

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 17 August 1962	2. LOCATION Medina, New York		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 type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT - - -	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		<input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Chaff</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION - - -	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Multi	9. COURSE fell to ground	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Rainfall in western New York was accompanied by pieces of tinfoil. Pieces forwarded for analysis.		11. COMMENTS Tinfoil identified as chaff. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p style="text-align: center;">RETURN TO:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Director Aerospace Studies Inst ATTN: Archives Branch Maxwell AFB, Alabama</p> </div> <div style="margin-left: 20px; text-align: right;"> <p>10073-6012-1</p> <p>1962</p> </div>	

[REDACTED]
Medina, New York

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Yours Sincerely,

SMC

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]

Tell him they are
known as "chaff" and
were dropped by USAF
aircraft on a practice
mission

[REDACTED]
Medina, New York.

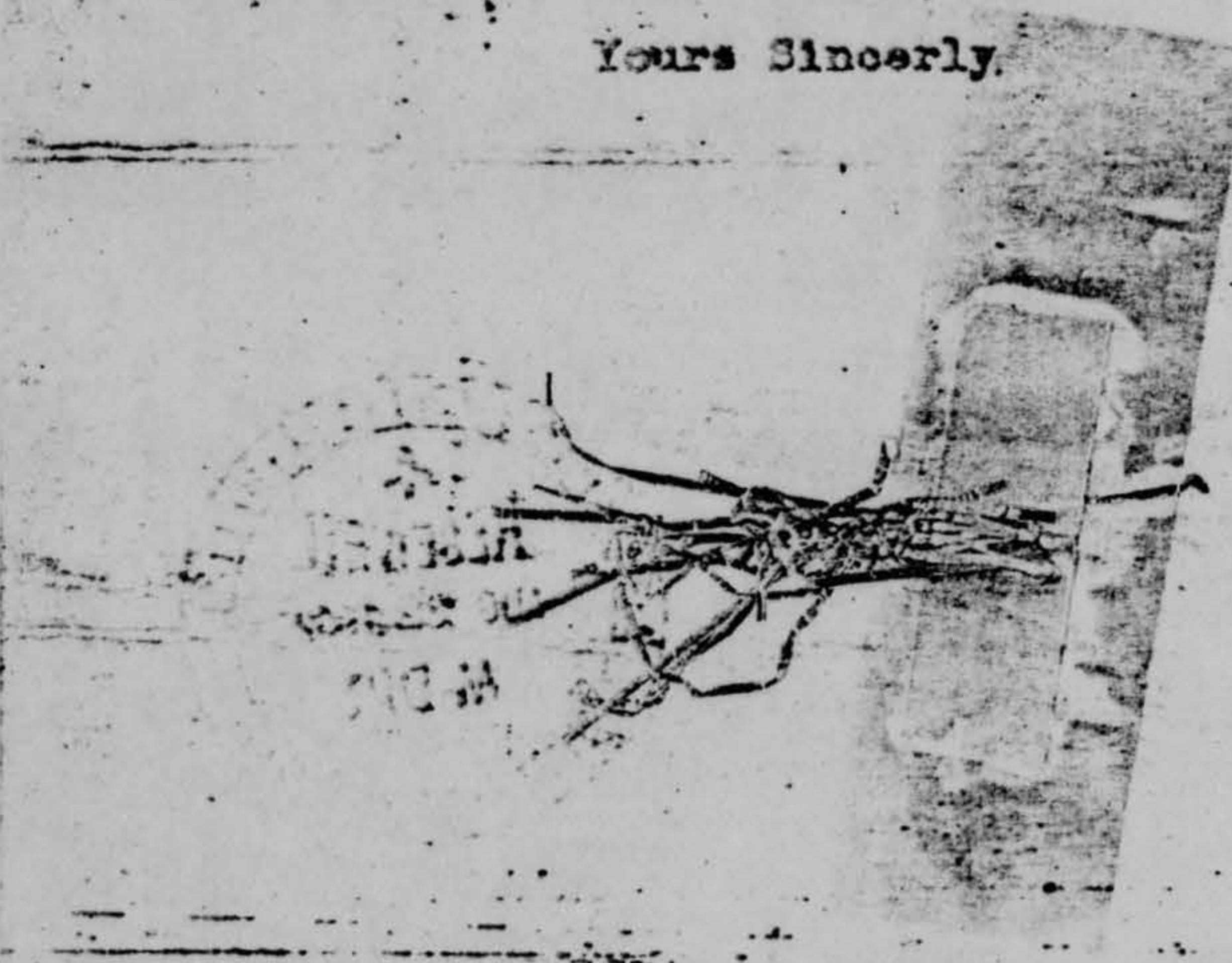
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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION
WALTER C. MARSHALL SPACE FLIGHT CENTER
HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

IN REPLY REFER TO:

M-PIO

September 13, 1962

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Medina, New York

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter in which you enclose a number of pieces of foil which fell with the rain on August 17.

Your letter and the foil has been transmitted to the U. S. Air Force Systems Command in Washington, D. C. for their reply.

Your interest is appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Foster Haley
Deputy Chief of Information

✓ Copy to: U. S. Air Force Systems Command

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TD-3/Col Wynn

1 October 1962

Request for UFO Information (Letters from NASA)

Hq USAF
SAFOI-3b (Major Hart)
Wash 25, DC

1. Reference the attached letters forwarded to this office from the NASA requesting information on unidentified flying objects. These letters are forwarded to your office for whatever action you deem necessary.
2. The tin foil referred to in these letters is chaff, probably dropped by USAF Aircraft during a practice mission.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Edward H. Wynn
EDWARD H. WYNN
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science
and Components

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Ltr fm Mr. [REDACTED],
dtd 13 Sep 62.
Ltr fm Mrs. [REDACTED],
dtd 10 Sep 62.

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17 AUG 62

October 9, 1962

Dear Mr. ~~██████~~

The foil pieces you inclosed in your letter are known as "chaff". Dropped from aircraft in bundles, they quickly separate and each piece of chaff gives a radar return resembling an aircraft. These radar returns clutter the monitoring radar scopes masking the movement of the aircraft. They are extremely effective as they fall slowly and permit the aircraft to pass undetected. Chaff are dropped by USAF aircraft on practice missions.

Your interest is appreciated.

Sincerely,

W. J. LOOKADOO
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Public Information Div
Office of Information

UFO SIGHTING
Ogdon Utah, 17 August 1962

Observer: Mr. [REDACTED] age 56 Occupation:
[REDACTED] Union Depot Company
Ogdon, Utah Ogdon, Utah (for 37 years)

and Grandson age 10

Time: Local 8:48 pm 18 August 1962 Length: 10 seconds

Description: Shape was similar to a lemon (a little different than an egg) and the front was more round than the back. Three objects were crowded together and would have been touching each other, very close. The leading object was approximately 2 or $1\frac{1}{2}$ lengths ahead of the other two. The objects were longer than they were wide. No windows, form, exhaust, tail, or trail was seen. There was no sound or odor. The objects were a dull aluminum color.

The objects were in a formation like geese - a leader and two behind, one on either side. Observer could not tell whether one was higher than the others, but it might have had to be in order to fly so closely.

Observer could not tell whether objects were on a slant or flying straight, but said they were in level flight.

The objects were lit up but with no lights. Observer said he thought the moon must have been below the mountains throwing light and also that the light from Washington Boulevard might have been lighting the objects.

The objects were estimated to be at an elevation of about a thousand feet. Witness indicates that the objects could have been three or four times that estimate.

WX Conditions: It was fairly light out. Stars and faint outline of mountains could be seen by witness. At 9:30, the witness looked at his watch and at the same time noticed heavy white clouds moving in from the Northwest. They completely covered the area in a few minutes. Witness stated that if any odor accompanied the objects, it would have been blown away rapidly.

Optical Aid: Observer wears glasses but did not have them on at the time of the sighting. He has vision of 30-40 (good enough to pass driving test, but not good enough for job according to Doctor at the railroad).

The observer and his grandson were in the yard hoping to see some satellites. Objects appeared in space between two trees in witness's yard. The objects disappeared behind and rising to the top of the tree (second tree).

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

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COUNTRY United States of America

REPORT NO. IR-2-62

SUBJECT (U) UFO

DATE OF REPORT 27 August 1962

DATE OF INFO 18 August 1962

REFERENCES AFR 200-2/Complete

PLACE & DATE ACQ. [redacted] en, Utah

FROM Sec 2 Law Enforcement Div, Hill AFB Utah
PREPARED BY Kenneth L. Loveland

EVALUATION SOURCE Source below named.

SUMMARY At 1530Z hours on 21 August 1962 a report of a UFO sighting was received from [redacted] railroad engineer for the Union Depot Company, Ogden, Utah. Pierce reported while sitting in his back yard at [redacted], Ogden, Utah, he sighted three objects approximately one block away and at a minimum of 1000 feet high, traveling from north to south or possibly turning toward the southwest moving at a very high speed, being in view from 10 to 15 seconds.

1. At 1530Z hours, 21 August 1962, [redacted] reported that at 0348Z hours, 18 August 1962 he sighted 3 objects approximately one block away and 1000 feet high traveling from north to south at a very high speed.

2. At 1535Z hours, 22 August 1962, Mr. [redacted] Ogden, Utah, was interviewed at this location. Following is the information received on the interview: The following information and answers to questions is prefaced by paragraph number of items of information requested in paragraph 14, AFR 200-2, dated 20 July 1962.

- 14a(1) Shape - Lemon shape rounded off a little more on front than on the back.
- 14a(2) Size - Could be covered with a half dollar at 7 inches from the eye.
- 14a(3) Color - Dull aluminum.
- 14a(4) Number - Three.
- 14a(5) Formation - In V formation.
- 14a(6) Discernible Features - Appeared to be solid metal.
- 14a(7) Tail, trail or exhaust - Could see none.
- 14a(8) Sound - No sound heard.
- 14a(9) Pertinent features - None observed.

14b(1) What called attention to objects - Was sitting on lawn watching for satellites.

14b(2) Angle, elevation, azimuth - Was first noticed in East as they came in view from behind house, about 30 degrees from ground level.

14b(3) Angle, elevation and azimuth at time of disappearance - At same level as when first sighted.

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- 14b(4) Flight path and maneuvers - Moved from north to south at very high speed.
- 14b(5) How did the object disappear - Went out of sight behind a tree, wasn't seen again.
- 14b(6) How long object visible - About 10 seconds.
- 14c(1) Manner of observation - Naked eye.
- 14c(2) Optical aids - None.
- 14c(3) Airborne sighting - N/A.
- 14d(1) Time and date of sighting - 0348Z hours, 18 August 1962.
- 14d(2) Light conditions - Dark and clear.
- 14e Location of observer - [REDACTED]
west.
- 14f Information on observer - [REDACTED] is a civilian, appeared to be an emotionally stable person, 56 years old and gave a clear, consistent report on the sighting. Has 37 years experience as an engineer for the railroad and seemed exact in all his information.
- 14g(1) Weather and wind - The weather was clear with a few scattered clouds, with a slight breeze.
- 14g(2) Report of weather and wind - Hill Air Force Base reported weather at time of sighting was clear. Surface winds NW 300° at 6 knots - 6,000 feet.
230° at 20 knots - 10,000 feet, 240° at 20 knots - 16,000 feet.
230° at 25 knots - 20,000 feet, 220° at 25 knots - 30,000 feet.
240° at 30 knots - 50,000 feet, 210° at 20 knots - 80,000 feet.
200° at 20 knots.
- 14g(3) Ceiling - Unlimited.
- 14g(4) Visibility - 20 miles.
- 14g(5) Cloud cover - Clouds scattered, total cover - .3.
- 14g(6) Thunderstorm - Possible thunder southeast through south.
- 14g(7) Temperature - 77°.
- 14h Unusual activity or condition - None.
- 14i Interception or identification - Observer sighted objects on a Saturday evening and didn't report until Monday morning. No interception or identification attempted.
- 14j Air traffic and balloon releases - Hill Air Force Base reported no known aircraft in area - no balloons released.
- 14k The preparing officer is an investigator, GS-7, Security and Law Enforcement Division, Hill Air Force Base, Utah. Preliminary analysis indicates the observer is a logical and mature person. He is convinced the objects were not conventional type aircraft. No leads nor clues were developed that would lead to the identity of the objects. The observer with his 10 year old grandson were the only reported witnesses to this sighting. There are no known manufacturers of experimental type aircraft in this area, and no known missile firings are being conducted other than static tests. With the submission of this report, it is believed that all logical efforts to identify the objects have been exhausted.

Kenneth L. Ireland

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Special Investigations Section
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