

**PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD**

1. DATE 1958	2. LOCATION <b>Collinsville, Illinois</b>	12. CONCLUSIONS		
3. DATE OBSERVED Local GMT	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual	<input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar	<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
5. PHOTOS None	6. SOURCE <b>Civilian</b>	7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 10 sec	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	9. COURSE North
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING  Obj observed traveling faster than any jet a/c. No sound. Came down fm very high alt & turned North, Greenish white color with purple lights. Turn was at 90 dgr angle.	11. COMMENTS  Possible meteor except that the turn indicated would rule this out. Sighting through window with 2 second duration. Case listed as insufficient data.			

RECEIVED  
[REDACTED]  
August 13, 1958

United States Air Force  
Washington, D.C.

To whom it may concern,

I understand it is the desire of the Air Force that persons who feel they have observed some unusual flying object make a report to your office.

On Aug. 10, 1958 my twelve (12) year old son [REDACTED], had retired for the night and was lying in his bed looking out the window when he saw a "flying saucer". He is a very truthful and dependable sort of person and the manner in which he told us of his experience makes me feel sure that he was telling the truth.

This sighting occurred about 9:30 p.m., the weather was fair, the wind about 5 to 10 miles m.p.h. and he saw this object for about 2 seconds. From the altitude at which he observed it, it appeared to be about the size of a smaller plane. It made no sound. It seemed round with sort of a bump on top. It traveled faster than any jet. He said it came straight down from a very high altitude, then made a 90 degree turn and flew north. It was an odd greenish white color with purple lights, possibly coming from windows.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

COVER SHEET												SUSPENSE			
ORIGIN OF BASIC												DATE			
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DATE				TYPE								NO.			
SUBJECT															
(U) Unidentified Flying Object															
ROUTING															
Initial "IN" column to denote review prior to action. Initial "OUT" column to denote review of completed action. (X for action; ✓ for coordination.)															
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TO: SAFIS-3 - Attn: Maj. Tacker												DATE	28 Aug 1958		
FROM: AFCIN-4E4												COMMENT NO.	1		
COMMENTS (use reverse, if necessary)															
AFCIN-4E4/T/Sgt. Bolieu/ac Ext 6-9216/Pldg 828															
<p>1. There is very little information in [REDACTED] letter on which to form a valid conclusion as to the nature of her son's sighting.</p> <p>2. It is doubtful the young boy, lying down and looking through a possibly dusty window, could be oriented enough to say the object turned north. A boy of his age is very easily impressed, with a very active imagination. The color of the object strongly suggests a fireball. However, the maneuvers it apparently made rule this out. It is possible he could have been mistaken at this point; however, this is only conjecture. This report is considered insufficient information.</p>															
<p>1 Incl: Ltr dtd 13 Aug 58 fr Mrs [REDACTED]</p> <p><i>letter</i> <i>H.K. Gilbert</i> H. K. GILBERT Colonel, USAF AFCIN-4E</p>															