

**PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD**

1. DATE <u>11 December 1957</u>	2. LOCATION <u>Guthrie &amp; 40 mi E of Parkersburg, W. Virginia</u>	12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input checked="" 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>Mirage</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown & Radar Inversion
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>2230</u> GMT <u>12/0330Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE <u>Military</u>	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>2-3 minutes</u>	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>one</u>	9. COURSE <u>varied</u>
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING <u>One to six red blinking lights were sighted in the west and a radar blip similar to a large a/c appeared on the radar scope.</u>		11. COMMENTS <u>Inversion in area (see previous case). Same effects causing other report could account for this sighting. Objects are not identified. Possible a/c, astro bodies or mirage effects from ground lights. Radar blips due to inversion, too.</u>

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REPORT NO.

IR-2-57

## AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT

AREA REPORT CONCERNS  
Parkersburg, OhioAGENCY OF ORIGIN  
58th Air Division (Defense)

DATE OF REPORT

18 December 1957

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

2nd Lt Wayne A. Rhoades, 783rd ACWRON  
Avenger Blue Flight, 87th FIS

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PREPARING OFFICER

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EVALUATION

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REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable)

58th AD Message Cite # 038-12

SUBJECT

## Unidentified Flying Object Report

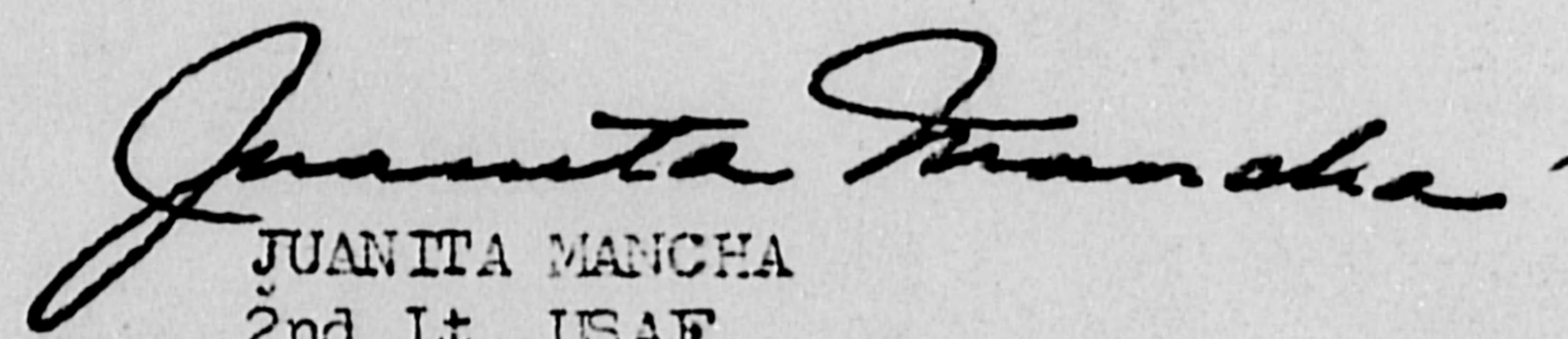
SUMMARY (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 110a.)

An unidentified flying object was sighted by Avenger Blue flight of 3 F86L's out of Lockbourne AFB, Ohio. The object was sighted on 12/0330Z approximately 40 miles west of Parkersburg, Ohio. It was also seen on ground radar by the senior director at the 783rd ACWRON, Guthrie, W. Va.

Blue flight aircraft #1 and #2 reported visual contact and blue 2 had radar contact. The object was described as having red blinking lights although shape was undetermined.

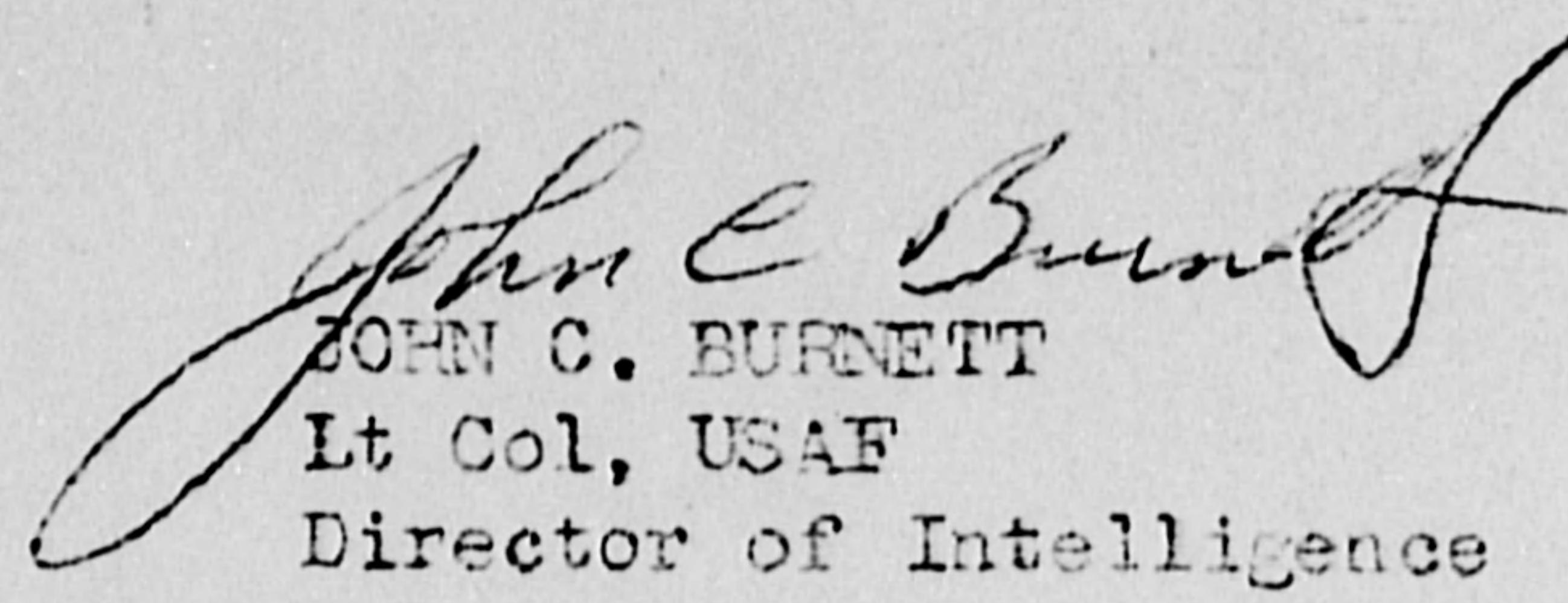
The radar blip appeared to be a fast aircraft and the object was estimated to be traveling at a speed of 720 knots at 35,000 feet by the senior director. It was in sight by the pilots for five minutes and by the controller for thirty minutes.

It is possible that the flashing red lights seen by the pilots may have been a B-47 preparing for letdown. Lockbourne Air Force Base Operations stated that several B-47's were inbound to TVOR at approximately the same time and altitudes.



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## Unidentified Flying Objects Report (Ref AFR 200-2 dtd 12 Aug 54)

## 1. Description of the Object:

- a. Size: Similiar to a large aircraft.
- b. Color: Red light
- c. Number: One (1)
- d. Features: Six (6) flashing lights
- e. Negative
- f. Negative
- g. Negative
- h. Negative
- i. Negative

## 2. Description of Course of Object:

- a. What first called the attention of observer to the object: Rapid movement, joined with flight
- b. Angle of elevation and azimuth of the object when first observed: 270° level.
- c. Angle of elevation and azimuth of object upon disappearance: 120° high
- d. Description of flight path and maneuvers of object: Moved fast 1.3 mach, then slowed to speed of flight.
- e. Manner of disappearance of object: In flight
- f. Length of time in sight: 30 minutes

## 3. Manner of Observation:

- a. Pilot Visual, E-4 Airborne radar, FPS-20 Ground Radar
- b. If the sighting is made while airborne, give type aircraft, identification number, altitude, heading, speed, and home station: F86L; 30,000 feet; 090°; .8 mach; Lockbourne AFB; Call Sign, Avenger Blue 2 & 3
- c. N/A

## 4. Time and Date of Sighting:

- a. Zulu date time group of sighting: 12/0330/Dec 57
- b. Light conditions: Night (Moonlight)

## 5. Locations of Observer: GJ 3010

## 6. Identifying Information of Observer:

- b. Military: Wayne A. Rhoades, 2/Lt, 783rd ACWRON, Director  
Reliability: Good

7. Weather and winds-aloft conditions at time and place of sightings:  
clear.

- b. 6,000 340° / 30k
- 10,000 350° / 35k
- 16,000 350° / 25k
- 20,000 340° / 25k
- 30,000 310° / 30k
- 40,000 270° / 25k
- 50,000 270° / 35k

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- c. 3500 (light snow)
- d. 10 - 15 miles
- e. Scattered to broken
- f. None
- 8. None
- 9. None
- 10. Lockbourne AFB operations stated that several B-47's landed shortly after 0400Z, 12 Dec 57, and were possibly in the local area for a period of time before landing.
- 11. Position title and comments of the preparing officer, including his preliminary analysis of the possible cause of the sighting.  
2/Lt Wayne A. Rhoades, Senior Director, 783rd ACWRON.

Sighting was by Avenger Blue, flight of 3 F86L's. First sighting was 40 miles west of Parkersburg, Ohio, flight heading 090° at 30,000 feet. Radar blip appeared to be a fast aircraft. It was observed at 5 o'clock position, 20 miles from flight, closing very rapidly. Blip passed trailing pilot and moved into 4 o'clock position of Blue 2. It closed to and held 2 miles distance.

Blue 2 and Blue 3 both reported visual contact and Blue 3 had radar contact. Flight turned north, and object appeared to follow. Visual appearance was described as 6 red flashing lights. Object disappeared about 30 miles north of Parkersburg, according to pilot.

A blip thought to be the UFOB was then discovered tracking northeast, away from area of interceptors at 720 knots, 35,000 feet. It proceeded out of range in that direction.

The radar return was similar to that of a large aircraft, although both speed, appearance and behavior were extremely unusual.

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1.

- a. Could not determine shape due to darkness
- b. Nickel
- c. Red blinking lights, possibly two
- d. One (1)
- e. N/A
- f. Undetermined
- g. None
- h. None
- i. One blinking red light, and one steady

2.

- a. Clearing area
- b. Two o'clock, approximately 2,000 high, 180° heading in a climb at 29,000
- c. Went in my 6 o'clock position when I made a left turn 060° Legeled at 30,000
- d. Unknown
- e. Unknown
- f. 2 minutes

3.

- a. Airbaurne visual
- b. None
- c. F-86L; 53-0947; Avenger blue 1; 30,000; 180° - 060°; .8 Mach, Lockbourne AFB, Ohio

4.

- a. 0330Z, 12 Dec 57
- b. Night

5. 180° radial from Lockbourne, approximately 40 miles.

6. Irby J. Hardy, 1/Lt, 87th FIS, Fighter-Pilot, reliable source

7.

- a. Broken layer from 3,000 to 12,000, clear above, visibility unlimited 30,000

8. None

9. None

10. Lockbourne AFB operations stated that several B-47's landed shortly after 0400Z, 12 Dec 57, and were possibly in the local area for a period of time before landing.

11. It seemed that this object was an aircraft free lancing at altitude.

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1.
  - a. Array of red lights
  - b. Pea to nickel
  - c. Red lights
  - d. One (1)
  - e. N/A
  - f. One of the red lights was larger and blinking
  - g. None
  - h. None heard
  - i. None
2.
  - a. Flight leader called it out
  - b. Two o'clock high
  - c. Disappeared off my tail as I continued an intercept
  - d. When first observed it was moving fast and seemed to slow down and turn with the flight leader, then as I turned to the left, 120°, it dropped back to my four o'clock position.
  - e. Out of range
  - f. Five minutes
- 3.
4.
  - a. Airborne visual
  - b. None
  - c. F-86L, 53-0585; Avenger blue 2; 30,000, 180° - 060°; 30k; Lockbourne AFB, Ohio
5. South eastern Ohio
6. Joe V. Carpenter, 1/Lt, 87th FIS, Fighter-Pilot, reliable source
7.
  - a. Visibility unlimited above 30,000. Broken layers below,
8. None
9. None
10. Lockbourne Air Force Base operations stated that several B-47's landed shortly after 0400Z, 12 Dec 57, and were possibly in the local area for a period of time before landing.
11. The object could have been an aircraft, however it did not maneuver as an aircraft. The speed seemed to vary greatly. The lights were not arranged as on an aircraft. There were one blinking red light and several smaller steady red lights arranged in more vertical than horizontal. There were high pitched humming sounds in the UHF or VOR radio.

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1.
  - a. Night - could not distinguish
  - b. Dime
  - c. Red blinking light
  - d. Unknown
  - e. One (1)
  - f. Unknown
  - g. Darkness - Unknown
  - h. None
  - i. One blinking red light
2.
  - a. Flight leader calling bogie
  - b. 3 o'clock  $10^{\circ}$  high  $150^{\circ}$  27,000
  - c. Turning port from  $060^{\circ}$  to  $340^{\circ}$  leveled at 30,000
  - d. Maintained formation with number 2 man while on  $060^{\circ}$  heading.
  - e. Went off the scope while turning from  $060^{\circ}$  to  $340^{\circ}$ .
  - f. 5 minutes
3.
  - a. Airborne visual, later airborne radar (E-4)
  - b. No
  - c. F-86L, 53-0841, Avenger blue 3; 30,000;  $180^{\circ}$  -  $060^{\circ}$ ; .8 mach; Lockbourne AFB, Ohio
4.
  - a. 0330Z, 12 Dec 57
  - b. Night
5.  $180^{\circ}$  radial from Lockbourne - 40 miles
6. Richard S. Bilheimer, 2/Lt 87th FIS, Fighter-Pilot, reliable source
7. Broken layer from 30,000 to 12,000. Clear above, visibility unlimited.
8. None
9. None
10. Lockbourne AFB operations stated that several B-47's landed shortly after 0400Z, 12 Dec 57, and were possibly in the local area for a period of time before landing.
11. It seemed like an aircraft. I thought that I had lead ship on the scope at 10 miles, but when turning from  $060^{\circ}$  to  $340^{\circ}$  the object went off the scope. The blip was about 3 or 4 times the size of that made by a T-33 or an F-86L.