

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 1 Jan 54		2. LOCATION Melbourne, Australia		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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Inconsistent Data</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 01/0015Z		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 <u>Civilian</u>			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one (1)		9. COURSE N	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Metallic mushroom shaped obj flying below minimum safety alt. 4 times as large as DC-4. Appeared to have an observation car hung underneath. Speed -- 700				11. COMMENTS Object traveling in Northerly direction at 700 mph with reported detail given by witness would be visible longer than 10 seconds. Much data omitted.	



1345401/00152 Melbourne Australia

1 Witness

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add. info*

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JMP A129

HB 102

RR JEDWP SUSDUPE BHPK 143

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BEFORE TAKING ACTION.

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JEDEN/COMDR ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLORADO

JAPYC/COMDR FEAF TOKYO JAPAN

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AF 154 Z FLYOBRPT X PARA ONE X ANA PILOT DOG BARKER REPORTED  
SEEING A METALLIC MUSHROOM SHAPED OBJECT FLYING BELOW MINIMUM SAFETY  
ALTITUDE FROM HIS HOUSE AT DONCASTER PAREN A SUBURB OF MELBOURNE PAREN  
X OBJECT APPEARED ABOUT FOUR TIMES AS LARGE AS A D C FOUR WITH WHAT  
APPEARED TO BE AN OBSERVATION CAR HUNG BENEATH IT X ALTHOUGH BARKER  
IS CONVINCED THE OBJECT WAS METAL CMM HE REPORTED THAT LIGHT  
OCCASIONALLY SHOT THRU IT AS IF IT WERE MADE OF CELLULOID X OBJECT



AS REPORTED TRAVELING IN A NORTHERLY DIRECTION  
EVEN HUNDRED MPH AND WAS IN SIGHT ABOUT TEN SECONDS X TIME OF SIGHTING  
AS JANUARY 010015Z X PARA TWO X FOLLOWING AN APPEAL BY DEPT OF CIVIL

FN 154 010015Z

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AVIATION TO REPORT AND NOT FEAR RIDICULE A GREAT MANY SIGHTINGS OF  
UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED SOME OF WHICH COINCIDE WITH  
THE REPORT OF [REDACTED] OFFICIALS ARE INVESTIGATING AND A REPORT OF  
FINDINGS WILL BE FORWARDED ASAP SGD [REDACTED]

07/1737Z JAN BHPK

SUSPECTED DUPLICATE OF MESSAGE  
PREVIOUSLY RELEASED. CHECK  
BEFORE TAKING ACTION.



No Case (Information Only)

2 January 1954  
Athens, Texas

INDIANA UNIVERSITY  
BLOOMINGTON

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

March 24, 1954

The Flying Saucer Information Department  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio

Gentlemen:

Enclosed are two clippings which I  
thought you might want for your collection.  
The date and source are given for each.

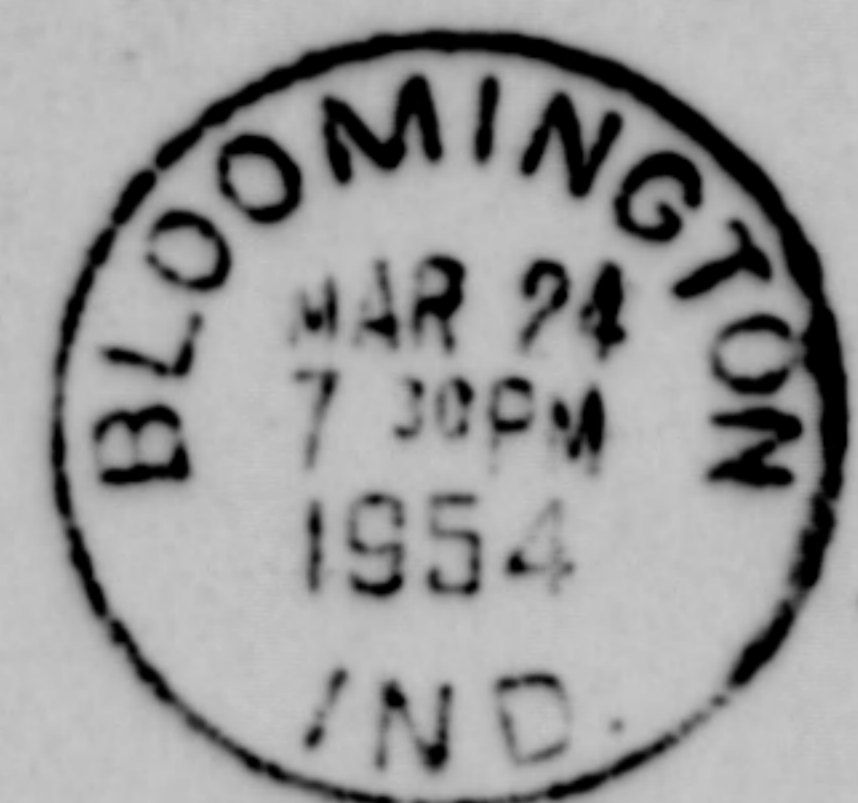
Cordially yours,

*Robert W Strain*  
Robert W. Strain, C.L.U.  
Instructor in Insurance

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Enclosures

**Strain - Business**  
After 10 days, return to  
INDIANA UNIVERSITY,  
BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA.



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# Murchison Citizens Report Sighting "Flying Saucers"

For the third time in as many days reports from persons, who said they had observed "strange metallic-colored disks" in the skies near Athens, came in Thursday.

Mrs. T. M. Taylor, Murchison postmistress, stated that she had seen one of the objects on Tuesday prior to the time that Mrs. A. L. Skinner, Athens housewife, made the first reported sighting.

Mrs. Taylor said she saw the object from her back yard as she was hanging out clothes and said that she was certain what she saw was not a reflection. She said the object was shining brighter than any plane reflection she had ever seen.

She said there was no vapor trail, as is sometimes left by jet-planes, or no sound of engines. Mrs. Taylor said she sighted the object between 12 and 1:00 o'clock Tuesday, and thought that she watched it three or four minutes.

She said she could not determine the shape of the thing but that it definitely was not moving, just hovering in the north at approx-

imately a 90 degree angle in the sky.

Mrs. Taylor said she ran toward her house to call her husband but that when they returned the object had gone.

Mrs. Skinner's sighting was also made while she was hanging out clothes but she was able to give a more accurate description of what she saw and it is believed from the accounts of the incident that Mrs. Skinner's sighting was at a closer range.

Another sighting made the same day as Mrs. Skinner's but also unreported at the time was made by a man who lives about five miles northeast of Murchison. He requested his name be withheld from the account.

He said he made his sighting at 9:15 in the eastern part of the sky and apparently at a great distance away. He said he first thought he had seen a jet because of haze or vapor trails in the vicinity.

He said he watched the object for some time, however, and

became convinced that it was not a plane because of the rapid speed at which the thing was climbing. The man, who is a former serviceman, said the gleaming object was going straight up at an apparently tremendous rate of speed. He said he knew that the Air Force have some jets that will fly faster than the speed of sound but that they don't appear to be moving so fast when observed at a great distance.

He said the object "shot" straight up for a time and then headed into the east and quickly disappeared.

Phil Dibert, a Tyler Morning Telegraph reporter, reported seeing an unidentified object near Winona Wednesday morning. His description fitted the one given by Mrs. Skinner, although it was not as detailed. He said that one disappeared in the same manner as the one seen by Mrs. Taylor.

Further reports had been received by The Athens Review Friday morning but an interview with the observers had not been arranged at press time.

The Athens Review - ATHENS, TEXAS

8 JAN 1954

Headed Toward Tyler

## Saucer-Like Object Seen Here Monday

An object resembling a publicized Flying Saucer was observed hovering in the sky on the outskirts of Athens in the immediate vicinity of the Tyler Highway by Mrs. A. L. Skinner, Jr., who resides about a half mile from where she first sighted the phenomenon.

Mrs. Skinner, who was hanging out clothes in her back yard at the time, said she first saw the silver, metallic-gleaming object, completely surrounded by a glimmering haze, approaching from the east. She said she stared at it and tried to determine its nature.

It stopped, Mrs. Skinner said, hovered for a moment and then seemed to bank and slide back in a northeastern direction without making a full turn. She described the turn as being a "tilting and sliding" motion.

Mrs. Skinner, who said the object resembled a "large ten gallon hat" when one observed the haze surrounding it, said she saw no smoke, heard no engines nor saw none of the colors which sometime are reported by persons as accompanying the "ships."

Mrs. Skinner said the haze seemed to be heavier at the "crown of the hat" and much thinner around the lower part or brim. She said the object lost its appearance of a hat when it made its strange turn.

The thing then appeared to be circular in construction and the high top took on a dome-like appearance. She said she could not determine the speed, size or height of the object but that she thought she observed it for about five minutes before it passed from her view toward Tyler at a speed which appeared to be slower than an airplane flying at about the

same distance away.

The sighting was made by Mrs. Skinner at about 3:30 p. m., Monday, and she said after watching the object for a time she ran to a neighbor's house nearby and called to her.

Mrs. Skinner's neighbor was unable to get outside of her house in time to see the object, however, but Mrs. Skinner said she hoped that someone else near Athens or along the route seemingly taken by the object may have seen it and would report it as soon as they learned that someone else had observed it, too.