

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 1 Jul 60		2. LOCATION Lake Nottawa, Michigan		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2020 GMT 02/0120Z		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		<input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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 1 1/2 min		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS two	9. COURSE not given	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Objects were oval shaped one half the diameter of a dime held at arm's length. Color--pearly hue or blue-gray. Objects maintained the same relative spacing, but were not close enough to each other to call in formation. They had a ring of lights around the center. No tail, trail, smoke, or exhaust. No sound. Appearance described as bright and pleasant, like looking at a dim light bulb. Sighted 45° elev. Observer estimated height at one mile. Angle of elev at disappearance unknown.			11. COMMENTS There were 2 objects reported. Witnesses state that brightness of objects did not change when they went behind some light clouds, which is highly improbable, as a light becomes diffused when shining thru such a medium. The direction objects were observed was not reported, nor the direction in which they moved. A valid conclusion cannot be made as to nature of sighting due to limited information.		

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Aug. 6, 1960

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Ohio

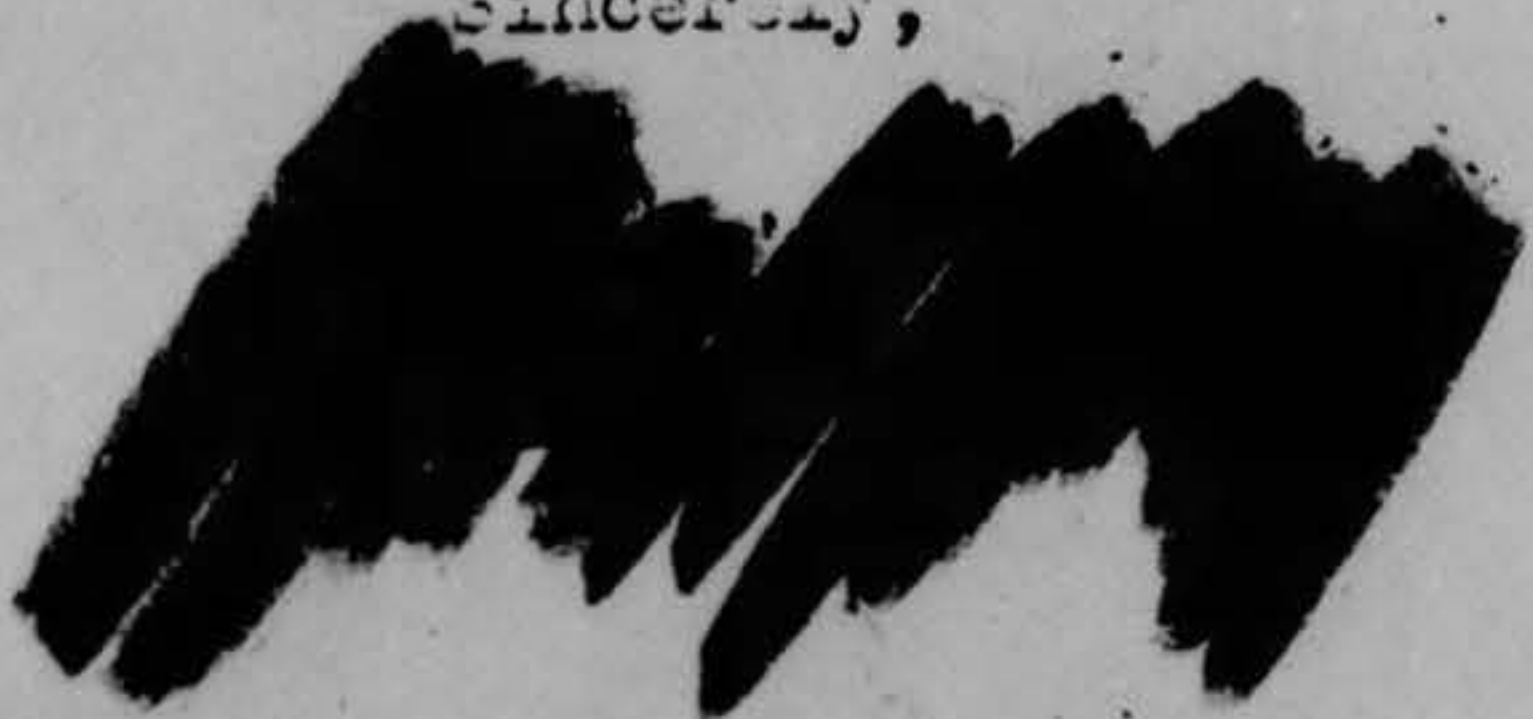
Gentlemen,

I understand that persons observing unexplained or un-identified flying objects are encouraged to send in statements of their observation, trying to maintain an unbiased and scientific attitude.

I am sorry that the time between the sighting described on the enclosed sheet occurred a month before I finally got around to sending in the report, but I was away on vacation and did not have convenient access to a typewriter. However, you may be assured that the events took place as here described, and with the impartiality and accuracy that a school teacher and a librarian could bring to bear on the observation.

I am aware that the Air Force maintains the official attitude that there are no such things as "flying saucers", but the objects we saw - unless the Government has something under wraps as secure as the original atomic experiments - were beyond possibility of error something real and not in normal experience. I am familiar with the rationalizations and debunking explanations of observations of UFO's and I have applied to this experience all of them. But my observation stands, no matter how stoutly someone may claim that "such things can't be!" I shall be glad to give any additional information that may be requested.

Sincerely,



AFCIN-452x

Request for Investigation of UFO Sighting

Selfridge AFB, Michigan

1. Request your organization conduct an investigation of an UFO sighting at Lake Nottawa, which is located southeast of Marshall, Michigan.
2. Attached is a copy of a letter from the witness, Mr. [REDACTED] containing all the available information concerning the sighting. All witnesses to the sighting should be contacted, and their impressions of the sighting sent to this Center. All organizations, both military and civilian, who might be able to help identify the objects should be contacted; i.e., radar stations, weather stations, observatories, etc.
3. For guidance regarding investigation and reporting of sightings of unidentified aerial phenomena, refer to AFR 200-2, dated 14 September 1959.
4. The address of Mr. [REDACTED] is:

Mr. [REDACTED]
Ferndale 20, Michigan

FOR THE COMMANDER:

PHILIP G. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science and Components

1 Atch:
Cy ltr, no date, fr Mr [REDACTED]

We, the undersigned, wish to attest to the veracity of the following account of the sighting of two unidentified flying objects at 8:20 P.M. on July 1, 1960.

My wife and I were walking with our two young grandchildren in a southerly direction toward the cottage where he had been staying at Lane Cottage, some ten miles southeast of Marshall, Michigan, when our three year old grandson called our attention to the objects by his question as to what the bright lights in the sky were. We all saw two bright round objects travelling silently in a generally southeast direction, at an angle of some 45 degrees elevation. The size was about that of a half the diameter of a dime held at arm's length.

My first impression was that the objects were aircraft at such a distance that their engines could not be heard, and illuminated by the sun, which had set, but which I thought could still catch a high flying craft. However, as they passed us, they maintained their round aspect. There were no wings. My wife, who has far better distance vision than I, claims that she could see a ring of lights about the middle, round in the center, and tapering to an oval shape with the perspective, indicating that they went around a circle. All I could be certain of was the color and brightness, which was of a pearly hue, very bright and pleasant in appearance. The outline was hazy rather than sharp.

We first saw the craft when they were opposite us, and they disappeared in the distance in about a minute and a half, thus indicating a horizon to horizon passage in some three minutes. At a rough guess, I should estimate their diameter at some seventy five feet, and their height at a mile. Thus the speed would seem to be around four hundred miles per hour. This passage was made without the slightest sound, with no smoke, vapor trail, or any other evidence of motor power. The two craft maintained their spacing until they disappeared into thin clouds in the distance. But even then they appeared as bright as before, until they finally disappeared as two tiny pin points of light in the distance.

At the same time we saw a conventional airplane in the opposite direction, but heading in the same direction. This appeared roughly to be about the same height, but appeared as a black silhouette against the sky.

The behavior of these two craft falls into no known pattern of powered or free floating aircraft. Since four of us, two adults of fifty, and two children of three and four, had identical general impressions, there is no possibility of hallucination. Furthermore, the fact of first sighting being made by a child with no "background" is significant. The flight pattern was deliberate and volitional. The speed was beyond that of free balloons, especially since the evening was perfectly calm. The absence of noise - and all of us have exceptionally keen hearing - takes the objects out of a powered class. The roundness and absence of wings and the brightness, even when shining through clouds, are beyond my experience. I shall not attempt a hypothesis as to the nature of the craft, save that they seem to fall into a pattern of similarity to objects called "flying saucers". I am a Detroit school teacher, and my wife is a Ferndale librarian.


Ferndale 20, Mich.



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REFERENCES (BRIK Subject, previous reports, etc., as applicable) Letter from ATIC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, 12 Aug 1960, subject: Request for Investigation of UFO Sighting, with attachment of letter from Mr and Mrs [REDACTED]		SRI NO. ACTIVE
SUBJECT (Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects) UFO Sighting		
SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies) <p>On 1 July 1960, Mr. & Mrs. [REDACTED] observed two bright oval objects traveling across the sky. The behavior of these two objects followed no pattern of powered or free floating aircraft known to the observer. This sighting was made by relatively creditable witnesses. When the sighting cannot be positively identified, no particular significance can be attached to it at this level.</p>		
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1. Description of the Objects:
 - a. Oval shape.
 - b. One half the diameter of a dime held at arm's length.
 - c. Color-pearly hue or blue-gray.
 - d. Two objects observed.
 - e. The objects maintained the same relative spacing, but were not close enough to each other to call in formation.
 - f. A ring of lights around the center.
 - g. No tail, trail, smoke, or exhaust.
 - h. No sound.
 - i. Appearance described as bright and pleasant, like looking at a dim light bulb.
2. Description of Course of Objects:
 - a. Three year old grandson called adult's attention to objects.
 - b. 45° elevation. Observer estimated height at one mile.
 - c. Angle of elevation at disappearance was unknown.
 - d. Objects maintained spacing and straight flight path until disappearing.
 - e. Objects went behind light clouds, yet even when observed through these clouds, they appeared as bright as before, then they disappeared as pin points of light.
 - f. Observation lasted a minute and a half.
3. Manner of Observation:
 - a. Ground-visual.
 - b. No optical aids were used.
 - c. N/A
4. Time and Date of Sighting:
 - a. 0120Z, 2 July 1960.
 - b. Dusk.
5. Location of Observer: Lake Nottawa, 10 miles southeast of Marshall, Mich.
6. Identifying Information on Observers:
 - a. (1) ██████████ (Civilian)
50 years of age
██████████
Ferndale 20, Michigan
Mr. ████████ teaches music in the Detroit Public School System and was a very lucid and cooperative witness. However, he has done much reading and conjecture about "flying saucers" both before and after the sighting.
 - (2) ██████████ (Wife of ██████████)
50 years of age
██████████
Ferndale 20, Michigan
Mrs. ████████ is a librarian in Ferndale. She too was very lucid to the point of being poetic. She followed her husband's lead and usually just elaborated on his points. I feel that she is very susceptible to suggestion and is only a fairly reliable witness.
7. Weather and Winds:
 - a. Observer said that weather was clear with small cloud patches of thin clouds.
 - b. Selfridge AFB weather charts showed that southern Michigan was under a high pressure area with clear skys and no unusual weather phenomena at the time of the sighting.
 - c. No ceiling.
 - d. Visibility unlimited.
 - e. No cloud cover.
 - f. No thunderstorms.
 - g. Temperature gradient unknown.
8. No other unusual activity or condition.
9. No interception or identification action taken.

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10. Detroit Air Defense Sector located near the sighting had nothing on their records indicating that these objects were picked up on radar. The FAA could offer no assistance since they keep their records only 30 days, then destroy them.

11. Preparing officer is a helicopter pilot in Base Operations. No additional evidence nor additional witnesses could be located to either confirm or refute the sighting.

12. No physical evidence available.

LARRY A. NITZ
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1st Lt, USAF
Investigating Officer

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