

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <p align="center">16-20 Jul 60</p>	2. LOCATION <p align="center">West Babylon, New York</p>		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>2030EDT</u> GMT _____	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual Binoculars & telescope <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE <p align="center">Civilian</p>		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <p align="center">15 min</p>	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <p align="center">one</p>	9. COURSE <p align="center">SE-N</p>	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING <p>Bright moving object. When viewed through binoculars and a 60 power telescope there appeared to be something rotating pendulum-like around the object; further there appeared to be aprox 15 pieces of debris following in the wake of the object. This debris would disappear at the same time as the object. Object would disappear when directly overhead.</p>			11. COMMENTS <p>It is concluded that the objects of these sightings were probably weather balloons.</p>

HEADQUARTERS
AIR PROving GROUND CENTER
AIR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
Eglin Air Force Base, Florida



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: PGTRN/Capt Smith/3219

15 August 1960

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting

TO: CONAC
Mitchel AFB, N. Y.

The attached letter from a [REDACTED]
Babylon, New York, concerning UFO sightings is forwarded for
appropriate action required by paragraph 4b and 6, AFR 200-2. No
action has been taken at this Center in regard to the report of
unidentified flying objects.

FOR THE COMMANDER

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Shay".

MICHAEL SHAY
Lt Col, USAF
Chief, Technical Information &
Analysis Office

1 Atch
Ltr fr [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Babylon, N.Y.,
dtd 22 Jul 1960

[REDACTED]

Heating Contractors
OIL BURNERS INSTALLED AND SERVICED
BOILER UNITS FUEL OIL

[REDACTED]
Lindenhurst, Long Island, N. Y.

July 22, 1960

Elgin Air Force Base
Rocket Firing Division.

Dear Sirs:

I do not know whether you are the proper authorities to inform or not, but here goes .

On the evening of July 16th, I noticed a small bright object in the sky. Observing it with a pair of 7 x 50 binoculars, I surmised it was another one of those 100' diameter balloons. When it was directly overhead, it disappeared from view. I figured the angle would not permit the sun's rays to be transmitted to earth also that would be the last we would see of it.

The next night out of curiosity, my brothers and nephews looked up in the sky, same time and place. There it was again. Looking at it with the binoculars and a 60 power telescope, we could see about eight to fifteen pieces of rocket debris floating along with it. We observed this balloon for four nights, last being seen on July 20th, at 8:32 P. M.

I would say it was about 800 miles in space, because it was at least three times smaller than the one I saw previously, which the papers said was about 450 miles out.

Usually, a balloon shot only lasts for a day. Being that this one lasted for four days, we thought, you would like to know. Any other information you would like to know, we will be glad to give you. Would also appreciate an answer to confirm the receipt of this letter. Thank you.

Yours truly,
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Babylon, N. Y.

ALPHA 9-3542

H.L.H.

Air Proving Ground Center, Eglin AFB, Fla., 15 August 1960,
Subj: UFO Sighting

1st Ind (DO)

19 August 1960

Hq 2500 AB Wg, Mitchel AFB, NY

TO: ATIC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. Attached letter forwarded for action you may deem appropriate.
2. Mr. [REDACTED] has been advised that his letter has been forwarded to your organization.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Robert W. Myers

ROBERT W. MYERS
Lt Colonel, USAF
Director of Operations

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2d Ind (AFCIN-4E2x)

Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

TO: Hq 2500th AB Wing (DO), Mitchel AFB, N. Y.

Request the attached UFO report from Mr. [REDACTED] investigated in accordance with AFR 200-2, dated 14 September 1959. Also request the other witnesses mentioned in the report be contacted and all information forwarded to ATIC.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Philip C. Evans

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

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3 AUG 1960

Air Moving Ground Center, Eglin AFB, Fla., 15 August 1960, Subj: UFO Sighting

3rd Ind (DO)

3 OCT 1960

Hq 2500 AB Wg, Mitchel AFB, NY

TO: AFIC, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. On 7 September at 1930 hours, Mr. [REDACTED] Babylon was visited to investigate the report of the unidentified flying objects. In attendance were Mr. [REDACTED]'s brother and two nephews, all of whom had seen the unidentified object.

2. The following is a synopsis of the information obtained:

a. On the evening of 16 July 1960 at approximately 2030 hours E.D.S.T. (0030Z 17 July), Mr. [REDACTED] was experiencing difficulty with T.V. reception and he went out to check the antenna. While looking at the antenna he observed a bright moving object approaching from the southeast at a 45 degree elevation. He continued to observe this object thinking perhaps it was the Echo I and it gradually began to veer to the west until it seemed to be directly overhead. When it was directly overhead it disappeared from view and did not reappear. Mr. [REDACTED] estimated that approximately 15 minutes elapsed from the initial sighting until its disappearance.

b. The following evening Mr. [REDACTED] his brother and two nephews began looking for the object at the same time and in the same direction and it reappeared within a minute or two of the initial sighting time of the previous evening. These sightings lasted for five days (16-20 July), the object always appearing from the same direction at approximately the same time and disappearing at all times when directly overhead.

c. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that when 7 X 50 binoculars and a 60 power telescope were used there appeared to be something rotating pendulum like around the object. He thought this might have been a cannister from which this object could have been released. Further, upon examination through the 60 power telescope there appeared to be approximately 15 pieces of debris following in the wake of the object. This debris would also disappear at the same time as the object.

d. During each of the sightings the weather was clear with unlimited visibility and at this time of the year sunset was at approximately 2100 hours E.D.S.T.

e. With regards to the physical characteristics of the object, it was approximately the size of the head of a pin when held at arms length, round in shape, had no discernible color or features. No trail, tail or exhaust were visible nor did it emit any sound that could be heard.

f. The location from which these sightings were made is West Babylon, Long Island, New York approximately 200 yards west of the boundary between West Babylon and West Islip, L.I. (73°20' W. Longitude, 40°42' N. Latitude).

g. Mr. [REDACTED] 48 years of age, resides at [REDACTED] a [REDACTED] Babylon, L.I., New York and is employed as an oil heater serviceman by the R.H. Wolter Co. of Lindenhurst, L.I., New York.

h. Mr. [REDACTED] is 45 years of age, resides at [REDACTED] West Babylon and is employed as a grounds keeper by the Union Free School District of Babylon.

i. [REDACTED] age 15 and [REDACTED] age 13, sons of Mr. [REDACTED] are students at the Union Free School District.


j. The weather was clear during the period 16-20 July. Prevailing winds for this period were, with one exception, from a westerly direction.

k. During this period the cloud cover ranged from 1000' to 10000' scattered. Visibility ranged from 6 to 20 miles and at no time did the cloud cover exceed 5/10. There were no thunderstorms in the vicinity during the reported period.

l. At the times of the sightings of the unidentified object there were no unusual meteorological or astronomical conditions reported which would account for the object.

m. At 0001Z hours daily, the U.S. Weather Bureau Station at N.Y. International Airport, which is approximately forty five (45) miles west southwest of Babylon, sends aloft a weather balloon. In view of the sighting time of the object, the description of the pendulum like affair dangling below it, and the time of release of the weather balloon, I am of the opinion that the unidentified object was the weather balloon.

FOR THE COMMANDER:


ROBERT W. MIERS
Lt Colonel, USAF
Director of Operations

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