

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 21 Oct 60		2. LOCATION Dayton, Ohio		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 21/2400Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 sec		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE W-S	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING At about 1900 the witness observed a bright blue light in the western sky with red around the edge. It was reported to be at about 30° elev and angling toward the ground at tremendous speed. Moving toward the S. Object fell to ground 2 or 3 blocks away. No sound or explosion.				11. COMMENTS Highly probable that witness observed a meteor. It is possible for the tail or trail to be so faint that they are not observed in conjunction with the object itself. Object moving too fast for a/c, and appeared to fall to earth near witness.	

U F O ANALYSIS SHEET

DATE 21 OCT 1960

LOCATION Dayton Ohio

DATE TIME GROUP LOCAL 1900

GMT 22/0000

PHOTO YES NO ☒

PHYSICAL SPECIMEN YES NO ☒

SOURCE MILITARY CIVILIAN ☒

TYPE OF OBSERVATION VISUAL

LENGTH OF OBSERVATION TWO SECONDS

NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1 COURSE W70S

SATELLITE: IN ORBIT: VERIFY YES: NO: DECAY:

ASTRONOMICAL PHENOMENA

METEOR POSSIBLY METEOR

STAR OR PLANET

OTHER

AIRCRAFT

BALLOON

INSUFFICIENT DATA

OTHER

REFLECTION INVERSION PRESENT PHOTO ANALYSIS

SUN DOG LENTICULAR CLOUD PHYSICAL SPECIMEN ANALYSIS

BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING:

AT ABOUT 1900 ON 21 OCT 1960 THE WITNESS OBSERVED IN THE WESTERN SKY A BRIGHT BLUE LIGHT WITH RED AROUND THE EDGE. IT WAS REPORTED TO BE APPROXIMATELY 35° IN ELEVATION AND WAS ANGLING DOWN TOWARD THE GROUND AT TREMENDOUS SPEED. THE OBJECT WAS MOVING FROM THE WEST TOWARD THE SOUTH AND DISAPPEARED AT THE HORIZON. THE OBJECT WAS REPORTED TO BE AS BRIGHT AS THE STARS AND TO HAVE BEEN IN SIGHT FOR TWO SECONDS.

EVALUATION: CASE CATEGORY: PROBABLY METEOR. (1 WITNESS)

CONCLUSION: THIS IS A ONE WITNESS SIGHTING, BUT IT IS HIGHLY PROBABLE THAT THE WITNESS OBSERVED A METEOR. IT IS POSSIBLE FOR METEOR TRAILS TO BE SO FAINT THAT THEY ARE NOT EVIDENT. THIS OBJECT APPEARED TO BE MOVING TOO FAST FOR AN AIRCRAFT.

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AF CIN-4X2

SUBJECT: Extract from Duty Officers' Report

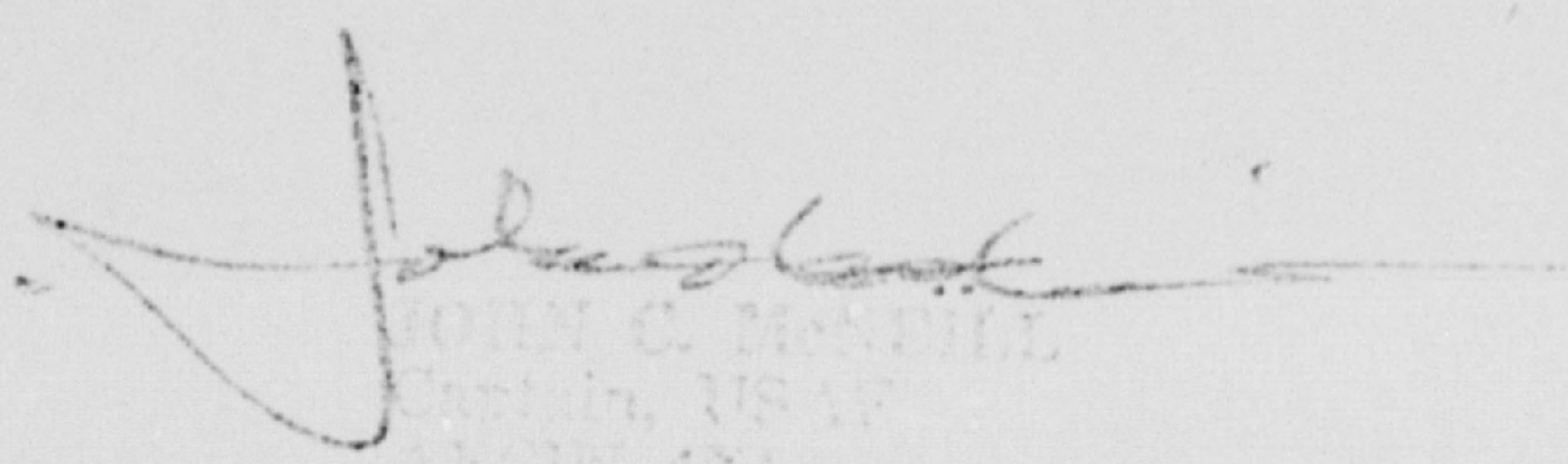
24 OCT 60

TO: AF CIN-4E2 (Major Friend)

The following, extracted from Capt Pletcher's Report dated 22 October 60, is quoted for your information:

"Mrs [redacted] Ohio (Phone [redacted]) called at approximately 1910 hrs to report that her ten year old son, [redacted] had seen a large, bright object fall from the sky in the [redacted]. I talked to [redacted] the boy said he was looking south when he saw the object fall - it fell straight in front of him at a "terrific" speed - not more than two or three blocks away. He heard no explosion.

This is the sum total of information that I could get from [redacted] I called everyone listed in the instructions but only the weather service could supply a possible clue. One of their balloons fell about 1930 hrs (parachute failed to open) but according to the operator, it was estimated that the balloon fell near Springfield."


JOHN C. MENDILL
Major, USAF
AF CIN-4X2

At 1150 hours 24 October 1960, TSgt Bolieu called [REDACTED] the witness, and the following information was secured:

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