

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>1 April 52</u>	2. LOCATION Washington, Indiana		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>1825 CST</u> GMT <u>0 2425 CST</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		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE 3 male civilians		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 4 minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE NE	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>CENTRAL</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Gray color with deep orange tail. Spherical tail. Made 45 deg turn. Too slow for meteor. Background of sources sketchy, report was phoned to Atterbury AFB.		11. COMMENTS Object first observed near setting sun. Came toward observers then veered off to 95 deg heading. Had long tail then varied in size.	

DISPOSITION FORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (If any)

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FILE NO.

A11A

SUBJECT

(Redacted) Material for Project Blue Book

TO Chief, Air Technical
Intelligence Center,
Wright-Patterson AFB,
Ohio

FROM Dept of the AF
AFOIN-2B3

DATE 1 MAY 1952 COMMENT NO. 1
Capt Fournet/55894

Joseph [Redacted]

1. The attached letter, with inclosure, from the 2466th Air Force Reserve Training Center is forwarded for information and retention.

2. It will be noted that some confusion exists in the dates quoted. The letter from the 2466th Air Force Reserve Training Center implies that this incident occurred on 11 April 1952 and gives the weather report for 1830 hours on 10 April. However, Mr. Kent clearly states in his letter that the sighting was made on 1 April 1952.

3. A letter to Mr. [Redacted] expressing official USAF appreciation has been prepared.

William A. Adams

WILLIAM A. ADAMS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy Chief, Evaluation Division
Directorate of Intelligence

1 Incl
Ltr fr Col. Pocock
w/ltr fr [Redacted]

1 APR 52
Bloomington, Ind

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HEADQUARTERS
2466TH AIR FORCE RESERVE TRAINING CENTER
Atterbury Air Force Base
Columbus, Indiana

2466A 360

11 April 1952

SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Director of Intelligence
DCS/O, Headquarters, USAF
ATTN: AFOIN-C/CC
Pentagon Building
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Mr. Harold ~~Kestel~~ ~~East~~ ~~Street~~, Bloomington, Indiana, reported to this headquarters at 1300, 11 April, 1952, that he and two friends (James Turpin, 314 1/2 10th Street, Bloomington, Indiana, and Donald Kelley (M11)) had sighted a flying saucer. His statement follows.

(a) "I was driving with two of my friends from Bloomington to Texas. We were 8 miles north of Washington, Indiana, when we sighted the object. We were driving west into the setting sun. There several cloudy areas in the sky. At first, we thought it was the same color of the red glow of the sun, but when it moved, we stopped the car and got out and watched. We first saw it at about 6:25 in the evening (1825). We first saw the exhaust. It was a long streak of a deep orange color. We could not tell how far away it was. It was very high. It was coming toward us. We thought that the exhaust was about twenty (20) to fifty (50) feet long. At one time it glistened like a mirror, but mostly it looked gray in color, and round like a basketball.

(b) "It turned to the northeast by about 45 degrees as it approached. When it was even with us (in an east-west line), it turned down its exhaust. The exhaust became dimmer in color and shorter in length. In a second the exhaust turned on again and became as long as before. There was no sound at any time when we watched. We watched it go by out of sight in a northeast direction.

(c) "It must have been very high, perhaps 10 miles. I don't know. We watched the thing for just about four (4) minutes total. The exhaust of the object was about 15 to 20 times the length of the object itself. We saw it both against clouds in the background and against clear sky."

2. ~~Mr. J. Schneider~~, 2nd Lt. ~~USAF~~, ~~192224796~~, took the telephone account of ~~Atterbury Air Force Base~~ forecaster, Lt. Brack, said that to his knowledge, there was no weather condition in that area that might appear as described above.

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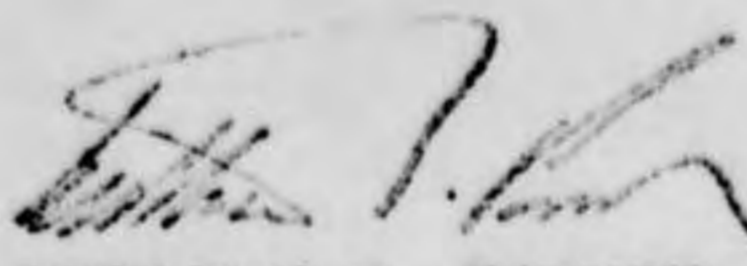
3. Base operations had one plane that might have been in that area at that time: a C-46, #2385, piloted by a Lt. [REDACTED], which left Atterbury Air Force Base at 1826, approximately one minute later than the time Mr. [REDACTED] said he saw the object.

4. Witnesses are not experienced at such observation. The sun was just setting, and the light may not have been good. No action taken; no physical evidence.

5. Official weather at 1830 10 April: scattered clouds at 1300 feet, overcast at 2100, nine miles visibility, wind N-NE, 8 mph, temperature 39.

6. Mr. [REDACTED] forwarded to this headquarters a letter containing the information contained in the above report. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

1 Incl:
Copy of ltr to this
hq from Mr. [REDACTED].


WILLIAM S. POCOCK, JR.
Colonel, USAF
Commanding

April 11, 1952
Bloomington, Indiana

SUBJECT: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

Dear Sir,

I phoned in this report to the Officer of the Day the date of this letter. I will try to explain what I saw.

The three of us were on our way to Texas on April the 1st, we were traveling directly west, our location was about eight miles east of Washington Indiana.

We saw a long streak of constant light in the sky in the west, right above the setting sun. The color was the same as the sun's rays at that time of day (6:25) That was the time we first sighted it. At first we thought it was just part of the sun coming through the clouds because there were alot of clouds around the sun.

But we noticed instantly that it was moving at a high rate of speed. It moved out into the open sky where we could see it a little closer as it came closer it glisten one time like a mirror. (We stopped the car at 6:25) when we first sighted it) The object came from west to north east and disappeared in four minutes from the time we first seen the saucer. When it reached a point directly in line with use we could tell that the object was round. But the height I could not determine nor could I tell how far it was away. The exhaust was at the very least thrity to fifty times the length of the body. The color was a deep orange. The body looked to be about the size of a Basket Ball of larger, but it seemed to be a long way off.

At one time the exhaust seemed to be throttled down and the object seemed to slow down but for only a second or two, when it was directly in line with us.

I have tried to tell you all that I have seen, I hope that this bit of information with what has all ready been compiled will eventually explain, What and from where?????

The other two men that were with me were:

Mr. ~~James [redacted] Bloomington, Indiana.~~
~~[redacted] Now with the Merchant Marine.~~

My address is ~~Old [redacted] St.~~ Bloomington, Indiana.

Sincerely

~~[redacted]~~
~~[redacted]~~
This is a certified true copy.

~~[redacted]~~
WILLIAM S. POCOCK, JR. Colonel, USAF

EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 7

DATE: 11 Apr 52

TIME (Local): 1825

LOCATION: Washington, Ind.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: 4 Min.

SOUND: Unknown

SPEED: Unknown

ALTITUDE: Very high

HEADING: NE

SOURCE: Civilians

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Could be the vapor trail of an aircraft being struck by the rays of the setting sun.

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Streak of deep orange came toward sources from the west, turned northeast and reduced the exhaust. (Restricted)