PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE
17 November 1957

2. LOCATION
Tiffin, Ohio

3. DATE-TIME GROUP
Local 1830
GMT 17/2336

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION
☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar
☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS
☐ Yes
☒ No

6. SOURCE
Civilian - science teacher

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION
3 seconds

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS
one

9. COURSE
N/A

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING
A dull red object was seen falling while driving south on river road north of Tiffin, Ohio. Returned to the area the following morning and picked up a spherical object.

11. COMMENTS
Upon examination, the item picked up was found to be a radio receiver chassis bent so it would fit into the sphere made of copper. The sphere is very similar to a toilet bowl float.

12. CONCLUSIONS
- ☐ Was Balloon
- ☐ Probably Balloon
- ☐ Possibly Balloon
- ☐ Was Aircraft
- ☐ Probably Aircraft
- ☐ Possibly Aircraft
- ☐ Was Astronomical
- ☐ Probably Astronomical
- ☐ Possibly Astronomical
- ☒ Other Hoax
- ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
- ☐ Unknown

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TIFFIN, OHIO 17 November 1957 HOAX

A science teacher from Tiffin, Ohio observed a flash of light while driving home from work. The following day he went to the area where he saw the flash and claimed to have found an object in a field resembling SPUTNIK. The Teacher contacted the Toledo, Ohio Police, and the story was given space by Toledo newspapers. ATIC received this information from the Pentagon because of press inquries regarding the incident.

On 4 December, investigators from Project Blue Book contacted the witness and obtained the object. This object was a copper colored metallic sphere, approximately eight inches in diameter, with a single antenna. Further analysis at Wright-Patterson revealed that a small radio was bent into a "V" shape, so as to fit inside two thin copper shells, and held together by a bolt. Heat had been applied to the radio to scorch and blacken the set in contrast to the outside of the sphere. A short piece of speedometer cable was attached to give the appearance of an antenna. The object was bolted together with an American Standard Threads bolt and the radio tubes were American made.

The incident is regarded as an attempt at a deliberate hoax.

DISPOSITION FORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (If any)

FILE NO.

SUBJECT: Extract from SDO Report, 27-28 Nov 57

TO: AFCIN-4E4

FROM: AFCIN-4X2a

DATE: 29 Nov 57

COMMENT NO. 1: Maj T J Connair,Jr/dmt 59117/B 263/P A37

Following is an extract from SDO Capt H[redacted] report of 27-28 November 57 for your information and necessary action.

"1800 - S/Sgt Hund received a call from Capt McCauley, Police Dept (Ph 57205) informing him that they had been notified by the State Police of Toledo, Ohio concerning a metallic object which was observed to fall from the sky by Mr [redacted] and Stepson of East Proctor and Braduer (St.?) on the 17 November. The location is 4-1/2 miles North of Tippen, Ohio. This object is now in possession of a Mr [redacted] of [redacted] Parry Street, Tippen, Ohio Phone 3332W. Dimensions of object not available."

T J CONNAIR,JR
Major,USAF
Adjutant

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DISPOSITION FORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (If any)

FILE NO.

SUBJECT: Extract from SDO Report 1 December 57

TO: AFCIN-4[illegible]

FROM: AFCIN-4/Lt Col

DATE: 2 Dec 57

COMMENT NO. 1

[illegible] T J Connair, Jr/[illegible]
59117/B 253/P A37

Following is an extract from SDO 1/Lt Robert R McKay, Jr report of 1 December 57 for your information and necessary action:

"1130 - Received call from Base Patrolman Burns regarding inquiry by Ohio State Police for a Mr [redacted] of Tiffin, Ohio. [redacted] has object that "UFO" was to pick up as the result of a call to ATIC on 22 Nov 57. Called Capt Gregory. Called T/Sgt Bolien. As result of these telecons I called Patrolman Burns and asked that info be returned to Lt's that someone will contact him ASAP."

"1520 - Received UFO Report from Sqdn Leader Walker (text attached) and monitored by USAF Command Post (Maj Burns). Early Bird."

Several UFO inquiries started coming in from around Dayton. Deputy Sherrif Whalen, Montgomery County, had five cars chasing a UFO South on Highway, 25, between Germantown and Middletown. Wx knew of noticing. Several aircraft were reported in the area.

Incl:
UFO Report

T J COINAIR, JR
Major, USAF
Adjutant

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DISPOSITION FORM

SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (If any)

FILE NO.

SUBJECT Action Taken on Tiffin Case

~~TO~~ ~~FROM~~ ~~DATE~~ COMMENT NO. 1

3 Dec 1957

1. As reporting individual in Seance Incident, and matter brought to attention of both Tiffin and State officers, decided investigation and procurement of object warranted

2. Orders cut for M/Sgt Bolden, NCOIC, to investigate.

3. Called Mr. [redacted], long-distance, informing him that Sgt. Bolden would contact him tomorrow, regarded his cooperation, and where he and Lost be located.

4. Briefed Sgt. Bolden on Some interrogation techniques with emphasis on photographing and/or obtaining object.

5. Sgt. Bolden departed, Monday 3 December, with "Shiloh fragment", to return to owner.

Capt. Gregory

DD FORM 1 FEB 50 96 REPLACES NME FORM 96, 1 OCT 48, WHICH MAY BE USED.

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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?

17 (Day) Nov. (Month) 1957 (Year)

2. Time of day: 6:30 (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?

Tiffin Ohio (Nearest Postal Address) Tiffin (City or Town) Seneca (State or Country)

Additional remarks: 4½ miles south of city.

5. Estimate how long you saw the object. ——— (Hours) ——— (Minutes) 3 (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

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

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

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: Trees along distant banks.

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, than tell what it moved in front of: Trees along river banks.

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?

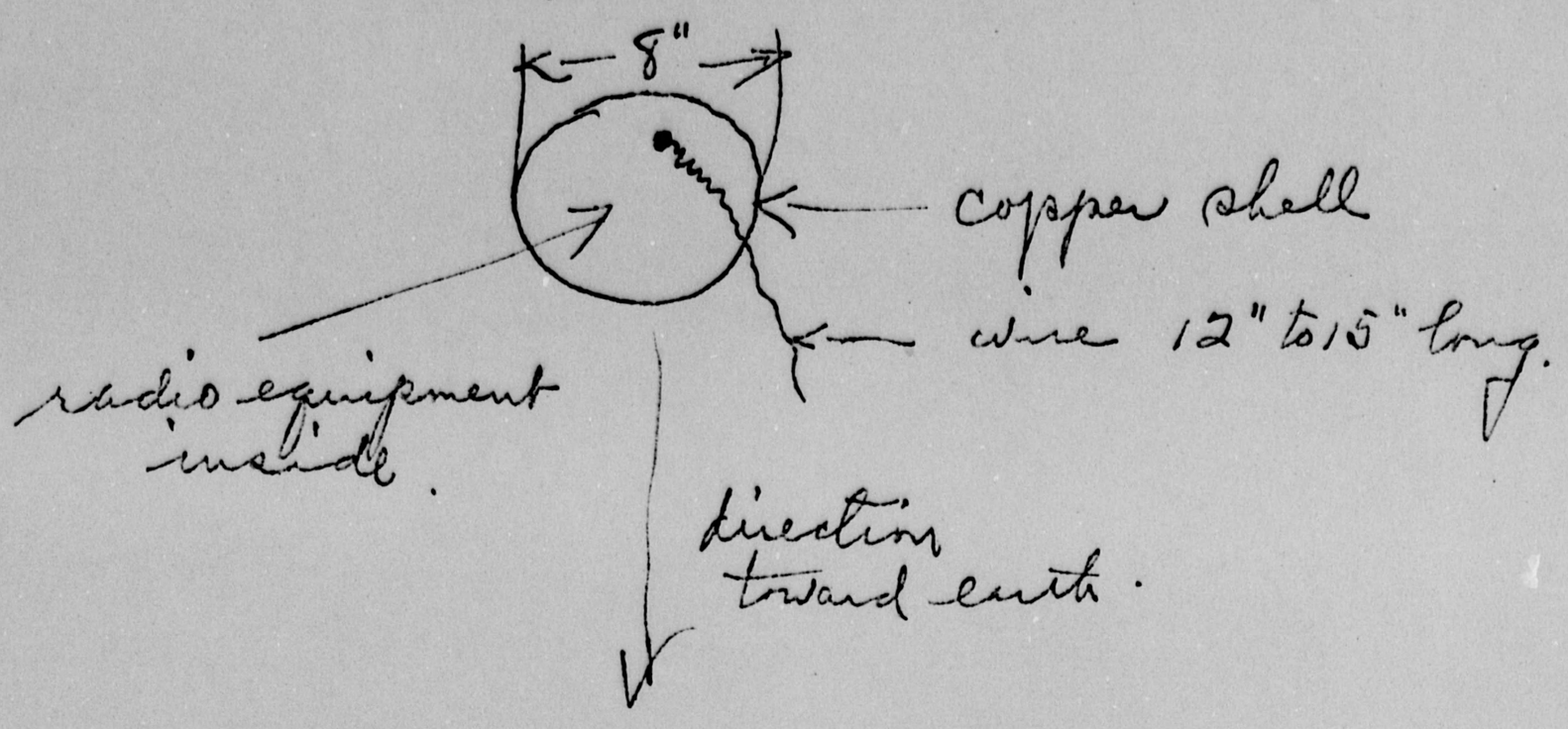
a. Eyeglasses	Yes	No	e. Binoculars	Yes	No
b. Sun glasses	Yes	No	f. Telescope	Yes	No
(c. Windshield)	Yes	No	g. Theodolite	Yes	No
d. Window glass	Yes	No	h. Other _____		

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

a. Sound (no sound)

b. Color Dull red with greenish haze

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.



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

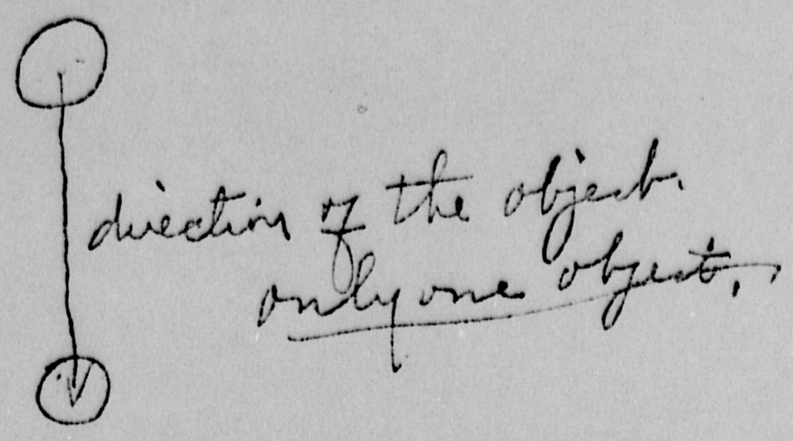
e. Other _____

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? _____.
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

one object only observed

It didn't be same object in flight.

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.



21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.
~~feet~~ 8" Eight inches by actual measurement.

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):

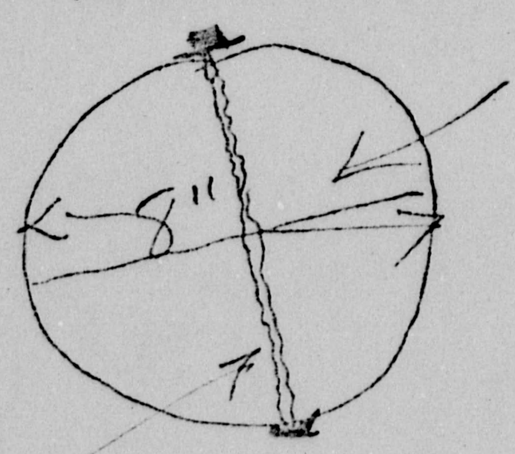
a. Head of a pin
b. Pea
c. Dime
d. Nickel
e. Quarter
f. Half dollar
g. Silver dollar
h. Baseball
(i. Grapefruit)
j. Basketball
k. Other _____

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? Seem to fall in tree covered area.

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.



hollow copper sphere, divided into halves — held together with a bolt through center

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 along road with trees on one side - open on other

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

Driving toward city - just conscious of object descending in distance - in front along winding road.

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
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
(f. Southwest)
g. West
h. Northwest

28.2 How fast were you moving? 40 miles per hour.

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

(Circle One) Yes (No)

Amazing — was able to come back next day — and find the object.

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

Suggestion of SPUTNIK orbital track

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

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

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
(f. Southwest)
g. West
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 _____ degrees.
b. From horizon _____ degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

a. From true North _____ degrees.
b. From horizon _____ degrees.

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

34.2 WIND *(Circle One)*

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

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

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

19th or 20th (Day) Nov. (Month) 1957 (Year) Reported to Sheriff's office

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?

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

Some apparatus connected with Weather Observation.

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? moved rather slowly 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? 1000 - 1500 feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted] (Last Name) [redacted] (First Name) [redacted] (Middle Name)

ADDRESS [redacted] (Street) [redacted] (City) 4 (Zone) OHIO (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

What is your present job? High School Instructor (physics & math).

Age over 60 Sex male.

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school ✓
b. High school ✓
c. College ✓
d. Post graduate ✓
e. e. Technical school
(Type)
f. Other special training Summer School at Case Institute of Technology.

42. Date you completed this questionnaire: 4th (Day) Dec. (Month) 1957. (Year)

U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

(SUMMARY DATA)

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)

SIGNATURE [redacted]

DATE Dec. 4th 1957.

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

Conscious of falling object - dull red in color - seen for a few seconds only while driving south & southwest following turns in river road. Sky dull, hazy, with light breeze.
Returned to scene next morning - picked up object as described heretofore.
Copper disc 8" diameter - radio equipment inside. Not certain that object found produced the effect noted in the sky, ahead of my driving, the evening before. There may be or not be, any connection with the 2 phenomena.

[redacted]

This Case Includes

Ten (10) 4" x 5" negatives

and three (3) 8" x 10" prints.

