

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 10 August 1960	2. LOCATION Cleveland, Ohio		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>1600-1730 local</u> GMT <u>10/2100Z</u>	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 not reported	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE varied	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Letter to FBI with newspaper article about UFO sighted by witness (see case).		11. COMMENTS Insufficient data for evaluation. No investigation made due to delay in receipt of report.	

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Dec 10, 1960

Mr J. Edgar Hoover
F. B. I. Director
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am writing in regard to
an undefinable Object that
was seen over my home Aug 19
1960 time between 4:00 - 5:30 P.M.

Inclosed you will find a
copy of a ^{page} I am ^{page} will explain some
of the detail. I am asking your
help. I am sure this is some-
thing your office needs to know.

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CHURCHWOMAN STICKS TO STORY:

Saw 'Flying Saucer' Hover Over Home

BY BOB WILLIAMS

Here's a tale of flying saucers, unidentified flying objects. It's been told since August 10, when a huge, odd-shaped object dropped from the sky to hover without a sound, over a point near Quincy Ave. and E. 83 St.

Before the startled eyes of a man and a woman who had never met before, the object suddenly whizzed into the sky "with the speed of a missile" to disappear into the clouds.

Did it happen?

MISS MARY ELIZABETH WILLIS, a sober-minded, rational woman, according to her pastor and closest associates, has been telling the tale since that bright but cloudy afternoon last Summer, and although she has had plenty of attention . . .

"They'd never believe me," she said in a Call & Post interview.

Miss Willis, 37, of 2478 E. 83 St., says she has told her story to pastor, neighbors, and reported it officially to local Air Force headquarters and the Cleveland Hopkins Airport.

"And I have told it to radio stations, television stations, and newspapers, and they laugh at me. Yet it happened, and I have a witness."

IDENTIFIED as her witness is Andrew Mehivec, a RCA TV-radio road technician who Miss Willis says visited her home on "a routine call" last August 10.

"I didn't know him and he didn't know me. He came to repair my combination radio-television record-player, and that was our first contact."

"Had I seen it alone, I would have forgotten it long ago", admits Miss Willis.

But this radio technician walked upon the step to my home, suddenly cried out: "What's happening out here", and I rushed out onto the porch as he stood staring over the tree tops in our back yard.

"I ran off the steps, and I ran around to the rear of my house to look at the thing. I couldn't believe what I was seeing.

"There it hung, at a crazy angle in the sky, no sound, no windows, no portholes or openings that might have been windows.

"**IT HAD A LONG BLACK, cone-like aperture that shot out in front of the craft, or whatever you call it. The thing stretched out from a point about three house down from mine to just beyond my back yard.**

"Before we could catch our breath, it suddenly was whisked into the sky, swiftly and silently, except for the slightest suction of air in its wake.

"It was dark blue in color. As it reached the heavy clouds overhead the thing seemed to ease into the clouds hover motionless for another long minute, then gradually dissipate itself into light blue that blended with the sky itself.

"**I DON'T CARE** who doesn't believe me, it happened, and that man stood right there with me staring up at it", declares Miss Willis.

"I would call it a plane, because it had what could have been four huge motor-like structures in the front across what would be the wing span of a conventional jet craft.

"But there was no sound as it hung over the tree tops, and no noise as it swung like a bullet into the sky."

Did it happen?

"I wouldn't care about it except I think the United States should know about such an aircraft, whether its foreign, friendly or not, and what its mission was.

"If it belongs to us, we're in very good shape, in a military way, but if not, Lord help us", asserted Miss Willis.



SAUCER?—Mary Elizabeth Willis explains and draws rough picture of unidentified flying object ((saucer) she spotted last August 10 for her pastor, Rev. Luther F. Hill, of Second Mt. Sinai Baptist Church where Miss Willis is a veteran choir member. Pastor's daughter, Gloria, 16, Junior at John Adams High School looks on. (Photo by Williams).

MISS WILLIS says the radio technician has been interviewed about the unidentified flying object but has grown unwilling to tell the tale "as long as he could see nobody was willing to believe it".

Call & Post efforts to reach him this week were futile.

"But I have continued trying to get someone to listen to me

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and to investigate it.

"Believe me, this no play thing. He shouted to me, and I came outside and looked, and there it was."

MISS WILLIS has been a seamstress at Gotfried Co., for several years and has worked steadily in Cleveland since 1943.

She owns her own home, does not drink or smoke, and attends church regularly. She has attended Second Mt. Sinai Baptist Church and has been active there for 14 years, sings in the Senior Choir.

The Rev. Luther Hill, pastor, finds her the sober-minded, rational type woman she appears to be, even when telling her tale of the thing—the unidentified flying object that fell from the sky and hovered in midair over the backyard of her home at 2478 E. 83 St.

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10 December 1960
CLEVELAND, OHIO

16 December 1960

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

Your letter of 10 December 1960 addressed to the FBI concerning unidentified flying objects has been referred to this office.

For your information I am inclosing the latest Department of Defense fact sheet on this subject. It clearly states the Air Force's and the Department of Defense's position in regard to this subject.

Sincerely,

Inclosure

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mrs. [REDACTED]

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Cleveland, Ohio

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