

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 2 January 1963	2. LOCATION Akron, Ohio	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 <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 02/2300Z	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 10 minutes, 20-25 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE SE stationary
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Phone rpt fm Popowich at Akron of sighting by Ravenna resident & 3 additional witnesses. Total sighting time 20-25 min. Motionless dull yellow lights fading on & off. Appeared to be fairly close to observer & described as a ring of lights. They moved to the SE slowly. Obsvaton fm slow moving car heading toward obj. Obj in West. Told wife about obj and wife rptd seeing same thing. Went out three times. Obj would disappear for about 30 seconds. Red upon disappearance.	11. COMMENTS Case carried as insufficient data. Some characteristics of balloon present. Request for additional information not replied to. In view of the source it must be assumed that the obj was identified by them and not reported.	

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

UFO Sighting Ravenna, Ohio
2 January 1963

On 4 January 1963 FTD received a phone call ([REDACTED]) from Mr. [REDACTED] of Akron, Ohio. Mr. [REDACTED] reported that on Wednesday, 2 January 1963, Mr. [REDACTED] of Ravenna, Ohio observed an unidentified flying object.

The object was in view for 20 to 25 minutes, and the time of the sighting was 6:00 PM. The object was motionless, had dull yellow lights, faded on and off, and was surrounded by a ring of light. The object moved slowly to the southeast and was fairly close.

Mr. [REDACTED] was in a car driving toward the object. When he arrived home, he found that his wife had seen the object from their home. There were three people in the car with Mr. [REDACTED].

A phone call (335-30) to Mrs. [REDACTED] provides the following information.

The object, observed in the west, was about star size, fuzzy, round, and remained stationary for ten minutes. The flight was not steady. The object faded out three times remaining out for 30 seconds the first two times. The third time it faded, it did not reappear (it was high). The object changed color to red each of the first two times it faded out; on the third fading, it changed to white.

It was requested that Mr. [REDACTED] call us collect to give further information. No such call has been received at FTD.

Mr. [REDACTED] telephone number is [REDACTED].

7 Jan Called Mrs [REDACTED] (335-30) Requested that Mr [REDACTED] call.
7 Jan " Mr [REDACTED] Not Available

No Case. (Information Only)

9 January 1963
Ravenna, Ohio

RICE

RAVENNA - ROOTSTOWN - Jan. 9, 1963 - 6:10
- 6:22 PM. Mr. Rice and two other obser-
vers were witness to a strange event in lo-
cal skies. Their attention was drawn to a
very bright light source almost directly
overhead. Mr. [redacted] described it as round
and white in color. As they watched the
stationary object, it changed from white
to reddish-orange. After ten(10) minutes
the object split into three(3) parts; all
three parts proceeded southward and disap-
peared. The size of the object was like
that of an auto headlight...The object
was either very low or tremendous in size
if this in fact was an estimate made at
arms length. (from KYW's UFO Program)

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3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>20-45</u> GMT <u>08/0145Z</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	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes Physical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Specimen	6. SOURCE Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION - - -	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS multiple	9. COURSE on ground
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Report of metal strips on ground about 1/4 inch to 5/16 inches wide and 2 1/2 to 3 inches long. Described as tinfoil scattered over wide area of farmland. Thought foil possibly from British a/c because witness had read article that British a/c had penetrated our air defense.		11. COMMENTS Report of chaff, used in jamming radar.

Excerpt from CD Report - Capt Seil - 7 to 8 Jan 63

At 2045 Mr. [REDACTED] called to report the following:

While out hunting he noticed small strips of tin foil scattered over a wide area of farm land. He was curious at the time, but did not collect any samples of the material. He became more curious and concerned when he read that British bombers had penetrated our air defenses, and thought that perhaps the foil strips were some type of British radar jamming material. He contacted the CAP who suggested that he collect some samples and notify FTD.

Mr. [REDACTED] returned to the scene, but a recent snow fall had concealed the foil for the time being. He said that it is starting to thaw now and he should be able to find some samples in the next day or two.

Mr. [REDACTED] a machinist, described the strips as being about $1/4$ to $5/16$ in. wide and $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 in. long.

Thanked him for his report and advised him that report would be delivered to appropriate branch of FTD for action.

Mr. [REDACTED]

Akron 13, Ohio
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