in a period of 20 minutes, giving me the illusion that it was in motion.

Was not a bluish color, yellow- did not twinkle as a star.

Maximum size was about that of a bushel basket, didn't appear to be more than 8-10 miles distant. Looked like a huge chandelier with a spot light on it, that is projected light, on the object.


I stayed with it till day-light, and watched this object gradually wane as the dawn approached and of course looking more and more like a star, getting smaller and changing progressively from the yellowish color to the bluish color.

So there is no question of the facts that it was this unusual phenomena that I observed.

I can't understand why the AF didn't have bulletins out to their tower operators on this. Had I been on duty at ~~at~~ as a control tower operator and ignorant, I would have had every thing up that could spring a wing, and of course not the Bronx Cheer for it.

As a little compensation for my efforts, I would appreciate very much if you could send me information on these planets and their 800 yr. cycle so when I see them again I'll know what is going on.

Yours Truly,



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PUBLIC INF. OFFICE

[REDACTED]
Menden, Ohio

Dear Sir:

COMPTROLLER

The Air Force wishes to thank you for your evaluation of the incident that you reported on 22 December 1951. Even though the object was determined to be a celestial body, your observations were appreciated.

PERSONNEL & ADM.

It is regretted that we are unable to send you any information on the celestial bodies that you observed.

Yours truly,

HOWARD J. RUPPELT
1st Lt USAF

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*Cat IV - was 11/1952
22 Dec 51*

EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 3

DATE: 22 Dec 51

TIME (Local): 0625

LOCATION: Hamden, Ohio

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 1 Hr.

SOUND: None

SPEED: Hovering

ALTITUDE: High

HEADING: Unknown

SOURCE: Civilian

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Proved to be "Christmas Star".

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Extremely bright light in sky. Appeared to be hovering.