

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 Sep 59		2. LOCATION Adana, Washington		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 26/0700Z		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 Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not rptd		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS three		9. COURSE S and SE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Three objs sighted, rnd w/a blue cast, in trail formation. Two were sighted first then third appeared. Objs were flying South & then turned to the SE. Disappeared behind trees. No apparent change in alt since initial observation was estimated at 30-40° -& disappearance rptd at 25 ° elev.				11. COMMENTS Rptd four days after alleged sighting. Three airline flights to the East of observers position between 0700Z & 0730Z. Sighting believed to be one of these a/c or other a/c under VFR conditions.	



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337TH FIGHTER GROUP (AIR DEFENSE)  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
PORTLAND 18, OREGON



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: 3370DO

SUBJECT: UFO Report

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TO: Air Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. A report of civilian sighting of unidentified flying objects is submitted in accordance with AFR 200-2.

a. Description of Object:

- (1) Round.
- (2) Match-head held at arms length.
- (3) Blue cast.
- (4) Two first sighted then the third appeared.
- (5) Trail formation.
- (6) No detail visible.
- (7) No trails, etc.
- (8) No noise or sounds heard.

b. Description of Course:

- (1) The bright lights in the sky commanded observer's attention.
- (2) 30 to 40 degree elevation of first sighting.
- (3) 25 degrees.
- (4) Traveled South, Southwest then disappeared moving Southeast.
- (5) Behind trees to the Southwest.

c. Manner of Observation:

- (1) Ground, visual.
- (2) No optical aids used.
- (3) N/A.



d. Time and Date of Sighting:

(1) 0700Z, 26 September 1959.

(2) Night.

e. Location of Observer: Adna, Washington, 46° 38' N, 123° 03' W.

f. Identifying Information: Mr. [REDACTED], Jr.  
Adna, Washington, Telephone [REDACTED]  
Railroad Section Hand. Unreliable.

g. Weather and Winds:

(1) Scattered to broken.

(2) Surface: South 3 Knots, 6,000' 270°/20 Knots, 10,000'  
290°/30 Knots, 16,000' 290°/40 Knots, 20,000' 290°/50 Knots, 30,000'  
290°/100 Knots, 50,000' 300°/60 Knots, 80,000' unknown.

(3) Toledo, Washington Report, 0800Z: 800 broken, 2000'  
overcast 2 miles with very light rain and fog.

(4) 20 nautical miles.

(5) Over 5/10 at 800'.

(6) None.

(7) Seattle report for 0000Z: 1½°C per 1000' to 30,000'; ½°C  
per 1000' to 50000'.

h. None known.

i. None.

j. Three airline flights are known to have passed approximately  
15 miles East of the observer's position and are known to have been  
in this area between 0700Z and 0730Z.

k. Report prepared by Captain Eugene G. Smith, 41404A, Assistant  
Operations Officer, 337th Fighter Group.

(1) The report of the unidentified objects did not reach this  
office until four days after the alleged sighting. The report was first  
received from a Mr. [REDACTED] who was informed of the occurrence by  
Mr. [REDACTED]. Captain Smith contacted Mr. [REDACTED] by telephone to verify  
the report.



(2) There are numerous airline flights along airways that pass overhead and 15 miles East of the observer's position. As stated in paragraph 1j, three airline flights are known to have been in this area between 0700Z and 0730Z from records retained by Portland FAA Tower on IFR traffic routings. There are no records to indicate the number or position of aircraft on VFR flights in this vicinity.

(3) Although there is no evidence as to what the observer saw, it is believed that Mr. [REDACTED] could have seen lights from a commercial aircraft and mistook them for unknown flying objects.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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