

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

Cy for 4602d AIFB

1. DATE JULY 31 August 1956	2. LOCATION Amarillo, Texas	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 010400-2 Aug GMT	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION FBI Report <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian (Ex AF pilot)	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 hrs, 15 min.	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE <input type="checkbox"/> Other Artillery firings <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Observed bright trajectory 10 miles SE of Amarillo, followed by another, appearing as a light in a cloud formation estimated to be 50 miles in length. Source states light appeared size of grapefruit, having a faint trace of red and varying its position. Picture taken of the pattern left by object.		11. COMMENTS Plot of positions, directions and locations given show that a line from observers position (bearing: 10 o'clock) points almost directly at Ft. Sill. Army Artillery Testing Grounds. Probably high-altitude AA firings, with drones, rockets, parachute flares, etc., which may have accounted for the odd illumination and patterns against the night sky.

LATE UFO REPORT: Submitted to ATIC Jan 57

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## "AIR FORCE PLANE DOWNED BY UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT"

Case 170, In air over Pixley, Cal., July 22, 1956—The above headline quoted from the *Rocky Mountain News*, Denver, Colo., typifies others appearing in the nation's press. However, for the story we quote from the *San Francisco Chronicle* as follows: "A Hamilton AFB transport plane survived a 9000 ft. vertical dive and landed safely with three-fourths of its tail elevator missing. The pilot, co-pilot and crew of two all blacked out following a mysterious mid-air incident that no one was able to explain. Major Merwin Stenvers, the pilot, said the C-131D, was cruising at 16,000 ft. over Pixley. 'Suddenly, there was a loud bang, a severe vibration and we went into a dive,' he said. Major Stenvers had the plane under manual control at the time. While he and his co-pilot battled to bring it out of the spin, the two crewmen were scrambling to regain their feet in the cabin. Finally, Stenvers saw the nose begin to come up, averting certain death. But then all four crew members blacked out. When he and his co-pilot, Capt. Robert Marble, came to, the plane was going almost straight up, he said. He guessed the craft had dropped to 7000 ft. before changing direction. Major Stenvers was unable to explain what happened. He said he saw no other planes about him. He thought a faulty port engine had caused trouble and feathered the propeller before landing at Kern County airport at 11:30 a.m. Only when he inspected the plane on the ground did he notice the badly damaged tail section. About 36 square feet of the left elevator was missing. The remaining portion was hanging shredded and torn. There also was a dent about ten inches in diameter under the left stabilizer. The two crewmen suffered minor cuts when they were thrown about the cabin. Major Stenvers and Capt. Marble were questioned by officials from Edwards AFB. All men were or are part of the 2317th Air Transport Squadron at Hamilton AFB."

"According to one UP report: One official said it looked like 'something had struck it from above but we don't know.' Another UP report said: The Air Force ordered tight security measures into effect and stationed guards around the plane at the airport. An AP report said that the sheriff's office investigated a report that another plane had crashed nearby but found no evidence." \*4

Ed: Critics will say that this incident is "down the CRIFO alley"—True! While it ranks high on the suspect list, the case is by no means closed. We will await further evidence, and suggest that everyone read between the lines if more is said on the case.

ADDENDUM—As one reader put it, "Now comes the back tracking." In the July 24 edition of the *San Francisco Chronicle* it is said that Air Force investigators discovered that a jammed control device threw the ill-fated plane into a steep dive causing the damage. Said the *Chronicle*, "Earlier theories had the plane under attack from above by everything from a meteor to a flying saucer. . . . Capt. J. R. Smith of Edwards AFB information office said a series of rivets popped and jammed a rod which controlled the plane's elevator servo-tab. The servo-tab is a small control surface which serves a larger movable control. It is a sort of booster which makes the larger control easier to move. 'When the rod jammed the servo-tab flipped up,' said Smith. 'The elevator was forced down and stuck. When that elevator suddenly flipped down, it just pitched him (the pilot) over,' Smith said. 'Guess it would feel like he had flown into a brick wall, just like he said.'

4 John Biemer, Danville, Cal.; C. H. Marck, Jr., Denver, Colo.; George Cicharz, St. Louis Park, Minn.; N. Cuandra, Oakland, Cal.; Arthur Rounds, Brentwood, Mo.; James Geer, Tiburon, Cal.; Geo. Ormrod, Phoenix, Ariz.; H. G. Rovner, Phila. Pa.

Continued the *Chronicle*: The plane recovered so sharply from the dive that the pilot blacked out. 'During the recovery from the dive, it was necessary to make a quicker pull-up than normal,' the Air Force said. 'This resulted in stresses and strains which were far in excess of the allowable limit on the aircraft.' The stress of the pullout peeled off a section of the elevator one foot wide and five feet long." \*5

INFORMATION REGARDING THIS CASE REQUESTED IN TELEGRAM TO GEN KELLY 21 May 1957 BY KEYHOE

• 4/4 • THE JULY 23, 1956, REPORT OF AN EMERGENCY LANDING BY AN AIR FORCE C-131-D (CONVAIR CARGO PLANE) AFTER COLLIDING WITH AN UNKNOWN OBJECT OVER PIXLEY, CALIF. UFO'S WERE REPORTED AT THE TIME IN THIS AREA, AND AN AIR FORCE SPOKESMAN STATED THAT THE PLANE'S SHATTERED TAIL SECTION APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN "STRUCK BY SOMETHING FROM ABOVE."

No Case (Information Only)

22 July 1956  
San Joaquin Valley, California

Case 173, San Joaquin Valley, Cal., July 22, '56—Said the Los Angeles Evening Herald Express: "Authorities listed as 'flying saucer' stories reports of two mysterious flying objects over San Joaquin Valley. Investigators failed to find any trace of the craft which a woman near Fresno described as an oval object emitting a greenish light from its tail. A Tulare county resident said he saw a similar jet-like craft crash and explode near Pixley." Both incidents took place about 5:30 a.m., a little more than five hours before the "collision" between a C-131D and "unknown object" over Pixley. (See Case 170. Orbit, August, 1956.)

Case 176, Sierra region, Cal., July 22, '56—Also pertinent is another report written in to CRIFO by Miss Jane Purcell of Fresno. She writes, in part, "... A friend, Miss Imogene Okes, and I were camping out at Lake Mary, a spot of 9000 feet altitude in the Mammoth Lakes Region in the Higher Sierra country. At approximately 5:45 the next morning (July 22) Miss Okes, unable to sleep, was looking at the sky. . . . In the northwest sky she saw a ball of light followed by a short pointed tail. The colors, she said, were similar to those of a bunsen burner and were arranged in the following manner: first the blue ball which faded into green, then yellow green, then yellow, then orange and lastly diminishing into a trail of red sparks—the whole taking the shape of a cone with the axis in a roughly horizontal position. . . . It was in view for about 3 or 4 seconds traveling from east to west. . . ."

Case 190, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, 10:15 p.m., July 24, 1956—Sighter Paul Hanson writes: "Object first appeared about 20 degrees up in NW sky. It moved directly overhead then directly into the moon from which it did not appear again. Speed was constant. To naked eye the object was bluish-white. Through 7 power glasses it had a definite orange color. Brightness comparable to first magnitude star. Minute later, a jet plane traversed the sky on the same course as the unknown. It was also lost in the full moon but it emerged below the moon and disappeared on the horizon. To the naked eye the jet was blue-white, the same as the unknown but in contrast to the unknown it was also blue-white through the glasses."

Case 191, Provo, Utah, July 25, 1956—We quote from the *Deseret News and Telegraph*: "Reports of a 'strange streak of light and a flare-up' at the crest of Mt. Timpanogos touched off aerial and ground searches. CAP searchers could find no trace of any crashed plane. No aircraft were reported missing. It was presumed the nocturnal fireworks were caused by a meteorite. Search craft returned with reports of a fresh rock-slide near the north end of the mountain. The CAP sent its plane into the air in an effort to trace reports from three residents of American Fork who saw a streak of light followed by a 'flare-up'. The flare appeared to be over the crest of the mountain on the east side away from American Fork. They said the fire lit the sky at the top of the mountain. One said it appeared to be a meteor which struck and then bounced. . . . Capt. Verg Collins of the CAP said the search found no traces of the flaming object."<sup>3</sup>

No Case (Information Only)

26 July 1956  
Plymouth, Massachusetts

1956, July 26-8to8:30pm-Plymouth, New Hampshire-A yellow UFO with a disappearing tail, reported by Ground Observer Corps. It traveled North-West at a high altitude...

Case 192, Plymouth, Mass., July 26, 1956—According to a brief item in the *Concord Monitor*, two Ground Observers Corps spotters reported seeing an unidentified flying object which was bright yellow and left a trail similar to a jet. One observer said the object appeared to be moving slowly and made no sound.<sup>4</sup>



Case 179, Brentwood, Cal., July 28, 1956—The *Oakland Tribune* reported that a three hour search failed to solve the mystery of a "sparkling green light" which appeared to land in an orchard. Six residents and an Oakland visitor reported to the sheriff's deputy that at 9:55 p.m. Saturday they saw a "green flash going through the sky and then fall or land in the orchard. Television reception was reported temporarily interrupted at that approximate time. Four sheriff's deputies and several reserve officers searched a square mile area at the "landing spot" but found nothing. Officials at Oakland Airport and Hamilton and Travis AFB's said they knew of no planes in the Brentwood sky at the time.<sup>6</sup>

No Case (Information Only)

30 July 1956  
between Port Austin & Bad Axe, Mich.

Case 178, between Port Austin and Bad Axe, Mich., July 30, 1956—We quote from *The Saginaw News*, in part: Huron County Deputy Sheriff Fred Cubernuss and William Gravlin, announcer for station WLEW, Bad Axe, reported seeing a luminous object about 500 ft. in the air, traveling very fast. Both men, traveling together, said the object was visible for about 10 to 15 seconds. Cubernuss said later that the Sheriff's office had received two reports of other strange lights at 9:05 and 9:35 p.m., moving in a southerly direction. Earlier reports were received of a large rapidly moving colored light spotted in Saginaw, Gratiot, Midland and Clare Counties. The Burt GOC reported the light shortly after midnight. The object was described as red, white and blue, moving rapidly. A State Police trooper said the light was too large and moved too fast to be an airplane. Air Force F-89's flew to the area to search at 1:53 a.m., but did not report finding any objects.<sup>5</sup>

1 - 9 AUGUST 1958 SIGHTINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
1-11	Potomac, USSR	[REDACTED]	Other (LENTICULAR CLOUD)
1	Snellman, Florida (CASE MISSING)	Military	Aircraft
1	Trescent City, Florida	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
2	Amarillo, Texas	[REDACTED] (PHOTO)	Other (HOAX)
2	Cartersville, Virginia	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
2	Van Dyke, Michigan (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Astro (MARS)
2	Carrollton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
3	Long Island, New York	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
4	La Fayette, Indiana	[REDACTED]	Astro (STARS/PLANETS)
4	Norfolk, Virginia	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
4	South Portland, Maine	[REDACTED]	Balloon
4	Dallas, Texas	Multi	Aircraft
4	Delamero, North Dakota	[REDACTED]	Balloon
4	Beavertown, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Astro (VEGA)
4	Keystone Heights, Florida	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
4	Wall Lake, Michigan	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
5	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	Multi	Balloon
5	One Mi E of Denver, Colorado	Multi	Astro (METEOR)
5	Santa Monica, California	Civilian GOC	Aircraft
5	Fallon Navy Station, Nevada	Multi	Aircraft
5	Morton Grove, Illinois	[REDACTED]	Balloon
5	La Jolla, California	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
5	Boonville, Missouri	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
5	Catonville, Maryland	[REDACTED] (GOC)	Astro (METEOR)
5	Grand Rapids, Detroit, Mc Clemens, Michigan	Multi	Astro (MARS)
5	Gower, Missouri	[REDACTED]	Balloon
5	Wagon, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
5	Northville, Michigan	[REDACTED]	Astro (VENUS)
5	Columbus, Ohio (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Astro (MARS)
5	Kinrossville, Canada	Canadian Police	Astro (MARS/STAR)
5	Barry, New York	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS)
5	Hesperus, Colorado (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Balloon
5	20 Mi S Quartzsite, Arizona	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
5-10	Cunningham, Tennessee	Multi (GOC)(PHOTO)	Astro (METEOR/MARS)
5	Liberty, Indiana	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEORS)
5	Patterson AFB, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Balloon
5	Woburn, Massachusetts	[REDACTED]	Astro (STAR)
5	Lancaster, Texas (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Astro (MARS)
5	South Portland, Maine	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS)
5-12	Gadsden, Alabama/Panama City, Florida	[REDACTED]	Astro (STAR)

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Review and Analysis - UFO Photo

AFOIN-4E4 OFFICIAL FILE

File "UFO Case Files" IN 4956 AMARILLO, TEX.

ROUTING	COORDINATION
AFOIN-4	
AFOIN-4X2b	
AFOIN-4F3 (In Turn)	
AFOIN-4D2a	
ATTN: Major Willner	
AFOIN-4X2c	
AFOIN-4X3	
AFOIN-4X4	
AFOIN-4A	
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AFOIN-4C	
AFOIN-4D	
AFOIN-4E4	
AFOIN-4F	
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AFOIN-4E4

15 Feb 57  
4E4/Capt G.T. Gregory/wm  
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1. Request your review and analysis of attached photograph and copy of original report.

2. A microscopic examination discloses that the photo is not "doctored", and apparently not an emulsion flaw.

3. The absence of any horizon, objects or perspective for contrast or comparison purposes makes analysis somewhat difficult. In the opinion of this office, and based upon numerous still and motion pictures of guided missile launchings, the trails shown here appear to be similar to those left in the wake of missiles.

4. The zig-zag, overlapping lines are those generally formed by the variable patterns encountered by missiles in their trajectory at various altitudes. The pattern of these lines is not characteristic of lightning flashes, ruling out that phenomenon.

5. Information available to this office indicates that the closest missile launching site to observer's location is White Sands, New Mexico, a distance approximately 300 miles from Amarillo.

6. Attached report indicates that the observer was facing in an almost directly opposite direction from White Sands; and that the sharpness of the trail pattern leads one to believe that it was much closer to observer.

7. Therefore, on the basis of the above, the following are submitted for specific consideration:

- a. 4F-3 (1) Whether the missile assumption is valid.
- (2) Whether there are (or were) any missile sites or operations in the general direction or vicinity reported.
- (3) Any knowledge of missile firings, which a missile firing is known to have departed from its designated course, within the particular time period given, which might explain the phenomenon.

- b. 4D-2a (1) Specific comments as to the cause or identify of object in photograph.
- (2) Estimated distance of the trail (assuming missile hypothesis, using characteristics of camera equipment used).

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ADDRESS FOR FOREIGN MAILINGS (NOT USED)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
4-11	New Jersey	Newsclipping	
4	Greenfield, Massachusetts	Newsclipping	
7	Lawards AFB, California	Newsclipping	
8	Omaha, Colorado	Newsclipping	
8	East Hartford, Connecticut	Newsclipping	
8	SWP, Fiji Islands		

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
10	Washington, D. C.	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS)
10	Creston, Iowa	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS)
10	Antelopefield, California	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS)
10	San Ramon, California	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS)
10-11	Dallas, Texas	Military (RADAR) Visual [REDACTED]	1. Aircraft 2. Astro (MARS)
11	Meredith, New Hampshire	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS)
11	Terre Haute, Indiana (2 Sightings)	Military, Multi	Astro (MARS)
11	Windsor, Colorado (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Astro (MARS)
12	Brockton, Massachusetts (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Astro (MARS)
12	East Danville, Illinois	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
12	Manchester, New Hampshire	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS/PLANETS)
12	Denver, Colorado	[REDACTED]	Believed
13	Staunton, Virginia	[REDACTED]	Believed
13	Harpsville, Michigan	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
13	Beatrice, Nebraska	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
13-14	Bentwaters, Lakehead, England	Ground (RADAR) Gd & Air Visual	1. Anomalous Propagation 2. Astro (MARS)
14	Colorado Springs, Colorado (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Astro (VENUS)
14	Annapolis, Maryland	Chance	Aircraft
14	Boston, Massachusetts	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
14	Richmond, Massachusetts	Multi	Aircraft
14	Richmond, Virginia	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
14	Palmsville, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
14	Harvey, Illinois	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS)
14	W. H. Hill, Texas	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
15	San Jose, California	[REDACTED]	Believed
15	Gettysburg, Pennsylvania	[REDACTED]	Other (BIRDS)
15	Columbus, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
15	Atlantic, Iowa	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
15	Yellow Springs, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS)
15	Chicago, Illinois	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS)
15	Sister Creek, Ontario	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
15	Winton Hill, Maryland	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
15	New Rochelle, New York (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Believed
15	Secaucus	Master Airlines Pilot	Astro (MARS/PLANETS)
15	Walling, New Hampshire	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS)
16	Lincoln, California	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS)
17	Spragueville, Iowa	Military (RADAR)	Other (CASE MISSING)
17	Longview, Washington	Multi	Astro (MARS/PLANETS)
17	Colorado Springs, Colorado (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Astro (VENUS)
17	Proctor, Pennsylvania (CASE MISSING)	Military	Astro (MARS/PLANETS)
17	Dallas, Texas	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS)

10 - 13 AUGUST 1956 SERIAL 01

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTS OF (TOP SECRET)

<u>NO.</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>REFERENCE</u>
10	Minneapolis, Minnesota	Newsclipping	
11	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	Newsclipping	
12	Farkersburg, West Virginia	Newsclipping	
14	Cordland & Ithaca, New York	Newsclipping	
14	North Windham, Maine	Newsclipping	
15	Cincinnati, Ohio	Newsclipping	
15	Yalewood, New York	Newsclipping	
16	Santa Monica, California	Newsclipping	
17	Middlebury, Connecticut	Newsclipping	

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Encl #1, to AFOIN-4F3, AFOIN-4D2a (In Turn), 15 Feb 57, Subject: Review  
AFOIN-4 Analysis - UFO Photo

- (3) Possibility of object being fuzz, lint or some similar object cleverly photographed against a dark background, i.e., a hoax.
- (4) Other pertinent remarks or calculations for entry into UFO File.

*Henry A. Miley*  
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AFOIN-4E4

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FORT SILL, LAWTON, OKLAHOMA

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FROM: AFOIN-4E4 2-233-E

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COORDINATION:

AFOIN-4E4 *Henry A. Miley* DATE 19/2/57  
 Dr. Henry A. Miley  
 AFOIN-4E *H. K. Gilbert* DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 Col H. K. Gilbert

DATE	TIME
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REFERENCE AFOIN-4E4-2-233-E. NO ARTILLERY FIRING WAS CONDUCTED DURING PERIOD 2400 HOURS 31 JULY 1956 TO 0600 HOURS 1 AUGUST 1956. ARTILLERY FIRING OF 105MM ILLUMINATING ROUNDS WAS CONDUCTED FROM 1800 HOURS 31 JULY 1956 TO 2400 HOURS 31 JULY 1956. MALFUNCTION OF ILLUMINATING ROUND COULD PRODUCE A BRILLIANT FALLING LIGHT FROM ALTITUDES AS HIGH AS 6000 FEET; HOWEVER, NO HIGH ALTITUDE TRAILS OR JET EXHAUSTS WOULD BE PRODUCED.

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No Case (Information Only)

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LIFE, in its July 30 issue , published a photograph of a bright, saucerlike object seen flying in the sky over southeastern Kansas the week before. "Air Force officials dismissed it as a reflection from burning natural gas, but the Kansans refused to accept this simple explanation for such a puzzling phenomenon."

COMMENTS REGARDING PIXLEY CASE

1. This Center has no report under that identification.
2. However, the following should be made a matter of note:
  - a. Numerous alleged UFO sightings are reported directly to, or are collected exclusively by unofficial UFO groups. The majority have periodic publications, usually a monthly paper, which describe the sightings with occasional lack of restraint.
  - b. Many UFO sightings are reported only to newspapers. Where such sightings are reported to small-town newspapers, they never reach the attention of the Air Force, directly or indirectly. As a matter of policy, the Air Force cannot consider cases not officially brought to its attention. Cost of investigating the countless rumors would be prohibitive.
  - c. Weeks or months later, when conclusive studies or "on the spot" investigations are no longer possible, the Air Force is often queried regarding the status or explanation of the incidents.