

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 June 1954		2. LOCATION Indian Lake, Ohio		12. CONCLUSIONS ☒ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>UNIDENTIFIED</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>1705EDST</u> GMT <u>25/2105Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 - 5 Minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1		9. COURSE SE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Polished metal. (Very light). Suddenly speeded up. No sound. Underside of object appeared flat. Inverted cone on top. Speed - 2000MPH. 40' in diameter.				11. COMMENTS Contradictions in account. Visual - Balloon Radar-Unidentified	

Horvath
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U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U. S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes, and will be regarded as confidential material. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that, if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

25 JUNE 1954
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

1705 sighted
1714 00
Hour Minutes

(Circle One): A.M. or P.M.

3. Time zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

Nearest Postal Address

City or Town

State or Country

Additional remarks:

Dayton Ohio
6200' just passed Indian Lake
40 mi. NE Dayton

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

Hours

Minutes

Seconds

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

- a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One): a. Bright daylight
b. Dull daylight
c. Bright twilight

d. Just a trace of daylight
e. No trace of daylight
f. Don't remember

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you
b. In back of you
c. To your right

d. To your left
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

Heading 210°

Altitude 2900'
Object to left
150°

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound

No sound

b. Color

Silver or Al - very bright

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

Underside (3 mi. distant)
appeared flat (like an)
round
front edge raises on start
inverted cone on top

Wing span of
De Havilland
DAVE

18. The edges of the object were:

(Circle One):

a. Fuzzy or blurred

b. Like a bright star

c. Sharply outlined

d. Don't remember

e. Other

Very bright

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there?

ONE

Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

ONE traveled horizontally, stopped,
then climbed steeply - Mr. Mark says
he couldn't have stood the "G's".

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

- a. None
- b. A few
- c. Many
- d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- a. Bright moonlight
- b. Dull moonlight
- c. No moonlight — pitch dark
- d. Don't remember

9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle One):

a. Yes

b. No

c. Don't remember

10. IF it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?:

(Circle One) a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?

b. Several blocks away?

c. A block away?

d. Several yards away?

e. Other

*very bright match -
faded*

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

a. Appear to stand still at any time?

Yes

No

Don't Know

b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?

Yes

No

Don't Know

c. Break up into parts or explode?

Yes

No

Don't Know

d. Give off smoke?

Yes

No

Don't Know

e. Change brightness?

Yes

No

Don't Know

f. Change shape?

Yes

No

Don't Know

g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate?

Yes

No

Don't Know

*slight
as seen
away*

12. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved behind:

cloud in distance (overcast) 30,000'

13. Did the object move in front of something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved in front of:

clouds

14. Did the object appear: (Circle One):

a. Solid?

b. Transparent?

c. Don't Know.

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

a. Eyeglasses

Yes

No

e. Binoculars

Yes

No

b. Sun glasses

Yes

No

f. Telescope

Yes

No

c. Windshield

Yes

No

g. Theodolite

Yes

No

d. Window glass

Yes

No

h. Other

also w/ sub glass -

through open window

25. Where were you located when you saw the object?
(Circle One):

- a. Inside a building
- b. In a car
- c. Outdoors
- d. In an airplane
- e. At sea
- f. Other _____

26. Were you (Circle One)

- a. In the business section of a city?
- b. In the residential section of a city?
- c. In open countryside?
- d. Flying near an airfield?
- e. Flying over a city?
- f. Flying over open country?
- g. Other _____

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

210° into Dayton 40 mi. out - 50 mi.

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

28.2 How fast were you moving? 131 miles per hour.

28.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? (Circle One)

180° scan

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|--------------|---------------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. <u>Southeast</u> | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 150° degrees.
- b. From horizon 80° degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 180° degrees.
- b. From horizon 80° degrees.

20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.

→ in aircraft

21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.

~~approx 40'~~ feet. a round plate - 40' in diameter

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects held in the hand and at about arm's length?

(Circle One):

- a. Head of a pin
- b. Pen
- c. Dime
- d. Nickel
- e. Quarter
- f. Half dollar

- g. Silver dollar
- h. Baseball
- i. Grapefruit
- j. Basketball
- k. Other _____

- 22.1 (Circle One of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.

- a. Certain
- b. Fairly certain

- c. Not very sure
- d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? into aircraft @ 30,000'

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? Describe in your own words a common object or objects which when placed up in the sky would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

metal - Al or like aluminum

39. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate?

2000 m.p.h.

40. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) Yes No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was?

3 mi ^{12,000'}
feet. ^{15,000'}

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

What is your present job?

Age

Sex

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school

e. e. Technical school

b. High school

(Type)

c. College

f. Other special training

d. Post graduate

Formerly Marine
has 5000-6000 hrs
commercial - single - multi

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

25
Day

Jun
Month

1954
Year

34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

34.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds
- e. Don't remember

*no then
high then*

34.2 WIND (Circle One)

- a. No wind
- b. Slight breeze
- c. Strong wind
- d. Don't remember

*18-20 mph
260°*

34.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

- a. Dry
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

34.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- a. Cold
- b. Cool
- c. Warm
- d. Hot
- e. Don't remember

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35. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

25 *June* *54*
Day Month Year

36. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One) Yes

No

36.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One) Yes

No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle One) Yes

No

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

*3 yrs ago in Carolers -
for about 1 min. - didn't report -
was farther away - thought reflection*

38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

*don't know
it was an object*

*↑ don't know
(says "ambiguous"
question)*

Additional Info: A check with
Patterson Ops revealed that only
a C-54 was up from this
base at the time of the sighting.
JRM

No F-86 or T-33, etc.

Mr. ~~REDACTED~~ says he has seen
many of the balloons with and without
lights. Also he saw a DC-6 clearly
outlined high above him a few minutes
before he saw the "thing", so visual
conditions were good.

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(SUMMARY DATA)

BY STAFF D.O.

In order that your information may be filed and coded as accurately as possible, please use the following space to write out a short description of the event that you observed. You may repeat information that you have already given in the questionnaire, and add any further comments, statements, or sketches that you believe are important. Try to present the details of the observation in the order in which they occurred. Additional pages of the same size paper may be attached if they are needed.

NAME

[REDACTED]

(Please Print)

MAJOR USAF

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

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DATE

25 Jun 54

At 1900 hour, 25 June 54, Lieutenant Benzing, Officer of the Day No. 1, Bg. 10, W-P AFB, called. Reported that Captain Edwards, O.D. #4, WADC, had reported an unidentified aerial object sighting. Captain Edwards told Lieut. Benzing that M/Sgt Gurka at Patterson Approach Control (Radar Control) had the details and that the sighting was by Mr. John Mark at the Biltmore Hotel in Dayton.

M/Sgt Gurka, when called by the undersigned, stated that Dayton Tower at Municipal Airport called at 1714. Dayton Tower said they received a report of a sighting of a very fast target approximately 40 miles NE of Dayton and requested that Radar Control look at the scopes.

M/Sgt Gurka further stated that radar found a target 40 to 45 miles NE of Dayton on a heading of 170°. The target moved off of the scope in 1 minute (2)

~~I saw Mark first~~
~~turned in Ray on 2700' from Friday~~
~~at 10:00 AM - 10:00 AM - later scanning sky~~
~~at 10:00 AM - 10:00 AM~~

"unidentified object" then its edge tilted up in the direction it began motion and it flashed away a few miles and hovered again. When Mr. Mark continued to talk, the object flashed away and, this time, up at a very steep and fast ascent until it went into the aircraft at about 30,000!

Mr. Mark said the object reacted exactly as if it was listening to his radio transmission.

When ~~Mr. Mark~~ first sighted the object, he checked against reflection by looking with and without sun glasses, through the windshield and through an open window, and from various angles. He says he saw it every time. It made no sound and emitted no smoke, fire or vapor.

Staff Duty Officer Comments: The Controllers on duty in Patterson Approach Control - Radar Control who sighted the object when Mr.

distance of 33 miles). Dayton Tower then called back to Patterson Approach Control and stated that a Mr. John Mark in a Navion, 40 miles NE of Dayton at 6500' saw an object at 12000' to 15000'. The object was round, about 40 feet in diameter, with a cone on top. It was smooth and highly polished. It hovered with a heavy, humming noise. When Mr. [redacted] called the tower the object flashed away at great speed.

Mr. [redacted] also called at the Biltmore. He called long distance to North Carolina (according to a chatty operator) for more than 30 minutes while the undersigned waited. When Mr. [redacted] finally terminated his call and talked to the undersigned he said that he was sorry for the delay. He didn't know I was waiting and he had been talking to Denver.

His story was briefly as follows: He was flying in a Navion south from Fair Michigan to Dayton. He was at 6200' and 131 mph indicated. He had just got the altimeter setting (2900") from Findlay, Ohio and turned into Dayton. As he neared Dayton he was scanning the sky through 180° because of jet and other traffic in the area.

He saw this object high and to his left (about 10 o'clock high) just hovering. He was sure it was motionless. It was about 3 miles from him. It was metallic and very shiny. It was shaped like a plate with an inverted cone on top. It had roughly the span of a De Havilland Dove. He observed no windows or protuberances. Just a shiny aluminum colored plate with a cone on top.

When Mr. [redacted] called Dayton Tower, the aerial object was there until Mr. [redacted] said the words

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~~_____~~ reported it and who, as M/5gt Ferra
soberly reported, saw it move a step equivalent
distance of 33 miles in 1 minute (which figures
to be 1980 mph) were: T/5gt Mc Auliffe

A/IC Weiss

A/2C Green.

Mr ~~_____~~ is firm in his story and is
affronted by such form questions as "What do
you think caused it?"

His story has flaws - it charges -
and he saw such objects before in the
Carolinas, despite his flying experience.

I have no answer for the radar
controllers' story. As for the phenomenon
sighter, I recommend that he tell his story
first instead of last after the individual questions.
The forms now prepare the interrogatee for
traps he sees in the individual questions
and he alters his story. Form B should be
filled out prior to Form A.

Paul Merriam
Major USAF