

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>29 Apr 52</u>		2. LOCATION <u>Coldwater, Ohio</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input checked="" 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>1940</u> GMT <u>30</u> / <u>0040Z</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			
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE <u>civilians</u>			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>1</u>	9. COURSE		
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING <u>Cherry red - "Hot iron" color.</u> <u>Circular. "Drifted but faster than balloon"</u> <u>None-Possibly balloon except for size.</u> <u>Last scheduled launch was 2100 or 3 hours</u> <u>40 minutes before sighting.</u>				11. COMMENTS <u>First seen directly overhead.</u> <u>Disappeared at 30 degrees 1/8 size of full</u> <u>moon.</u>	

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Report of Sighting

At 0915 on 30 April 1952 a Mr. [redacted] of Coldwater, Ohio, called ATIC. He reported that at 1940 EST on 29 April he and three other people observed an unidentified aerial object.

The object was first seen directly overhead. It drifted NW and disappeared in the distance. It was at an angle at elevation of about 30° when it disappeared.

The object appeared to be disc shaped "standing on edge". It was the color of "cherry red hot iron". It appeared to be about 1/8 the size of a full moon. The source thought that it was drifting faster than a balloon could drift.

Dayton winds were:

NE	20,000
NE	25,000
NE	35,000
NE	45,000
N	65,000

Selfridge winds were:

NE	40,000	47
N	45,000	21
N	50,000	17

Dayton balloon drifted SW - 210°. Winds shifting to S. Could have been drifting North. They were not sure of definite burst.

Selfridge last report was 67,000' but no record at W-P AFB of a definite burst.

Could have been 'piball' which are very difficult to track.

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