

**PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD**

<b>1. DATE</b> 20 Apr 61	<b>2. LOCATION</b> Sheridan, Wyoming		<b>12. CONCLUSIONS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Emotional Strain <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
<b>3. DATE-TIME GROUP</b> Local 1430 GMT 20/2130Z Apr 61	<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		
<b>5. PHOTOS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<b>6. SOURCE</b> Civilian		
<b>7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION</b> seconds	<b>8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS</b> One	<b>9. COURSE</b> None	
<b>10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING</b> Letter from woman correlating sound which she heard with observation by her mother in another part of town. She was in conference with her supervisor and as part of her session was concluded she heard this frightful sound, not heard by others present. This is attributed to the relief of concluding her portion of the interview. Her mother is an elderly "bird watcher".		<b>11. COMMENTS</b> Relief of the witness in being "off the carpet" culminated in the imaginary sound. No attempt is made to explain the mother's observation. This was supposedly used by the witness to explain the noise she heard.	

Wichita, Kansas

9/11/61

Dear Sir:

Have just recently found out when to write and then the report - 4 months late. Sorry, but hope it is of some interest to you

Name: [redacted] Wyoming

Date of sighting: April 20, 1961

Time: Between 2 & 3 P.M. (near 2:30)

Duration: Several minutes, I believe.

Object as it appeared to observer: ~~Somewhat~~ aerobically, cigar shaped with 2 fins at tail end. Medium gray color, dull (apparently not shiny in any way), unmarked, texture almost rough like that of a beehive. Observer saw no wings, lines, appendages of any kind except the fins and couldn't determine if the fins were moving slightly or not.

Speed: Observer used the word "cruising" spontaneously since it was going very slowly but evenly - no up or down.

Sound: None at all to observer. (not sure of this either)

Weather: Clear, sunny, bright & warm - no wind

Situation & observer: The observer is my mother and she is a bird watcher. Always looking out the window, not so much "up" as just "out", feeding at least every day - love to feed them. On this day she watched a bird land on the garage and the back kitchen window and she went down to write a letter. Suddenly a huge object burst into view. She first and then the rest of it gradually appeared. Mother was so surprised that she put up from her chair and watched it from the kitchen window & then from the window until, after looking down momentarily at the log, it had suddenly disappeared. She simply couldn't see it any more. She was then wondering if it were some experimental craft & wished that my son was home from school so he could see it too. It appeared to be just skimming the tree tops as it was so close that my mother observed the back of any thing on it except fins & noted that it had no visible protrusions or parts compartment. She was even impressed by its texture. She was not frightened, however, but it stuck in her mind & she told me about it the next day - April 21, 1961.

Looking up: Since she told me of it the next day, I looked as soon as I could. I called the wife of the FAA man & he happened to be home at that time. His biggest wish ~~was~~ was that ~~them~~ <sup>she</sup> had called in to him right away & they would have tried to identify it. He also reported had been in his knowledge & he had heard nothing about such sightings in the state at that time. He emphasized that if it should happen again - get to the phone " pronto".

My mother, she didn't average the U.S. government to interested some  
nothing - prejudiced on these things to admit Mrs. Mrs. average citizen.  
usually passed off as Hog Wash. I had read up quite a bit about mostly  
fantastic stuff that didn't impress me as being too authentic. However I  
did recognize the shape of the thing as being one of a some kinds.  
Mother was completely innocent of this information also you never know  
what the government is going to try next an aircraft. Some we are  
proud of the FAA people (they used to be regulars) we called on them  
one evening, my husband & I. We went over all of it in detail & let me  
say he wasn't laughing. He was laughing that I talked to them the  
either. We talked to everybody that we knew about the sighting  
but within this limited circle no one had seen it or heard of anyone  
else seeing it. Just one man may have seen it his co-workers. On the date  
of the sighting the job company was changing meters & there were  
in another part of Skidmore when they heard a jet & looked up to watch it  
suddenly one of them said, "What's that?" and they saw a shape "like a balloon"  
going straight up as if to get out of the way of the jet. It was passed so fast  
that they couldn't describe anything in particular. Mother got this information  
of one of the men that changed our meter then on the London in Skidmore.

### The Sound & heard

This is the part I hesitate to tell but it can all be proved.  
Everything can be proved as far as what we heard but not substantiated by  
the character of what was heard. But this is what I heard on April  
20, 1961 between 2 & 3 pm (I was alone with the Skidmore County  
Public Works office & was watching the clock during the meeting we were  
having with the State Commissioner Supervisor from (Ligonier) I was nervous  
about the afternoon going before anyone made the coffee in the office coffee pot  
but finally set back relaxed just enjoying the meeting since I was  
off the griddle, when suddenly the most awful sound around a shriek  
hit my ears. It seemed to be coming through the open window. I tore  
off my clip earring, automatically, stuck both fingers in both  
ears <sup>simultaneously</sup> & put my hands over them hard in desperation. I was practically  
mindless for about 4 seconds - the longest 4 seconds imaginable  
& couldn't have talked or answered anyone. My boss's county  
assessor, who was looking at me from a report & said "Why, Madge,  
what's wrong?" He was also had heard it & that is the saddest  
fact. All I can say is I don't care to hear it again if it can be  
prevented. I'm really shaken! The other <sup>two</sup> don't know just how much  
but that night, since my husband was not there, I explained what I had

(3) I heard to my mother's & I even crawled into bed with her, trying to get  
aligned with the lines. Mother did not see any connection but she  
she should & what she saw that day, in fact, and how said, not  
could she make day at noon and she told me & then my hair really  
stood on end. I saw a connection & the TAA even seen a  
possible connection. It seems that some people hear very  
high frequencies of I may be old. I know my hearing is very  
good as tested at the University & this same testing equipment  
also that in that apparatus I heard higher frequencies than is  
normal but the experimenter didn't have the equipment to find  
out how high or range or whatever. Anyhow, the area that mother  
believed the space ship? disappeared from the direction that  
the open office window opened out in was approx. the same.  
I think I heard the loud noise or ? of something taking off at  
an incredible speed. That's just what my mother & I now believe.

None of this was kept under our figurative hats either  
Mother & I wanted to everybody we knew, whenever we could  
of nothing else. I'm not afraid of sticking my neck out or being  
laughed at but mother, who better try to tell my mother that  
she was seeing. She is practical, sharp, & a little at  
times but not particularly imaginative. She is also a  
solid citizen.

Intercept

My husband is now transferred to Anchorage Alaska. He has  
been an Air Force Pilot for 5 years, before that he was in the  
Air Force. Name: [REDACTED]; Mother - [REDACTED] (Dad  
[REDACTED]) my father deceased. I have worked as a teacher B.S.  
Degree is a Comanche in Wichita & hope to continue here in Anchorage  
Alaska as soon as we get settled. I have read the over & it is a  
lot of fun but I may never get around to it again.

My mother lives in Bay Shore Maine, Sturgeon Bay,  
Wisconsin & she is the important person to contact if you need

Please, Please don't pass this up with a shov!!

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]