

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 29 June 61	2. LOCATION Rome Center, Michigan	12. CONCLUSIONS <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Meteor <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 5 AM GMT 20/1000Z	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	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION quickly	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE WSW
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Oblong ball of fire in sky. Thought to be vapor trail at 1st, however, objt disappeared rapidly. Objt just W of where sun rose a few minutes later about 30° above horizon. Traveled WSW at speed of Echo.		11. COMMENTS Case evaluated as meteor on limited info as not any conflicting data with this conclusion. Sent for additional info. No rply.

31 October 1961

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your recent card to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration has been referred to the Air Force.

Although your description of the sighting you witnessed sounds very much like a fireball (astronomical) more information will be required before a definite determination can be made. In view of this, I am enclosing three questionnaires. The additional forms are for other witnesses of this sighting whom you might know. You may return the completed questionnaires in the enclosed pre-addressed envelopes which require no postage.

Your interest in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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UFO Project Information Officer  
Public Information Division  
Office of Information

Mr. [REDACTED]

Manitou Beach, Michigan

cc: Major Friend

AT EXACTLY 5 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING ON  
JUNE 24, 1961, I OBSR'ED WHAT APPEARED  
TO BE A OBLONG BALL OF FIRE IN THE SKY. AT  
FIRST I THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE A JET VAPOR  
TRAIL, BUT ALL VAPOR TRAILS I HAVE SEEN  
BEFORE WERE PROMINENT FOR SOME TIME. THIS TRAIL  
DISAPPEARED QUICKLY, AS A BALL OF FIRE MOVING  
RAPIDLY. I WAS ON MICHIGAN ROUTE #223 A FEW MILES  
N.W. OF ROME CENTER, MICH. THE OBJECT WAS JUST  
WEST OF WHERE THE SUN ROSE A FEW MINUTES LATER, ABOUT  
30° ABOVE THE HORIZON & SEEMED TO BE TRAVELING WSW  
(ERRATICALLY) ABOUT THE SPEED OF ECHO.



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MANITOU BEACH, MICH.