

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 February, 1960		2. LOCATION Grand Blanc, Michigan		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>7</u> GMT <u>2/0100 Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Telescope ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☒ Other <u>Emulsion Flaws</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
5. PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION n/a		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One		9. COURSE N/A	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Photographs of the moon were submitted when objects were noticed after film was developed.				11. COMMENTS It is the opinion of the photo analysis branch that the objects on the film are not real images, but results from damage to the emulsion during the developing process.	

HEADQUARTERS
SELFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE
AND
1ST FIGHTER WING (AIR DEFENSE)(ADC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
SELFRIDGE AIR FORCE BASE, MICHIGAN



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: 1700P

20 APR 1960

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object, [REDACTED], Grand Blanc, Michigan

TO: Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio

1. In accordance with AFR 200-2 the attached file concerning an unidentified flying object photographed by Mr. [REDACTED] Grand Blanc, Michigan is submitted.
2. Although the processing of this incident could, under the provisions of paragraph 12a, AFR 200-2, be discontinued at this level it is forwarded for your review in light of press and governmental interest Mr. [REDACTED] has generated.
3. The investigation of this object has been limited to critical examination of the attached color slides and was conducted by use of projectors, the naked eye and microscope. Examination reveals the following:
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 - b. All witnesses who viewed the photographic material stated they had seen similar marks on other color slides.
 - c. There is at least three other similarly colored areas on the slide in question, the largest being quite irregular in shape and faint in color.
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 - e. Microscopic examination of the slide discloses damage to the emulsion in the areas concerned.
4. In view of the foregoing this organization contemplates no further investigation. This file is forwarded for the information of your activity and confirmation of our findings. Upon completion of your analysis the color slides should be returned to Mr. [REDACTED] Grand Blanc, Michigan.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

F. E. Clancy
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Major, USAF
Administrative Officer

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AFCSI-6D 24-185-25

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

APR 26 1960

TO: SAFOI

1. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, by memorandum dated 9 March 1960, advised this Headquarters that Mr. [REDACTED] Street, Grand Blanc, Michigan took some photographs of the moon through a homemade telescope at 0100, 21 February 1960. After developing the film and preparing his slides, [REDACTED] noticed on two of the slides what appeared to him to be a flying object. After enlarging the particular negatives, [REDACTED] stated the object thereon appeared to be flat on the bottom, oval in shape and to have a fluorescent glow. He said the object was evidently moving because the photograph showed what appeared to be a vapor trail. [REDACTED] also stated that due to his thirty years of experience in photography, during which he has taken over a thousand photographs of the moon, he is sure that what appears on the slides is actually a flying object and not a malfunction of the camera, a blur on his telescope, or the result of faulty developing. [REDACTED] advised he took the pictures through his homemade telescope, which was set between 350-400 power, with a 35 mm German Retna camera, using Super Ansco color film. [REDACTED] gave the photographic slides in question to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

2. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, by memorandum dated 9 March 1960, furnished the foregoing information and photographic slides to the Commander, OSI District Nr. 25, Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan, who in turn forwarded the information and slides to the Commander, Selfridge Air Force Base, Michigan in accordance with the procedures set forth in AFR 200-2.

3. Attached for your information and any action deemed appropriate is a copy of a letter from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, dated 6 April 1960 and a copy of a letter dated 21 March 1960, which was addressed to President Eisenhower by Perry. OSI District Nr. 25 has advised the Commander, Selfridge AFB, of [REDACTED] 21 March letter.

For David, Major, USAF

GILBERT R. LEVY
Chief, Counterintelligence Division
Directorate of Special Investigations
The Inspector General

2 Atchs

1. Ltr fm FBI dtd 6 Apr 60
2. Ltr fm Perry dtd 21 Mar 60

Copy to:
AFGIN

TRUE COPY

[REDACTED]
Grand Blanc, Michigan
March 21, 1968

Mr. D. Eisenhower, President U.S.A.
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Eisenhower:

As I can't find out any information from anyone, I am writing to you.

The first part of March I turned over to the F.B.I. a colored transparency of the moon and a unidentified flying object for identification. Up to this point I have not been able to locate where it is except that it is supposed to be in the proper hands.

Quoting from a letter of March 14, from Major Donald W. Kopke, "From past experience with photographic evidence, we consider it unlikely that you will ever see your picture again."

Also, from other U.F.O. societies I have received the same perditions.

I would like the assurance that this colored transparency will be returned to me within a short time, as it would be financially profitable in the pursuit of my hobby, (cameras and equipment).

I am enclosing a clipping from the Detroit Free Press in regards to this item.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
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In Reply, Please Refer to
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Date: April 6, 1960
To: Office of Special Investigations
Air Force
Attention: Chief, Counter Intelligence
Division
From: John Edgar Hoover, Director
Subject: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
[REDACTED], GRAND BLANC,
MICHIGAN - COMPLAINANT
MISCELLANEOUS - INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to this Bureau's memorandum dated March 9, 1960, at Detroit, Michigan, captioned as above, a copy of which has been furnished your agency.

By letter dated March 21, 1960, Mr. Richard Hall, Secretary of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, 1536 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C.; referred this Bureau to an article appearing in the "Detroit Times," issue of March 9, 1960, a copy of which is enclosed, and requested to be advised whether there had been any change in our policy with respect to unidentified flying objects; whether this Bureau gathered evidence of unidentified flying objects for the Department of the Air Force; and whether the photograph described in the article had been analyzed at FBI laboratories or for FBI purposes. This Bureau's letter to the afore-mentioned organization of September 26, 1958, had pointed out that we do not investigate incidents involving unidentified flying objects but furnished data received concerning them to the Department of the Air Force.

This Bureau advised Mr. Hall in our letter dated March 25, 1960, that there has been no change in our policy in regard to unidentified flying objects;

Office of Special Investigations
Air Force

that we do not gather evidence concerning unidentified flying objects for the Department of the Air Force, although any information volunteered is, of course, accepted; and that the photograph mentioned in the "Detroit Times" article was not examined by the FBI Laboratory or anyone else for FBI purposes. Mr. Hall was further advised that this Bureau furnished two photographs obtained from [REDACTED] to a representative of the Department of the Air Force for whatever action was deemed appropriate by that agency.

On March 31, 1960, the Department of Justice furnished this Bureau a letter dated March 21, 1960, from [REDACTED] directed to the President. This letter had been referred to the Department of Justice by the White House. A copy of this letter is enclosed. Our Detroit Office will contact [REDACTED] and advise him that his letter directed to the President has been referred to this Bureau; that the photographs in question were furnished to the Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force, Selfridge Air Force Base, Mount Clemens, Michigan; and that a copy of his letter to the President has been furnished to you.

Enclosures - 2

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AFCSI-6D 24-185-25

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

TO: SAFOI

MAY 2 1960

1. Reference is made to letter this Headquarters, dated 26 April 1960, concerning captioned individual.
2. Attached for your further information and any action deemed appropriate is a copy of a letter from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, dated 21 April 1960, with two attachments.
3. It is requested that we be furnished a copy of any correspondence forwarded by your office to Perry, in order that this Headquarters may comply with the request set forth in paragraph 2 of the attached letter, dated 21 April 1960.
4. No investigation is being conducted of Perry by this Headquarters.

Gilbert R. Levy, Major, USAF
for

GILBERT R. LEVY
Chief, Counterintelligence Division
Directorate of Special Investigations
The Inspector General

1 Atch
FBI Ltr, re JP
dtd 21 Apr 60 w/2 atchs

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Date: April 21, 1960

To: Office of Special Investigations
Air Force

Attention: Chief, Counterintelligence
Division

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT
[REDACTED], GRAND BLANC,
MICHIGAN - COMPLAINANT

Reference is made to this Bureau's letter dated April 6, 1960, captioned as above.

There is enclosed for your information a copy of a letter dated April 13, 1960, written by [REDACTED]. There is also enclosed for your appropriate action a copy of our answer to [REDACTED]. It is requested that you furnish this Bureau a copy of your reply to him.

Enclosures - 2

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C O P Y

~~Grand Blanc, Michigan~~
Grand Blanc, Michigan
April 13, 1960

J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

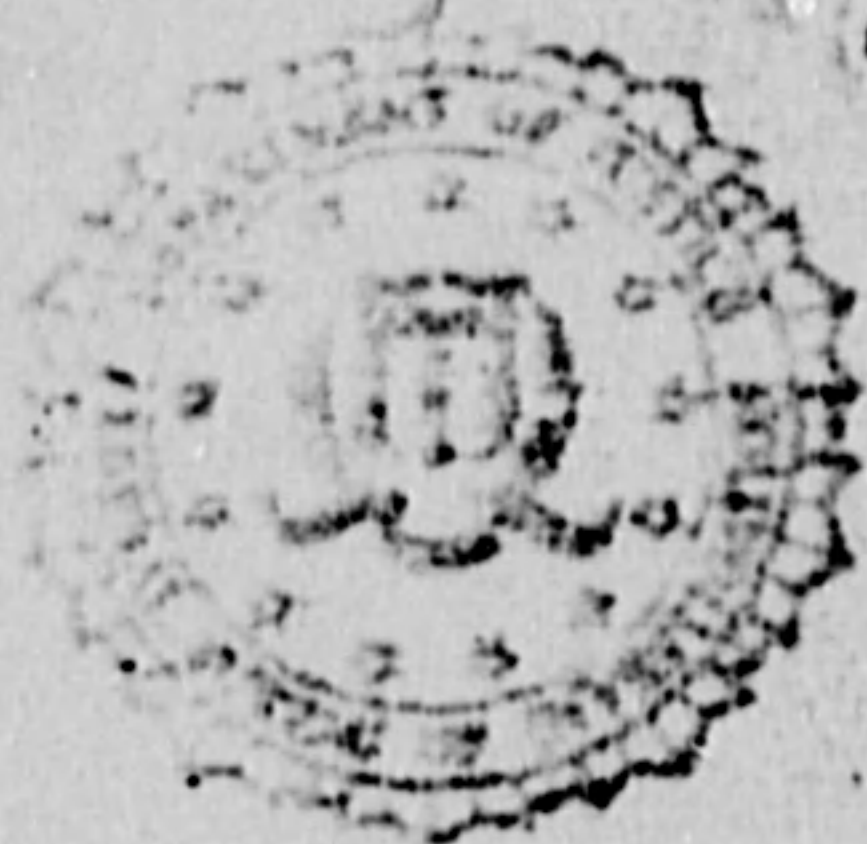
I wish to thank you for relaying the message from
The White House on my colored transparency of an un-
identified flying object.

Am looking forward to the completion of their analysis
so as your office will be able to return the trans-
parency to me as thousands are looking forward to
viewing it.

Yours truly,
~~Grand Blanc, Michigan~~

C O P Y

100-441



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

April 21, 1960

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Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Grand Blanc, Michigan

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

I am in receipt of your letter dated April 13, 1960, and I wanted you to know that I have taken the liberty of furnishing the Department of the Air Force with a copy of your letter so that agency could reply to you concerning the return of the photographs you furnished to Special Agents of this Bureau. As you have been previously advised, these photographs when received from you were immediately furnished to the Office of Special Investigations, Department of the Air Force, Selfridge Air Force Base, Mount Clemens, Michigan.

It is suggested that you direct further inquiries in this matter to the Department of the Air Force.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

① - Office of Special Investigations
Air Force

Attention: Chief, Counterintelligence Division

ATCIN-4E2/Maj Friend/amc/69216/typed 28 Apr 60

Unidentified Flying Object, [REDACTED]

SAFOI-3d (Maj Tacker)

1. Reference attached copy of letter to ATIC from Hqs., Selfridge AFB, Michigan, Subject: "Unidentified Flying Object, [REDACTED], Grand Blanc, Michigan," dated 20 April 1960.

2. The color slides submitted by [REDACTED] have been analyzed at ATIC and the following is concluded:

a. The slides are of the Mare Imbrium area of the moon and one contains the crater Plato as the outstanding feature.

b. Only one slide contains anything unusual. There are several blue colored areas on the slide in question and only one of these spots is immediately obvious to the unaided eye. The largest spot is irregularly shaped and is due south, moon directions, of the most obvious spot.

c. It is the opinion of photographic experts that the blue spots are areas which were not reached by the developer during processing and not real images. These areas were probably contaminated by some foreign substance during the developing procedure. When viewed with the naked eye from acute angles the most obvious spot shows a clear indentation. Microscopic examination reveals damage to the emulsion in the areas concerned.

3. The attached letter does not spell out the claims of Mr [REDACTED], but the subject infers that he suspects the blue spots are unidentified flying objects. It should be pointed out to Mr [REDACTED] that if the most obvious spot was a space craft in the vicinity of the moon that it would be approximately 35 kilometers long and 10.5 kilometers wide (21.8 miles long and 6.55 miles wide).

4. It is the ATIC opinion that the blue spots on the slide are not images but result from damage to the emulsion, probably during the developing process.

5. Suggest the slides be returned to [REDACTED]. The subject's address is:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Grand Blanc, Michigan

COORDINATION:

Robert J. Friend Maj AMW 28 April 60
H E Martin 4/28/60

FOR THE COMMANDER:

PHILIP G. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Sciences and Components

1 Atch:
Cy ltr 20 Apr 60 fr Mr Perry
w/Atch

13 May 1960

Dear [REDACTED]

I am returning, herewith, the color slides you submitted through Selfridge Air Force Base to the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio for analysis and evaluation with respect to a possible unidentified flying object.

The color slides have been analyzed and the following represents conclusions of ATIC.

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b. Only one slide contains anything unusual. There are several blue colored areas on the slide in question and only one of these spots is immediately obvious to the unaided eye. The largest spot is irregularly shaped and is due south, moon directions, of the most obvious spot.

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Therefore it is the Air Force's opinion that the blue spots on the slide are not images but result from damage to the emulsion during the developing processes. Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Incl
Slides

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Major, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

[REDACTED]
Grand Blanc, Michigan

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20 APR 1960

INCOOP

Unidentified Flying Object, [REDACTED] Grand Blanc, Michigan

Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio

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FOR THE COMMANDER:

F. B. CLANCY
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AEROSPACE TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: ATCIN-4E2

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object, Joseph Perry

29 APR 1960

TO: SAFOI-3d (Maj Tacker)

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[REDACTED]
Grand Blanc, Michigan

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Philip G. Evans

PHILIP G. EVANS
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Sciences and Components

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FBI DISOWNS UFO PHOTO

The photograph taken by a Grand Blanc, Michigan, man February 13 showing a UFO against the moon (see March UFO Investigator) has been turned over to the Air Force by the FBI agents who collected it at the owner's request. This was confirmed by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover in answer to a NICAP query.

Joe Perry, owner of the picture, learned of the official UFO investigation after displaying the picture in his restaurant and notified the Air Force about it. The AF referred him to the FBI and two agents came and took the picture. Director Hoover has now told NICAP that the Bureau does not investigate UFO reports for the Air Force, but does accept information that is volunteered. "We did furnish these photographs to a representative of the Department of the Air Force for whatever action was deemed appropriate by that agency," he added.

Later FBI agents visited Perry several more times and repeatedly gave him the exact address where his picture was being held—an office at a local AF installation. In a taped report to NICAP, Perry said he thinks they were hinting for him to take the picture back. This, he suspected, would give official investigators an easy out. If anyone inquired about the analysis, officials could claim that they were not given enough time to complete an analysis. After learning about past treatment of photographic evidence, however, Perry decided to make an issue out of his case and insist that his picture be analyzed, then returned and the facts made public.

The FBI action may have been taken to offset any idea that the Bureau, which has the high regard of most citizens, would participate in any cover-up of data which rightfully belonged to a citizen. The failure of the AF base to take further action has not been explained. NICAP has asked the AF UFO spokesman about the analysis and what further action may be expected.

BULLETIN

The Air Force has notified NICAP that the color photograph taken by Joseph Perry, Grand Blanc, Michigan, has been returned to the owner. "It is the Air Force's opinion," the letter said, "that the blue spots on the slide are not images but result from damage to the emulsion during the developing process."

NICAP has asked Mr. Perry to make the slide available to NICAP photographic advisers who will check this conclusion.

At Grand Blanc, Michigan, Joe Perry, a pizza restaurant owner and amateur astronomer, shot a few pictures of the full moon in February. When the color pictures were developed, one showed, clearly silhouetted against the lunar disc, a saucer-like object, radiating a green tail, and with a dome. Mr. Perry showed them around his restaurant, to customers and friends, and one individual said, "It's a flying saucer." Before long, two FBI agents dropped in, looked at the pictures, were noncommittal when looking at them, and in Perry's words, "They didn't seem to be interested until I showed this particular one, and then both of them jumped up." The agents took the photo showing the saucer, and several others. Perry said he hoped he has been of some service to the government, "but I hope I get that picture back," he said.

John Hopf, APRO's photo analyst, said in a recent letter to the staff: "This film will never be seen again—he might just as well have burned it up!"

The rest of the staff joins Hopf in urging members to keep a sharp eye out for any picture of a UFO. Inform the photographer that APRO will pay for the privilege of analyzing the film, and will guarantee that the original negatives will be returned, if requested.