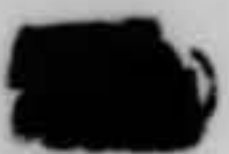


PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 14 October 1956	2. LOCATION Cincinnati, Ohio		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>night</u> GMT _____	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual TX <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		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION - - -	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE - - -	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Internal TX Reflection</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Photos of moon & light submitted for analysis.		11. COMMENTS Photographer taking pictures of moon through telescope. One photo not of moon. This was attributed to off-axis, distorted & overexposed, (probably not faked) shot when the telescope was pointing near the moon giving rise to internal reflections. Camera offset in TX. (Analysis by )	

This case includes five (5) 4" x 5"
photographs.

UFO News Report

By THOMAS M. COMELLA

EXCLUSIVE! . . . For the last few months TRC has been extensively investigating a series of sightings in the Cleveland, Ohio, area. When all of the facts, diagrams and maps were integrated, we realized that these incidents formed one of the most comprehensive UFO files to be found anywhere.

For many weeks TRC pondered what action should be taken and we finally placed the complete file in the hands of the Air Technical Intelligence Center at Wright Patterson Field, Dayton, Ohio. The case file was also sent to prominent persons in other governmental agencies. We feel that this file proves conclusively that unidentified flying objects are controlled by extra-terrestrial intelligences who are visiting the Earth for a very definite purpose.

Visitors Move In Close: Cleveland Observed: On October 14, 1955, I was driving north on Kemper Road in Cleveland. At approx. 7:20 p.m. a string of yellowish lights caught my attention in the upper right of my windshield. I pointed the objects out to my companion and we were both amazed at the brightness and arrangement of the strange objects. They were much brighter than the nearby car and street lights and stood out brilliantly in the night sky. I slowed down and we watched them make a gradual turn. They executed this maneuver simultaneously. As soon as possible I phoned my report to other investigators in the area with whom we had been working. The case was recorded but not much was made of it. Exactly one week later, on October 21st at 7:15 p.m., Ed Smith of Cleveland telephoned me. He described an orange object with a dome on top that made several "passes" at the National Malleable Steel Bldg. The object projected two, beam-like lights downward before disappearing to the east. I immediately called Al Roush, who lives in South Euclid, an eastern suburb of Cleveland. Al told me that he and his wife had seen the object pass low over their home. The next day, TRC started an extensive investigation. The results of that investigation and the conclusions drawn follow:

Immediate interviewing revealed five other witnesses to the happening along a route from west to east. They included a country club doorman, a Sohio gas station attendant and local residents. Maps were drawn of the object's course and when all of the facts were correlated we had a very complete record of a UFO flight over Cleveland.

To establish the unknown classification, Al Roush spoke to many authorities whose business it is to know what goes on in the

air. Mr. Hilliard, Safety Division of the C.A.A., told TRC that the only advertising plane in this area was not up during the UFO sighting. Also, a discussion with Mr. Turner of the Goodyear Wingfoot Air Ship Base in Akron, Ohio, revealed that no blimp was over Cleveland that night or any other night that week!

Another check with Mr. Gorhan of the Cleveland Air Taxi, Inc., proved that a helicopter could not have been responsible for the unusual sighting. With these results, Mr. Roush proceeded to the Canton Air Force Filter Center with his report. He was interviewed by a Sgt. Lee, who seemed extremely interested. After several conferences with officials of the base, Sgt. Lee told Mr. Roush: "Well, we think what you saw was an unidentified flying object! Most of the UFOs travel at tremendous rates of speed, make sharp turns and hover. This object is not in that class. However, from your account, this was a UFO . . . no other explanation seems to fit. If a UFO is seen, we study it, get radar on it and send a report on to higher authorities at Wright Field. Dayton will conduct an air investigation if necessary. If the sighting can be explained—fine, but if it cannot be explained we have orders not to release anything on it."

So ended the first part of our investigation. The next step was to plot the sightings and approximate the course of the UFO. The results were amazing!

The first record of the object was made by Ed Smith, a Pinkerton detective. He was on duty at National Malleable when an object, with a dome, made three apparent "passes" at the building. The same object, or another one just like it, moved east toward the Cleveland suburbs losing altitude all the time. Gas station attendants at 89th Street described the object as a "row of yellow lights" with no wings and completely silent. As this craft moved over 93rd Street, two people saw it and later gave a similar description, with one exception. The craft had evidently lost altitude as the witnesses reported that it was very low. Still, no sound was audible.

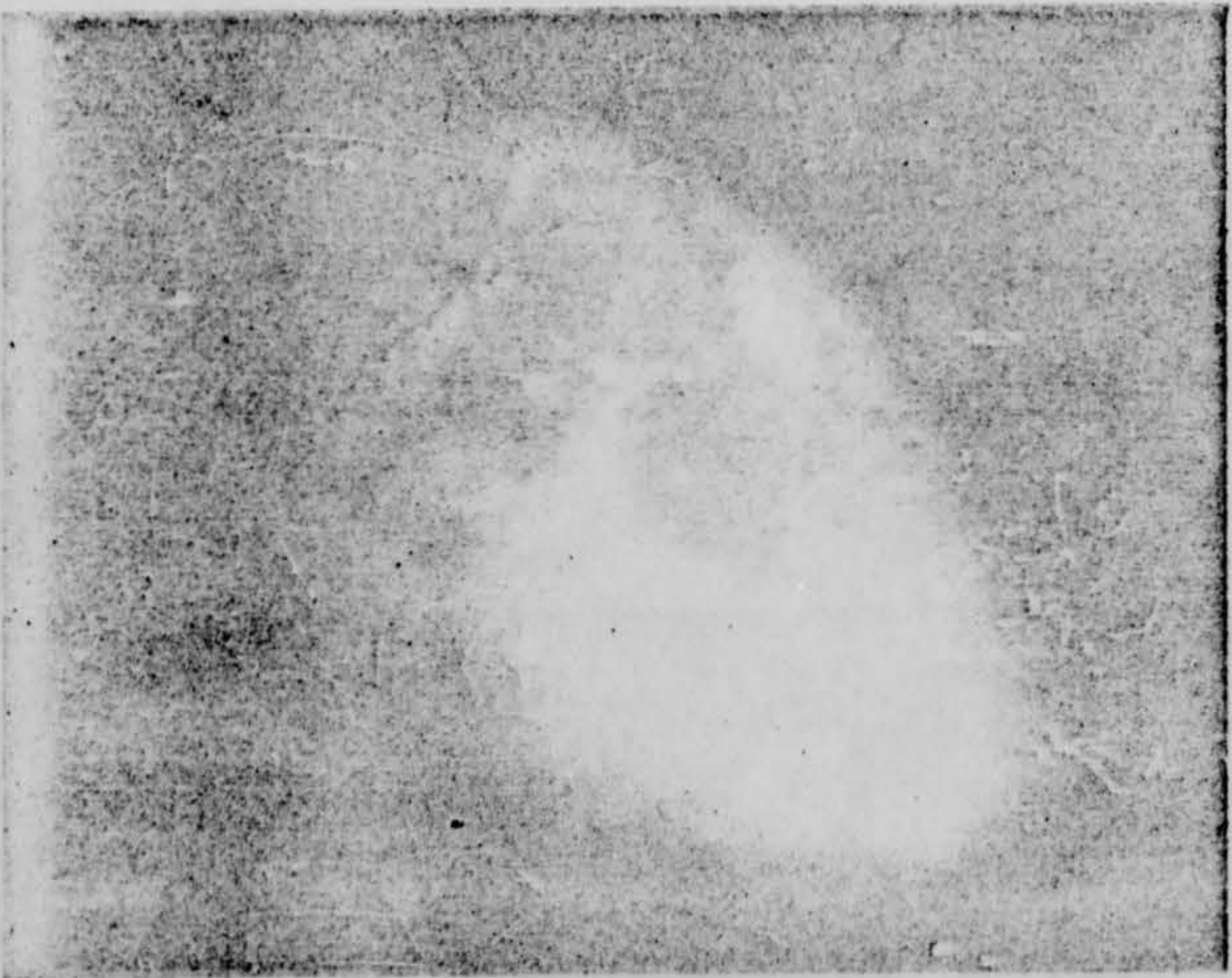
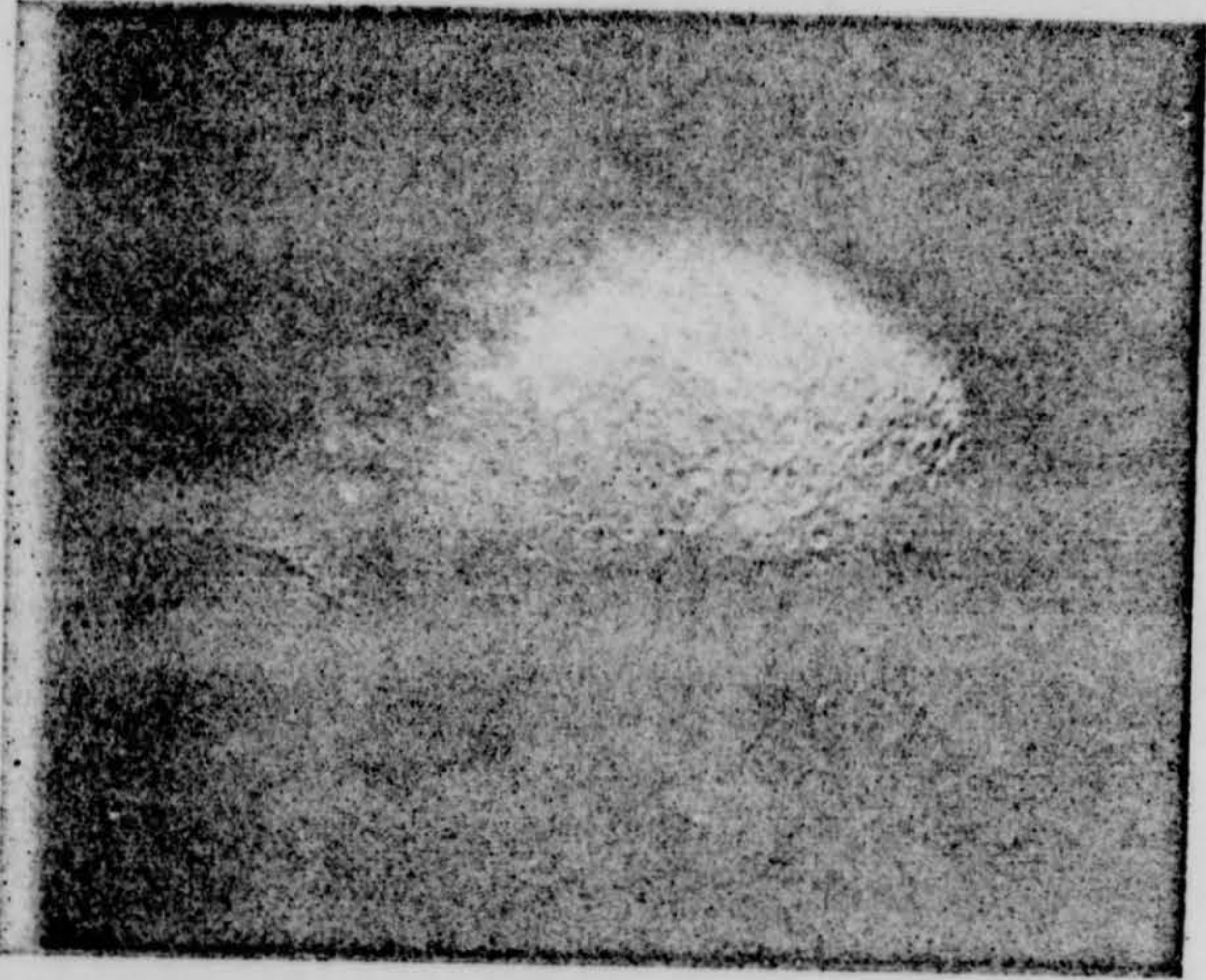
The farther east the ship moved the closer it came to Earth. Until it moved over Roush's house in South Euclid, the general description was "a row of silent yellow lights." However, Al Roush could perceive a definite shape behind the lights and it seemed to be separated into two sections. The object was at tree-top level and then made a vibrating, droning sound. No navigation lights, wings or tail could be discerned. Instead, the shape was described as that of a plain, disc-shaped object, and it was still descending.

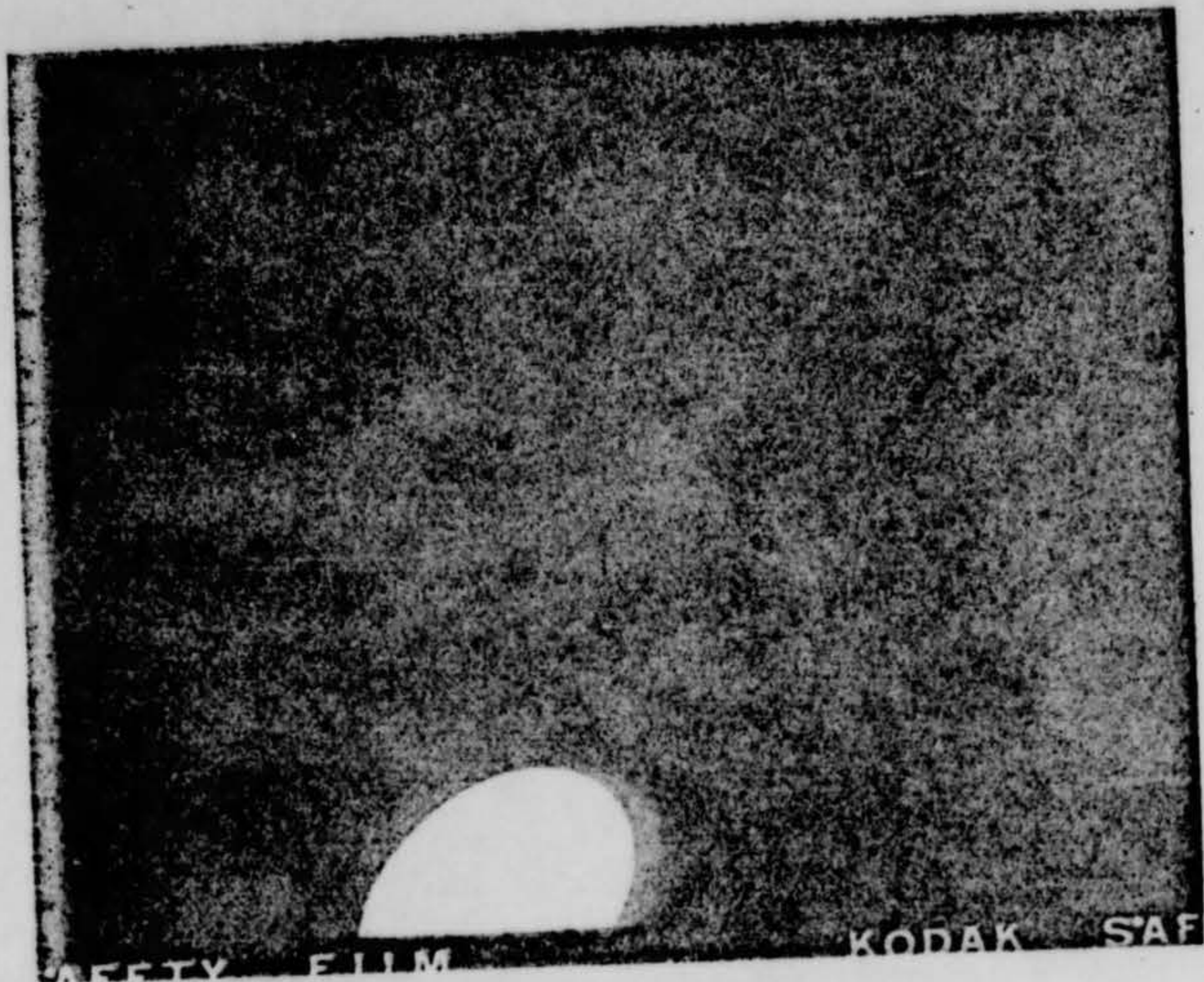
A Mr. Thompson, doorman at the Mayfield Country Club east of Roush's house, reported a terrific thunderous noise at the same time, although he didn't go outside. Also, at the same time, a resi-

dent across from the club told us that their television set went "o the blink" when they heard a strange low, rumbling sound. The said: "Odd that it would disturb our television set like that . . . many planes fly over here and it never happened before!"

We interviewed residents farther east but no one had seen or heard anything that night. So, either the object went straight up after passing the club or it landed in the wooded area nearby. From study of its flight pattern, it is believed that it landed!

Here we have a case where an interplanetary object glides in over Cleveland, observes a vital defense installation, travels slowly in an easterly direction lowering altitude constantly and finally, apparently lands in a desolate area. It's possible that its low altitude kept it out of the range of radar. Its surveillance of National Malleable is interesting . . . the UFO appeared to know its way around Cleveland and exactly what it wanted. It is believed that this sighting represents a reconnaissance mission after the actual purpose had been accomplished. More on this and other low-altitude sightings in future issues.





SAFETY FILM KODAK SAF



1956, Oct. 2--Delaware River--An Object with a nauseating-odor swooped down and hovered over the Delaware River. It was large & Saucer-shaped. As it flew away, it made hissing sound...

Harry Sturdevant, Trenton, N.J., night watchman allegedly injured by UFO in October 1956, loses workmen's compensation April 21 on grounds that his experience was only a hallucination.

A New Jersey man who claims he was injured as a result of a close saucer sighting in 1956, has been refused workmen's compensation for his alleged injuries. The Workmen's Compensation Board ruled that the man's sighting was all an hallucination. The fellow claims that he has suffered from throat spasms, deafness, and other infirmities, all caused by the saucer...

Case 229, Trenton, N. Jersey, Oct. 2, 1956--We quote from the Trenton Evening Times as follows: "Harry Sturdevant is a night watchman... whose job is to guard equipment on a road project. At 3:45 a.m., Sturdevant was in a trailer office when he saw a terrifying sight. A large glowing object swooped down out of the sky over the Delaware River. It came within a few feet of the water and then, as suddenly as it appeared, it took off again into the air... Sturdevant recalls that it was very large--probably over 100 feet in length--that it did not have wings, that it made a hissing sound as it skimmed over the water, and that it gave off an overpowering noxious odor. Sturdevant remembers the odor more vividly than anything else. It was so nauseous that he was afraid he was going to become ill."

No Case Information Only 7 October 1956 Brooklyn, New York

Case 230. Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct. 7, 1956—A letter to CRIFO from Edward Miskin contained four individual statements by witnesses having seen a UFO. Sighted at 5:30 p.m., the object was generally described as oval-shaped and metallic or silver. Said witness Richard Winderman, "The object was directly overhead. It looked oval and was shining like polished aluminum. . . . Moving in a southerly direction, it gave off no audible sound. Ed: While many cases in themselves are not sensational, it is noteworthy that many recent sightings have been daylight occurrences.

No Case (Information Only)

9 October 1956
Rapid City, South Dakota

1956, Oct. 9 - Rapid City, S.D. - 5:15pm - Maneuvering UFO seen by 3 Engineers.
Traveled N, about 120mph, flipping over, doing "falling leaf"
maneuvers, climbing slightly as it flew from sight. It was
about 20 x 8ft., made no sound, observed for a min. or so!

Case 231, Springdale, Ohio, Oct. 9, 1956—By phone, Mrs. James Petrey, reported the following in brief: Four witnesses, at 3:30 p.m. watched, against a deep blue sky, six pinpoints of light moving with fantastic speed. It was difficult to watch them all, she said, as they darted up and down, side to side. Strangest of all was the silverish streak that seemed to connect three of the objects, she

said. Later, to the surprise of the witnesses, a countless number of red objects, swarming like birds, came in from the east. Flying in a straight horizontal path, the silent objects began dropping over and over, then disappeared behind some trees. It was an astounding sight, said Mrs. Petrey.

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UFO INVESTIGATOR

AF-UFO REPORT ORDERED DESTROYED

Evidence that the Air Force destroys some official UFO reports has been given to Prof. Charles A. Maney, NICAP Board Member, by an AF source. The photocopy below reproduces the top part of an Air Intelligence Information Report, covering a UFO sighting by two AF officers. Though the report is not unusual, the "Destroy" order--which the source said was not uncommon--indicates a form of censorship previously unknown to NICAP.

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COUNTRY OF ORIGIN REPORTING		REPORT NO.	CLASSIFICATION	
U.S.		1-2	UNCL	
AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT				
COUNTRY OR AREA REPORT CONCERN	DATE OF INFORMATION	STATUS		
U.S.	9 October 1956	DESTROY		
ACTIVITY SUBMITTING REPORT	DATE OF COLLECTION	SRI STATUS (if applicable)		
55th Fighter Bomber Squadron (Squadron Intelligence)	10 October 1956	SRI NO.		
PREPARING INDIVIDUAL	DATE OF REPORT	CANCELED/COMPLETE		
DONALD T. KETCHUM, 1/01., USAF	10 October 1956	SRI NO.		
NAME OR DESCRIPTION OF SOURCE	EVALUATION	CANCELED/INCOMPLETE		
Captain James J. Pollack, USAF	A-2	SRI NO.		
REFERENCES (Date Subject, previous reports, etc., as applicable)		ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR COMMENTS		
AFR 200-2, 12 Aug 54		ACTIVE		
SUBJECT (Classification title. Use individual reports for separate subjects)				
UFOS				
SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 1134 unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 1134. List inclusions, including number of copies)				

Key points of sighting:
 AF witnesses: Capt. J.J. Pollack, USAF, Flight Commander, 55th Fighter Bomber Squadron; Lt. J.S. Beisheim, USAF, Squadron Armament Officer.
 Summary: Two glowing objects were sighted near the squadron base at Little Easton, Essex, England, 9 Oct. 1956. Larger UFO was the size of a pea held at arm's length (about one-half the size of the moon, similarly measured). Object pulsed, emitting five or six rays, with smaller rays between. At times, a longer, broader ray appeared, possibly a trail or exhaust. Second object, smaller, descended and approached the first one, then disappeared. Flight Commander Pollack was rated as "very reliable" by the Squadron Intelligence Officer, First Lieut. D.W. Ketchum, USAF.

As stated above, it is the "Destroy" order, not this sighting, which is important. The destruction of similar, officially verified reports will reduce the number of AF pilots and other competent observers who are on record. Regardless of the purpose, deletion of such UFO records can only result in misinforming the public.

Case 232, Denver, Colo., Oct. 12, 1956—Reports the Denver Post, "A mysterious ball of fire whizzing through the sky followed by a loud explosion sent police and firemen on an unsuccessful search for a meteorite. Denver and suburban police and fire stations received hundreds of calls from persons who saw the strange object about 5:30 p.m. Tom Nalty, assistant fire chief at station 13, said he saw a 'teardrop' object fly over the firehouse at about 2000 feet at a high rate of speed. It was headed southeast and had a glowing red ~~head~~ and a blue tail, he said. Ralph Churches of Golden, said he saw a bright red object hanging about 200 feet over one of his corrals."¹⁰

Dear Captain

Apr 2, 1957

These photos are meaningless. The ovoid is undoubtedly an off-axis, distorted and overexposed image of the moon - although I can't prove it.

Probably not faked - just inadvertently taken - if the telescope was pointing any place near the moon this could have happened as a result of internal reflections.

Sincerely

W. H. Jones

- an honest mistake!

No Case (Information Only)

13 or 14 October 1956
West Orange County, S. California

1956, Oct. 13-or-14-West Orange County, S. California-A shiny, silver-colored
disc-shaped Object seen at 24,000ft. by 3 Marine Pilots.
Seen from their planes, in a morning flight, as it shot over-
head going in opp. direction of their craft...

15 - 31 OCTOBER 1956 SIGHTINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
15	Cunningham, Tennessee (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	1. Balloon 2. Aircraft
15	Fernley, Nevada	Multi	Balloon
15	Colfax, Iowa	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
16	Plano, Illinois	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
17	Tehachapi, California	[REDACTED]	Balloon
18	Wheeler AB, Libya	Military (RADAR)	Insufficient Data <i>Other (HOAX)</i>
18	Ontario, Canada	Military Air	Astro (METEOR)
19	Point Arguello, California	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
19	Postonia, California	[REDACTED] (PHOTO)	Other (HOAX)
21	Goose AB, Newfoundland	Military	Astro (METEOR)
22	Baulah, Michigan	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
23	Dayton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS)
24	Jackson, Mississippi	None	Insufficient Data
24	Presque Isle, Maine	Multi	Astro (METEOR)
25	Newburg, New York	[REDACTED]	Balloon
25	Pueblo, Colorado	Multi	Other (BIRDS)
25	Lubbock, Texas	Multi	Astro (METEOR)
26	Anita, Iowa	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
27	Crane, Indiana	Multi	Astro (MARS)
28	Tehachapi, California	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
28	Englewood, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
28	Fernama City, Florida	Multi	
	Tyndall AFB, Florida	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
31	Temple City, California	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
31	Hensley, Arkansas	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
Oct	Infinity, Barlow	Newsclipping	
17	Long Island, New York	Newsclipping	
20	Detroit, Michigan	[REDACTED] (Ltr, Green 164)	
23-24	England	Newsclipping	

C.R.I.F.O.

Civilian Research, Interplanetary Flying Objects

November 7, 1956

Director

Cincinnati 27, Ohio

Captain G. T. Gregory
A.T.I.C
Wright-Patterson AFB
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Captain Gregory,

Enclosed herewith are three photographs and five negatives obtained by the writer from Mr. [REDACTED] Ave., North College Hill, Cincinnati, Ohio, which may be of interest to your command. Mr. [REDACTED]'s telephone number is as follows: [REDACTED]. He is an employee of the local General Electric Co. and told the writer that he formerly had been a professional photographer, and, is at present, interested in astronomy, particularly lunar studies. He is in contact with members of the Cincinnati Astronomical Society. According to Mr. [REDACTED] photograph (which I have marked #3) with partial ovoid light cannot be easily explained. Taken through his telescope, Mr. [REDACTED] said that he knew of no light of any kind before his lens, nor was he aware of any unusual lights in the sky, that is., any lights appearing nearby which would show up at the size indicated. However, through powerful magnification an object, appearing visually as a pinpoint of light, may show up as photographed. Ruled out were Newton ring phenomena.

Mr. [REDACTED] told the writer that he photographed the "object" while taking a series of shots of the moon. He has many times spoke to the writer of his interest in the moon, and I feel certain that the photograph in question was not faked to delude the writer or others. He seeks no publicity. Mr. [REDACTED] also gave me permission to contact your command regarding the photographs. You may contact Mr. [REDACTED] for additional information regarding these photographs or, if you prefer, I will send whatever additional information you may desire.

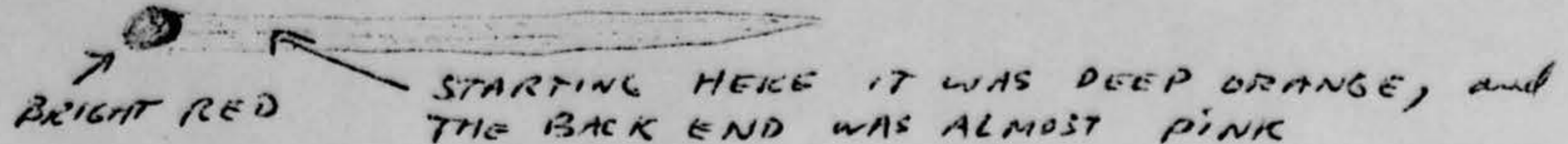
The photographs taken by Mr. [REDACTED] were taken on Sunday, October 14, 1956. On this same date, CRIFO received three daytime sightings of UFO's from three separate groups of witnesses in the greater Cincinnati area. Names are as follows:

Mr. [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Ave., Bromley, Ky. Brilliant object seen from Covington, Kentucky about 4 pm. Mr. [REDACTED] said the sky was deep blue, no wind. While driving in traffic, he saw large bright light about quarter the size of full moon. He said the object was stationary. By the time he had reached the next block, which afforded a visual clearing of the sky, the object had disappeared. Mr. [REDACTED] stressed the fact that the object was unusually brilliant and large. He ruled out reflection on aircraft as an explanation. Mr. [REDACTED] has a pilot's license.

Mr. and Mrs. [REDACTED] Batavia, Ohio. Having first learned of the sighting from Mrs. [REDACTED], an employee in the advertising department at the [REDACTED] Co., of which I am manager, I asked for more detailed information.

Mrs. [REDACTED] husband responded by writing up the following details:

"On Sunday, Oct. 14, 1956 at about 6:30 pm, while traveling east on U.S highway 52, between Ripley and New Richman, Ohio, I saw a reddish orange object in the sky. At first I thought it was a jet making a vapor trail, but the trail didn't seem to get any larger, in fact it all seemed to be traveling at the same speed, and, in a northerly direction for at least a minute then it turned straight up and disappeared out of sight.



When the object turned it did not make an arc but made a sharp turn like this



The whole thing seemed to turn at one time. A jet would have had a curve to its turn but this did not. My wife and son were with me at the time. She was driving so I did not take my eyes off it until it was out of sight. They all saw it."

Mr. [REDACTED] (and wife) [REDACTED] Pike, Ft. Thomas, Ky. Object sighted in Northeast from Highland Hts, Ky at about 1:30 pm. Mr. [REDACTED] described the object as large, about the size of a nickel held at arm's length. It was gun metal gray and without apparent wings or tail or other appendages. He said the object appeared to be stationary for about a minute, and was quite low.

Thus, in brief, are the descriptions of the UFO's seen by three separate groups on October 14, plus the photographs. I hope they may prove to be of value to you and your command.

In light of the international crisis, I hope that I may be able to serve your command more thoroughly and expeditiously. I have not yet phoned Lt. Colonel U. T. Greene in Washington in regard to the matter discussed by phone on November 6, 1956. I believe a phone call would only add to the confusion already existing as to my status. I might try by letter, however, hoping that clarification might be obtainable.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]

PS: Please return the enclosed photographs and negatives to the writer after analysis as Mr. [REDACTED] left them in my responsibility.

N/A

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Box 9703
1125th BNG (ATIC)
Wright-Patterson AFB,
Ohio
14 November 1956

Dr. J. Allen Hynek
Smithsonian Institution
Astrophysical Observatory
60 Garden Street
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Hynek:

Attached herewith is a series of photographs submitted by Mr. [REDACTED] Director of "CRIFO and "The Orbit," UFO publications. I am certain this gentleman needs no introduction, inasmuch as we have discussed him before. It may also interest you to know that his case file, containing material dating back a number of years, was submitted to Headquarters, Air Force, as a representative example of a "private" UFO research organization.

I submit these directly to you for evaluation rather than to our photo people because of the photo-astronomical aspects which, I feel, we do not have the degree of knowledge that your staff possesses.

Attached also is a copy of a letter from Mr. [REDACTED] relating, briefly, the circumstances under which these photos were taken. We shall keep this case in suspense, which we will call the "Boston Case," pending return of your analysis and comments.

At first glance, I am prompted to remark that in my younger days as a "keen teen," I attempted to attach a "brownie" camera to one end of a cardboard tube telescope to photograph the moon. I recall an ovoid-shaped object appearing on one of the photos, after I accidentally knocked the telescope completely around where it faced a light bulb. The camera being offset, tripped, with the result that I actually photographed the opening of the telescope through the long, black-painted tunnel of the tube.

It would have been interesting if the moon was in the same photo with the "object." As it is now, it could be anything photographed in the darkness. The absence of stars or other images in the background is significant, in view of the fact that if the sky was photographed with any degree of magnification, other celestial objects or lights would undoubtedly appear on the plate.

17 November 1956

Now, to less professional things. The last three weeks have been a little the hectic side. A full-dress rehearsal, plus a "command" performance to the people on our mutual project, was given recently. It came as a very pleasant surprise - but it was something that had been a prime objective since my tenure here. A multitude of items were covered with some of the top people. Will discuss this in detail with you during my visit to Boston.

I should like to thank you in behalf of those members of the Air Sciences Division who were tendered invitations to witness the project in Vandalia. We certainly enjoyed it, and there was some interesting discussions the next day on possible applications of the instrument other than those considered during the "under-the-stars" forum.

I have made payable to your consultant account the sum of [redacted] for four and one-half hours of contact services rendered on the 17th of October. We have just received a detailed report on the "L sighting" and I will send you a copy under separate cover for any comments you feel necessary in light of the additional info. Your assumptions appear correct. Indications are that all the sightings were not concurrent as to time. I will include a radar scope plot that is prepared in rather rough form. Some interesting things there, also.

Expecting to see you on our mutual project on or about the 27th, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Capt Gregory

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17 JAN 1957

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AFOIN-4D	
AFOIN-4E	
AFOIN-4F	
OTHERS	

Mr. [REDACTED] Avenue
Cincinnati 27, Ohio

Dear Mr. Stringfield:

This is to acknowledge your letter of 12 January 1957 in which you request the status and disposition of certain negatives and photographs submitted by Mr. [REDACTED]. The negatives and photographs were subsequently received by this Center on 12 November 1956 for comment and analysis.

You are advised that we have made our analysis of the objects shown in the photographs. In turn, we have submitted the material to the Astrophysical Observatory, Smithsonian Institute at Cambridge, Massachusetts with which we collaborate on such matters. Therefore, there cannot be any question as to the findings whether actual, misinterpretation or a hoax, as this is considered the outstanding institute in that field.

However, due to the pre-Christmas mass of business, and the fact that the specialists at this Institute handling this type of photography were called out of the country on the IGY program, we are unable to send you the material at this time.

We have been informed that the material will be returned to us upon their return to the United States.

An extra copy is made of this correspondence which you may submit to Mr. [REDACTED] if you so desire.

Sincerely,

W. J. CONNAIR, JR.
MAJOR, USAF,
Adjutant

DISPATCHED

JAN 15 1957

*Mr. [REDACTED] called Perry - distance
re this matter 17 Jan 57 -
The above contents were made known*

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TEMP	
90 DAYS	
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AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Avenue
Cincinnati 27, Ohio

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Attached herewith are the original three (3) photographs and five (5) negatives which you submitted to this organization for review and comment on 7 November 1956. Reference is also made to your letter of 12 January 1957 in which you requested the status and disposition of this material.

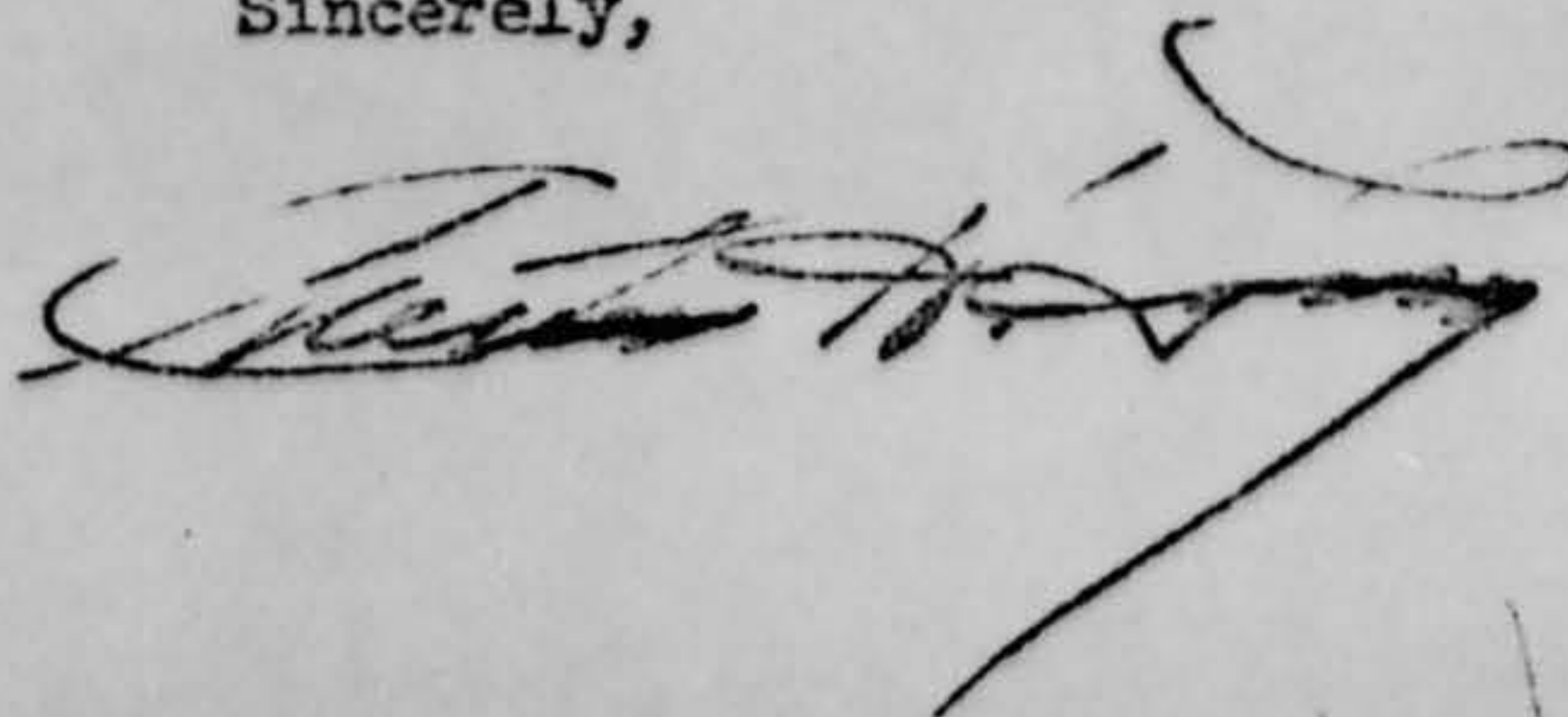
We regret the delay, but as part of the study and reviews, the photographs were submitted to a scientist who later was assigned to an overseas project, leaving them behind.

With respect to our findings, please be advised that the photographs and negatives were subjected to a series of microscopic and other examinations, including a motion picture size projection. The light appears to be emanating from an outside source into a container, believed to be the inside of a telescope tube, and photographed with the camera at the eye piece and being at a slight tilt or angle. A comparison of the sky around the moon with the dark portion around the ovoid of light, further indicates that the latter coloration is not a photograph of the sky. The fringe of light to the left of the ovoid (in our opinion, an opening) attests to this.

We are not in position to comment whether your source, which you state is an astronomer, was or was not aware of this, or if this is merely a case of an attempted hoax, with you as an unwitting intermediary.

Copies have been made of the original material to be included with our analysis and other data in case files.

Sincerely,



1 Incl
Env containing
photos & negatives

Handwritten note:
O. [unclear] 1/6/57