

**PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD**

<b>1. DATE</b> 11 October 1956		<b>2. LOCATION</b> Crane, Indiana		<b>12. CONCLUSIONS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon	
<b>3. DATE-TIME GROUP</b> Local <u>2245</u> GMT <u>12/0345Z</u>		<b>4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION</b> <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	
<b>5. PHOTOS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		<b>6. SOURCE</b> Civilian		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exaggeration due to suggestibility <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
<b>7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b> 30 seconds		<b>8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b> one	<b>9. COURSE</b> unknown		
<b>10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING</b> 18 year old youth rptd large, glowing object red or amber in color observed 75 to 100 ft in air. Claims objects 40 feet in diameter.			<b>11. COMMENTS</b> No low flying a/c in vicinity. No objs rptd by radar. Sighting observed adjacent to US naval depot. Not rptd by others. Significant that youth's father had also rptd UFO less than 1 month before. Conclude, therefore, strong possibility conventional obj or light seen, but exaggerated due to suggestibility resulting fm parent's rpt and/or belief.		

Witness

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2466TH AIR RESERVE FLYING CENTER  
United States Air Force  
Bakalar Air Force Base  
Columbus, Indiana

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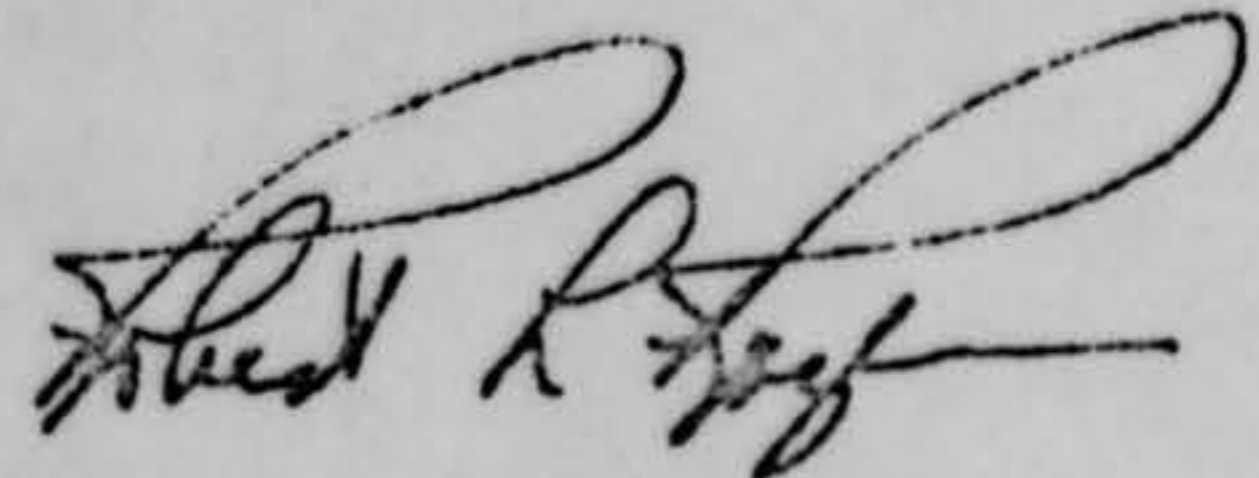
SUBJECT: Transmittal of "UFOB" Reports

TO: Commanding General  
Air Defense Command  
Ent Air Force Base  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

1. The attached reports are forwarded in accordance with Air Force Regulation 200-2, paragraph 4a.

2. This activity is unable to comply with the prescribed reporting procedure as defined in paragraph 7, above cited regulation.

FOR THE COMMANDER:



RAYBOURN  
CWO, W-3, USAF  
Adjutant

2 Incls

- 1. UFOB Report dtd  
21 Nov 56
- 2. UFOB Report dtd  
29 November 56

U. S. NAVAL AMMUNITION DEPOT

4602D AIRS TINDLEBANK, INDIANA

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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AB(8)-ADE:hmn

Ser 2085

21 November 1956

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From: Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Ammunition Depot, Crane, Indiana

To: Commanding Officer, Bakalar Air Force Base, Columbus, Indiana

Subj: Unidentified Flying Objects; report of investigation of

Ref: (a) 9ND INSTR 3820.1A dtd 2 February, 1956

1. Subject report has been compiled in accordance with reference (a).

2. On the night of 11 October 1956, one person reported seeing an unidentified flying object while he was driving north on Highway 45 which parallels the western edge of the Depot of a distance of approximately one mile.

3. The witness reported that the object was seen at 10:45 (2245), on the right side of the highway approximately one hundred (100) yards from the road. The object was described as a large, glowing, red or amber light about seventy-five (75) to one hundred (100) feet in the air, circular and about forty (40) feet in diameter. The witness reports stopping for approximately 30 seconds to view the object, which left, going across the Depot at a speed comparable to that of a shooting star. The witness reports that the sky was clear, no other aircraft were in sight, and the object made no noise.

4. The name of the witness is [redacted] His age is 18 and he resides with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] Crane, Indiana.

5. The witness denied the use of alcoholic beverages. A neighborhood check indicates that the witness is a normal person from above average environment, who is not subject to illusions. The father of the witness reported seeing an unidentified flying object over the Depot on the evening of 17 September 1955. This sighting was reported in CO NAD CRANE ltr AB(2)-ADE:hmn Ser 2045 of 9 October 1956, to CO Bakalar AFB.

6. This report was prepared by the Legal Officer attached to the Depot, from information obtained by the Depot Criminal Investigator. There are no comments nor any preliminary analysis of possible causes of the sighting other than pointing out that the sighting by the father of the witness less than a month beforehand might have been suggestive. There was no report of lowflying aircraft over the Depot on 11 October 1956.

R. C. Turner, Jr.  
R. C. TURNER, JR  
Acting

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Commandant, 9ND

\* It appears that the father of the observer had made a UFO report.

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11 Dec 56  
[Signature]

UFOB INDEX CARD

AISS-UFOB-485-56

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<p>3. DATE-TIME GROUP 28/0400Z Oct 56</p>	<p>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</p>		<p><input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft</p>
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<p>7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION See below</p>	<p>8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One</p>	<p>9. COURSE See below</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown</p>
<p>10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One luminous object, changing colors like a prism, exhibiting primary colors. Object glittered and twinkled like a star. Object was seen by various sources all through the night.</p>			<p>11. COMMENTS This report was received by letter from CO, MAD, Crane, Indiana. A copy is attached. The object was definitely established to be the Planet Mars.</p>

Three or four fairly brilliant stars  
at approx  $30^{\circ}$ - $45^{\circ}$  degrees to N, NW  
at approx 2300 hours, 27 October 1956

- Vega, Altair, Deneb. Maas was  
more to the SW at this time. Eleva-  
tions & bearings difficult to get at night by  
laymen.

Bright stars at E. part of sky   
at this time: Castor, Regel, Bellatrix, Aldebaran — 579

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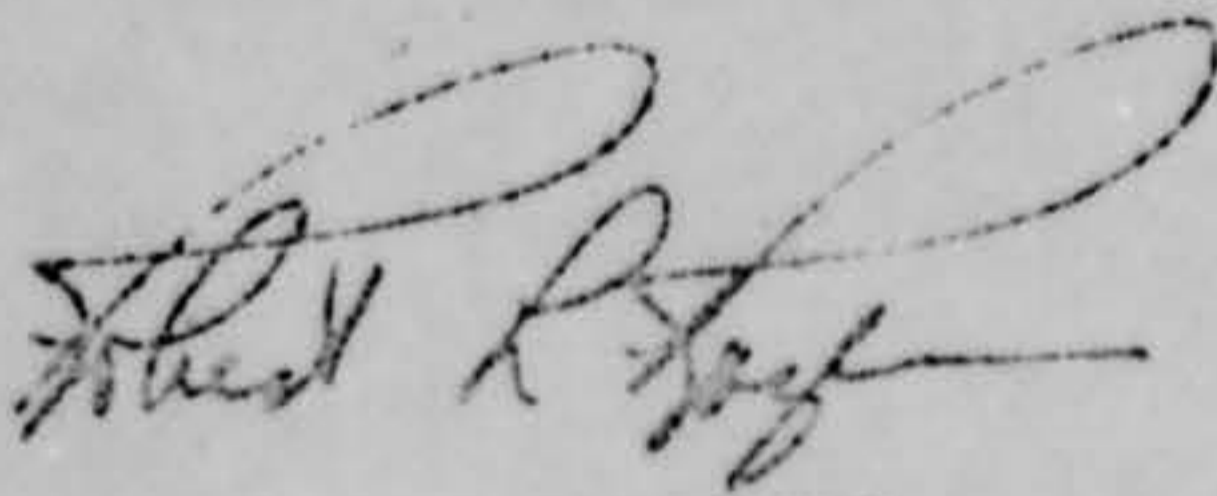
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U. S. NAVAL AMMUNITION DEPOT  
CRANE, INDIANA

IN REPLY REFER TO:  
AS(8)-ADE:wmm  
Ser 8559  
29 November 1956

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4620 AIR FORCE REPT. 485

DATE-TIME GROUP 28/2400Z Oct 56

Crane, Indiana

From: Commanding Officer, U. S. Naval Ammunition Depot, Crane, Indiana  
To: Commanding Officer, Bekalar Air Force Base, Columbus, Indiana

Subj: Unidentified Flying Objects, report of investigation of

Ref: (a) 9ND INST 3820.1A dtd 2 Feb 1956

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1. Subject report has been compiled in accordance with reference (a).
2. On the night of 27 October 1956, six persons reported seeing an unidentified flying object from Crane Village, which is located on the western edge of the Depot, and one person reported seeing such an object from the Administration Building, which is located in the center of the Depot. Upon subsequent investigation one other person reported that he had on the night of 27 October seen from Crane Village an object whose location and description matched that given by the other witnesses, which object he had considered to be a star and had not reported.
3. One of the Crane Village witnesses upon being questioned, related that the object was seen to the northwest at an elevation of 30° or a little less; that it was impossible to determine the distance or height or size of the object; that it was a luminous object which changed colors like a prism, exhibiting primary colors; that it did not give off a steady light, but glittered or twinkled; that it was small enough to be a star, and was not seen to move around; that it was only sighted by this witness one time, and disappeared when he looked for it later. This witness said that he had seen stars or celestial bodies behave this way under frosty atmospheric conditions. He said that the colors seen were red, blue, and yellow, and that the object did not move about any more than normal for a celestial body. This witness volunteered the opinion that the object was a star or a celestial body.
4. The name of the witness mentioned in paragraph 3. is [REDACTED]. He is employed as a police guard in the Security Department of NAD Crane.
5. Five Crane Village witnesses stated that they saw an object in the eastern sky at approximately 2000 on 27 October which was blinking and slightly changing in color.

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6. The names of the five witnesses mentioned in paragraph 5, are:

[REDACTED]

Mr. [REDACTED] is employed as a maintenance man by Crane Village North. The other four witnesses are NAD Crane Security police guards.

7. Mr. [REDACTED] said that the object was, he believed, a star. He said that the night was extra clear and the star very bright; that it glimmered and looked as if it was changing colors; and that he has since checked the same area, found the star, and been told that it is the planet Mars.
8. The Crane Village witness who did not at the time of sighting it report the object as an unidentified flying object stated that on 27 October at about 2030 he had been in the Crane area and had noticed the brightness of this star and that it had a tendency to change colors and had remarked to his companions that that was no doubt the flying saucers that some of the people had been seeing. This witness stated that he was familiar with the planet of Mars and he definitely was positive that that was the object he saw.
9. The name of the witness mentioned in paragraph 8, is Captain [REDACTED]. He is employed in the Security Department of NAD Crane as Chief of Police.
10. The witness who reported sighting an object from the Administration Building in the center of the Depot stated that the time of sighting was 1827 on 27 October; that the object was seen to the north and west at 15° elevation; that it appeared to flash red, then green, then white or clear; that it appeared to be about the same size and brilliance as a very bright star; that it stayed at the same location and height while observed by the witness from 1827 to 1835, after which the witness returned briefly indoors; and that the witness was not able subsequently to locate the object.
11. The name of the witness mentioned in paragraph 10, is [REDACTED] MAC(A), [REDACTED] and he is stationed at NAD Crane in the Comptroller Department. His home address is [REDACTED] Crane, Indiana.
12. Navy OOD log entries for 27 October indicate that the object was reported seen from Crane Village from 1800 to 1835, and that Security police guards reported seeing another object in the Northeast from 1850 to 1920. The investigation failed to turn up any information in regard to the second object.



18(S)-ADE:wmm  
29 November 1956


13. This report was prepared from information submitted by the Depot Criminal Investigator, interrogation of witnesses, and log entries, by the Legal Officer attached to the Depot whose comments and preliminary analysis of possible causes of the sightings are as follows:

a. The object seen by the five Crane Village witnesses and by the Chief of Police to the East was in all probability the planet Mars or some other celestial body.

b. The object seen from the Administration Building by Chief [redacted] to the Northwest was probably a celestial body and perhaps the same one seen by Mr. [redacted].

c. The object seen from 1850 to 1920 to the Northeast was probably a celestial body and perhaps the same one seen by the five Crane Village witnesses.

14. The descriptions given by the witnesses of all of these objects are consistent with the hypothesis that the objects were celestial bodies. My conjecture is that they were reported as unidentified flying objects because of the sudden cold snap which probably caused supersaturation of the air and resulted in condensation around the dust particles, thereby removing them and rendering visible the full color and brilliance of celestial bodies, and also perhaps set up unusual degrees of variation in air density which increased the twinkling effect.



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