

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

<p>1. DATE</p> <p>21 May 1952</p>	<p>2. LOCATION</p> <p><u>Lombard, Illinois</u></p>		<p>12. CONCLUSIONS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon</p>
<p>3. DATE-TIME GROUP</p> <p>Local <u>0830</u> <u>CST</u></p> <p>GMT <u>2111030Z</u></p>	<p>4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft</p>
<p>5. PHOTOS</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p>6. SOURCE</p> <p>Civilian</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical</p>
<p>7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</p>	<p>8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</p> <p>1</p>	<p>9. COURSE</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Glass marble</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown</p>
<p>10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING</p> <p>Known object--origin unknown. Could have been shot from slingshot, kicked up by truck etc.</p> <p>Shape: Spherical</p>		<p>11. COMMENTS</p> <p>Tar covered glass marble hit sources. mail box and dented it. Marble was hot. F-86 had just flown over</p>	

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Intel 000.9 (31 May 52)

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Maj Gregory/agg/66361

AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

TO: Commanding Officer, Hq 4706th Defense Wing, O'Hara International Airport, Park Ridge, Illinois

1. Reference is made to your Report 4706DW-2-52 dated 29 May 52 and basic letter, Intel 000.9 dated 31 May 1952. Analysis of the object shows it to be a large glass marble covered with a tar-like substance. It is impossible to determine its origin, although it is probably man-made. About the only conclusions which can be made are that the object had not traveled at any great speed for any distance (which would have melted and removed the coating) and that a high velocity on impact would either have shattered the glass or driven it through the mail box rather than merely denting it. It is deemed quite probable that the marble was thrown or slung. Because of the foregoing no further investigation of this matter is believed necessary.

2. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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DONALD L. BOWER
Colonel, USAF
Chief, Technical Analysis Division

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Intel 000.9 (31 May 52)

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Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

TO: Commanding Officer, Hq 4706th Defense Wing, O'Hare International Airport, Park Ridge, Illinois

1. Reference is made to your Report 4706DW-2-52 dated 29 May 52 and basic letter, Intel 000.9 dated 31 May 1952.

2. An analysis of the object shows that the object is a large glass marble covered with a tar-like substance. The origin of the object or the coating is unknown.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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2. An analysis of the object shows that the object is a large glass marble covered with a tar-like substance. The origin of the object or the coating is unknown.

3. It would be possible to determine the energy necessary to dent the mailbox, as mentioned in the original report, therefore, obtaining an estimate of how far the marble fell or if it were shot from a "slingshot", etc. However, it is not deemed advisable to do this due to time and financial factors.

4. Your cooperation in forwarding this object is appreciated.

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4706TH DEFENSE WING
O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
PARK RIDGE, ILLINOIS

Intel 000.9

31 May 1952

SUBJECT: Recovery of Unidentified Flying Object

TO: Office of the Chief
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

1. Reference is made to message this headquarters, Intel-5-786. and to Air Intelligence Information Report 4706DW-2-52.
2. Forwarded herewith is unidentified flying object, which was recovered at the residence of Ed F. Marquardt, 159 South Charlotte, Lombard, Illinois, on 21 May 1952.
3. It would be appreciated if a copy of your report or analysis on the recovered object is forwarded to this headquarters, ATTENTION: Combat Intelligence Officer.

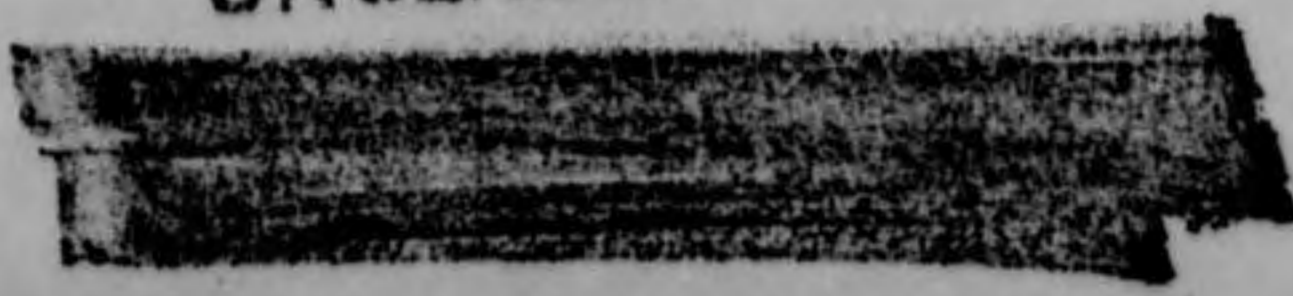
FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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Box containing
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JACK E. FOX
Capt USAF
Asst Air Adj Gen

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AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

FROM (Agency) Headquarters 14706th Defense Wing O'Hare International Airport	REPORT NO. 4706DW-2-52	PAGE 1 OF 1 PAGES
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The following report is submitted in compliance with ADCL 200-1, dtd 11 Apr 51, as amended by ADC MISSION INTELLIGENCE, Issue No. 3, dtd 16 Apr 52.

1. One (1) spherical, transparent, glass-like object, measuring approximately one inch in diameter, covered with a thin layer of tar- or macadam-like substance, was recovered.
2. Object struck steel mailbox at residence of Mr. ██████████ LOMBARD, ILLINOIS, at approximately 0830 hours CDST 21 May 1952. Rounded corner of steel mailbox was dented approximately three-sixteenths (3/16) of an inch by the impact, where a minute amount of object's outer covering was deposited before object ricocheted to porch, leaving a black mark in the last two and one-half (2-1/2) feet of its roll.
3. Four minutes after the noisy impact, Mr. ██████████ located the object, and picked it up, but dropped it as it was too hot to hold. It did not burn his hand. None of the tar-like covering stuck to his fingers. The object dropped on the wet lawn, where it steamed, forming a small steam-like cloud in the still air until the object cooled. Twenty minutes later Mr. ██████████ picked up the object (now cooled) and took it to the Lombard Police Station.
4. Partially closed porch and roof overhang indicate object came from south-southeast (SSE) at approximately a forty-five (45) degree angle.
5. Object has not been analyzed nor tested for radio activity.
6. Nearest factory is an electromotive plant approximately twelve (12) miles southeast of LOMBARD.
7. Six F-86 type aircraft were airborne from O'HARE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, ten (10) miles northeast of LOMBARD, at the time of the incident. Of these six, two were on their first flight since their display to the public on Armed Forces Day. However, a check of these two aircraft reveals no traces of tar in the aft sections. Aircraft were examined to determine the possibility of object having been deposited in aft section. There was negative evidence to indicate object had ever been so contained.
8. Weather: 12,000 broken, 25,000 broken; 2-1/2 miles visibility in smoke; temperature, 50°; dew point, 45; wind, calm; altimeter setting, 29.97.

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COUNTRY United States of America		REPORT NO. 4706DW-2-52	(LEAVE BLANK)
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT			
SUBJECT Recovery of Unidentified Flying Object			
AREA REPORTED ON LOMBARD, ILLINOIS		FROM (Agency) Headquarters 4706th Defense Wing	
DATE OF REPORT 29 May 1952	DATE OF INFORMATION 22 May 1952	EVALUATION	
PREPARED BY (Officer) NEIL H. MacLACHLAN, Captain, USAF <small>REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)</small>		SOURCE Telephone call; interview	
Msg this hq, Intel-5-786 dtd 22 May 1952			
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112—Part II.)			
<p>One (1) spherical transparent glass-like object, 1-1/2 inch in diameter, partially covered with black and reddish material resembling tar or macadam, struck mailbox at the residence of [REDACTED] in LOMBARD, ILLINOIS, approximately 0830 hours CDST 21 May 1952. It dented rounded corner of steel mailbox 3/16 inch, and bounced to porch, leaving black line to point where owner of house picked it up four minutes later, but dropped it due to its heat. Position of mailbox on partially closed porch indicates object came from south-southeast at 45° angle to horizontal.</p> <p>This report is forwarded in compliance with instructions contained on page 30, Air Defense Command MISSION INTELLIGENCE, Issue No. 3, dated 16 April 1952.</p>			
<p>DOWNGRADED AT 5 YEAR INTERVALS; DECLASSIFIED AFTER 12 YEARS. DOD DIR 5200.10</p>			
<p>0 INCL.</p> <p>Recovered object is being forwarded to Chief, Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio, under separate cover.</p>			
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<p>2 - CG, ADC, Ent AFB, Colorado Springs, Colorado. 1 - Chief, ATIC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Dayton, Ohio 1 - DI, Hq USAF, Washington 25, D.C. 1 - CG, IADF, Attn: DI, Stewart AFB, Newburgh, NY</p>			

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 7

DATE: 21 May 52

TIME (Local): 0830 CDST

LOCATION: Lombard, Ill.

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: Not Reported

SOUND: Unknown

SPEED: Unknown

ALTITUDE: Unknown

HEADING: Unknown

SOURCE: Civilian

ACTION OR COMMENTS: Glass marble with tar-like covering origin unknown.

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Spherical glass-like object dented mail box and bounced onto porch. Source attempted to pick up object but it was too hot.