

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 June 1954	2. LOCATION Indian Lake, Ohio	12. CONCLUSIONS <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>UNIDENTIFIED</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>1705EDST</u> GMT <u>25/2105Z</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 3 - 5 Minutes	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE SE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Polished metal. (Very light). Suddenly speeded up. No sound. Underside of object appeared flat. Inverted cone on top. Speed - 2000MPH. 40' in diameter.		11. COMMENTS Contradictions in account. Visual - Balloon Radar- Unidentified	



## U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

(SUMMARY DATA)

BY STAFF D.O.

In order that your information may be filed and coded as accurately as possible, please use the following space to write out a short description of the event that you observed. You may repeat information that you have already given in the questionnaire, and add any further comments, statements, or sketches that you believe are important. Try to present the details of the observation in the order in which they occurred. Additional pages of the same size paper may be attached if they are needed.

NAME

[REDACTED]

(Please Print)

MAJOR USAF

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DATE

25 Jun 54

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

At 1900 hours, 25 June 54, Lieutenant Benzing, a pilot of the Day No. 1, Bg. 10, W-P AFB, called. Reported that Captain Edwards, O.D. #4, WADC, had reported an unidentified aerial object sighting. Captain Edwards told Lieut. Benzing that M/Sgt Gurka at Patterson Approach Control (Radar Control) had the details and that the sighting was by Mr. John Mark at the Biltmore Hotel in Dayton.

M/Sgt Gurka, when called by the undersigned, stated that Dayton Tower at Municipal Airport called at 1714. Dayton Tower said they received a report of a sighting of a very fast target approximately 40 miles NE of Dayton and requested that Radar Control look at the scopes.

M/Sgt Gurka further stated that radar found a target 40 to 45 miles NE of Dayton on a heading of 170°. The target moved off of the scope in 1 minute (a)



~~SA Mark, Mark first~~

~~located in Dayton - 2700' from Friday~~

~~with nothing to do - later scanning sky -~~

~~let you know in advance~~

"unidentified object" then its edge tilted up in the direction it began motion and it flashed away a few miles and hovered again. When Mr. Mark continued to talk, the object flashed away and, this time, up at a very steep and fast ascent until it went into the aircraft at about 30,000!

Mr. Mark said the object reacted exactly as if it was listening to his radio transmission.

When ~~Mr. Mark~~ first sighted the object, he checked against reflection by looking with and without sun glasses, through the windshield and through an open window, and from various angles. He says he saw it every time. It made no sound and emitted no smoke, fire or vapor.

Full City Officer Comments: The controllers on duty in Patterson approach control - Radar control who sighted the object where Mr.



distance of 33 miles). Dayton Tower then called back to Patterson approach control and stated that a Mr. John Mark in a Navion, 40 miles NE of Dayton at 6500' saw an object at 12000' to 15000'. The object was round, about 40 feet in diameter, with a cone on top. It was smooth and highly polished. It hovered with a heavy, humming noise. When Mr. [redacted] called the tower the object flashed away at great speed.

Mr. [redacted] was called at the Belmont. He called long distance to North Carolina (according to a chat operator) for more than 30 minutes while the undersigned waited. When Mr. [redacted] finally terminated his call and talked to the undersigned he said that he was sorry for the delay. He said he knew I was waiting and he had been talking to Denver.

His story was briefly as follows: He was flying in a Navion south from Fair Michigan to Dayton. He was at 6200' and 131 mph indicated. He had just got the altimeter setting (2900") from Fairbury, Ohio and turned into Dayton. As he neared Dayton he was scanning the sky through 180° because of jet and other traffic in the area.

He saw this object high and to his left (about 10 o'clock high) just hovering. He was sure it was motionless. It was about 3 miles from him. It was metallic and very shiny. It was shaped like a plate with an inverted cone on top. It had roughly the span of a Delta Willard One. He observed no windows or protrusions. Just a shiny aluminum colored plate with a cone on top.

When Mr. [redacted] called Dayton Tower, the object was still there until Mr. [redacted] said the words

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~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ reported it and who, as M/ Sgt Fusa  
soberly reported, saw it move a distance equivalent  
distance of 33 miles in 1 minute (in which figures  
to be 1980 mph) were:

T/Sgt Mc Auliffe

A/IC Weiss

A/2C Green.

Mr ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ is firm in his story and is  
affronted by such form questions as "what do  
you think caused it?"

His story has flaws - it charges -  
and he saw such objects before in the  
Carolinan, despite his flying experience.

I have no answer for the radar  
controllers' story. As for the phenomenon  
sighter, I recommend that he tell his story  
first instead of last after the individual questions.  
The forms now prepare the interrogator for  
traps he sees in the individual questions  
and he alters his story. Form B should be  
filled out prior to Form A.

Paul Merriam  
M401 USAF



*Handwritten notes:*  
 11/2/54

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This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U. S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes, and will be regarded as confidential material. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that, if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

25 JUNE 1954  
 Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

*1705 sighted*  
1714 00  
 Hour Minutes

(Circle One): A.M. or P.M.

3. Time zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern  
 b. Central  
 c. Mountain  
 d. Pacific  
 e. Other \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving  
 b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

Nearest Postal Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City of Town Dayton State or Country Ohio  
 Additional remarks: 6200' just passed Indian Lake  
40 mi. NE Dayton

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

Hours \_\_\_\_\_ Minutes 3-5 Seconds \_\_\_\_\_

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

a. Certain  
 b. Fairly certain  
 c. Not very sure  
 d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One): a. Bright daylight *sun thru haze*  
 b. Dull daylight  
 c. Bright twilight  
 d. Just a trace of daylight  
 e. No trace of daylight  
 f. Don't remember

*altimeter 2900"*

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you  
 b. In back of you  
 c. To your right  
 d. To your left  
 e. Overhead  
 f. Don't remember

*Heading 210°*

*Object to left  
 150°*



16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound No sound

b. Color Silver or Al - very bright

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

underside (3 mi. distant)  
 appeared flat (like an)  
 round  
 front edge raises on start  
 inverted cone on top  
 Wing span of  
 Redpollard  
 Dove

18. The edges of the object were:

- (Circle One): a. Fuzzy or blurred *very bright* e. Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 b. Like a bright star \_\_\_\_\_  
 c. Sharply outlined \_\_\_\_\_  
 d. Don't remember \_\_\_\_\_

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? ONE

Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

ONE traveled horizontally, stopped,  
 then climbed steeply - Mr. Mark says  
 he couldn't have stood the "G's".



8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

- a. None
- b. A few
- c. Many
- d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- a. Bright moonlight
- b. Dull moonlight
- c. No moonlight — pitch dark
- d. Don't remember

9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle One): a. Yes b. No c. Don't remember

10. IF it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?:

(Circle One) a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?

- b. Several blocks away?
- c. A block away?
- d. Several yards away?
- e. Other very bright metal plates

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- |   |                                       |           |            |
|---|---------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time?           | <u>Yes</u>                            | No        | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | <u>Yes</u>                            | No        | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode?              | Yes                                   | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke?                              | Yes                                   | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness?                           | <u>slightly as seen from away</u> Yes | No        | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape?                                | Yes                                   | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate?                  | Yes                                   | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |

12. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: cloud in distance (overcast) 30,000'

13. Did the object move in front of something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of: clouds

14. Did the object appear: (Circle One): a. Solid? b. Transparent? c. Don't Know.

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- |                       |            |           |   |     |           |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|---|-----|-----------|
| a. Eyeglasses         | Yes        | <u>No</u> | e. Binoculars   | Yes | <u>No</u> |
| b. <u>Sun glasses</u> | <u>Yes</u> | No        | f. Telescope  | Yes | <u>No</u> |
| c. <u>Windshield</u>  | Yes        | No        | g. Theodolite   | Yes | <u>No</u> |
| d. Window glass       | <u>Yes</u> | No        | h. Other <u>also w/ out of lens - through open window</u> |     |           |



25. Where were you located when you saw the object?  
(Circle One):

- a. Inside a building  
b. In a car  
c. Outdoors  
d. In an airplane  
e. At sea  
f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

26. Were you (Circle One)

- a. In the business section of a city?  
b. In the residential section of a city?  
c. In open countryside?  
d. Flying near an airfield?  
e. Flying over a city?  
f. Flying over open country?  
g. Other \_\_\_\_\_

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

210° into Dayton 40 mi. out - 50 mi.

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

- |              |              |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North     | c. East      | e. South     | g. West      |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

28.2 How fast were you moving? 131 miles per hour.

28.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? (Circle One)

- |              |              |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North     | c. East      | e. South     | g. West      |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |
- 180° scan

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? (Circle One)

- |              |                     |              |              |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North     | c. East             | e. South     | g. West      |
| b. Northeast | d. <u>Southeast</u> | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 150° degrees.  
b. From horizon 80° degrees.

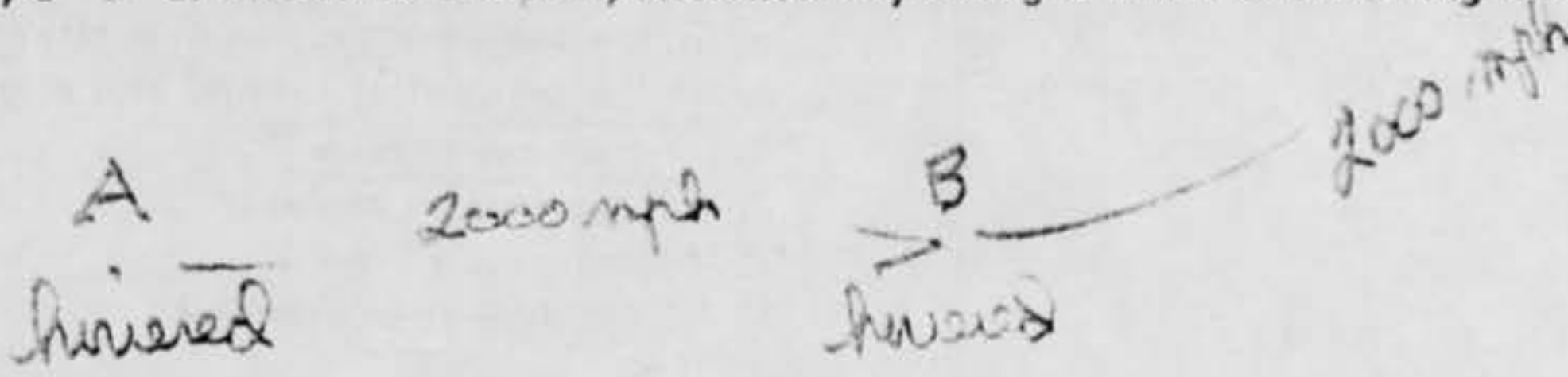
31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 180° degrees.  
b. From horizon 80° degrees.



7 in diameter

20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.

~~approx 40'~~ feet. a round plate - 40' in diameter

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects held in the hand and at about arm's length?

(Circle One):

- a. Head of a pin
- b. Pen
- c. Dime
- d. Nickel
- e. Quarter
- f. Half dollar
- g. Silver dollar
- h. Baseball
- i. Grapefruit
- j. Basketball
- k. Other \_\_\_\_\_

22.1 (Circle One of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.

- a. Certain
- b. Fairly certain
- c. Not very sure
- d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? into view @ 30,000'

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? Describe in your own words a common object or objects which when placed up in the sky would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

metal - it's like aluminum



39. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? 2000 m.p.h.

40. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) Yes No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? 3 mi feet. 12,000'  
15,000'

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [Redacted] [Redacted] [Redacted]  
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [Redacted] Winton 2  
Street City Zone State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [Redacted]

What is your present job? Sales Mgr City Tool Corp

Age 41 Sex M Atlas Tool Designers

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

- a. Grade school \_\_\_\_\_
- b. High school \_\_\_\_\_
- c. College  \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Post graduate \_\_\_\_\_

- e. e. Technical school \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type) \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Other special training Formerly Marine  
has 5000-6000 hrs  
commercial - single - multi

42. Date you completed this questionnaire: 25 Jun 1954  
Day Month Year



34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

34.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

- a. Clear sky  
b. Hazy  
c. Scattered clouds  
d. Thick or heavy clouds  
e. Don't remember

low then  
high then

34.2 WIND (Circle One)

- a. No wind  
b. Slight breeze  
c. Strong wind  
d. Don't remember

18-20 mph  
260°

34.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

- a. Dry  
b. Fog, mist, or light rain  
c. Moderate or heavy rain  
d. Snow  
e. Don't remember

34.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- a. Cold  
b. Cool  
c. Warm  
d. Hot  
e. Don't remember

50 50

35. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

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36. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One) Yes

No

36.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One) Yes

No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle One) Yes

No

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

3 yrs ago in Carlisle -  
for about 1 min. - didn't report -  
was farther away - thought reflection

38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

don't know  
it was an object

↑ don't know  
(says "ambiguous"  
question)



Additional Info: A check with  
Patterson Ops revealed that only  
a C-54 was up from this  
base at the time of the sighting.  
JRM

No F-86 or T-33, etc.

Mr. ~~██████████~~ says he has seen  
many of the balloons with and without  
lights. Also he saw a DC-6 clearly  
outlined high above him a few minutes  
before he saw the "thing", so visual  
conditions were good.