PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE	2. LOCATION	12. CONCLUSIONS
3 Jan 61	Troy, Ohio	☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 1545 GMT 032045Z Jan 61	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	6. SOURCE Civilian	☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one 9. COURSE ENE-WNW	☐ Other_____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING: Bright, shiny white object. No sound heard. Similar to high-flying jet; however, it had no wings. Flight was smooth, fast, and straight. Disappeared into clouds. No vapor trail.

11. COMMENTS: Parts of the report are inconsistent, e.g., witness gave more than one elevation for the object when he first saw it. Witness possibly saw a high flying a/c; however, due to large number of a/c flying in this area it is impracticle to attempt to determine what a/c was in the area at the time.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

[redacted] Street
Troy, Ohio
January 3, 1961

Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Sirs:

I don't quite know how to begin so I'll just plunge right in. I can say, though, that I feel I am playing the part of a fool in writing this to you, but I don't know to whom else I should write.

Today, at 3:45 in the afternoon I saw what I guess you might term as a "flying saucer". At least, that's what I took it to be.

It was up quite high. A cloud cover was coming in from the West at this time and the "UFO" was at almost that height. It appeared as a bright white object and, from the ground, looked like the side view of a plane. Only the fin was not of conventional shape. It was rather low slung and appeared to rise gently out of the fuselage.

From Troy, this thing was flying at about a 30° angle from the verticle. I noticed it when it was about 45° or 50° up from the East horizon. I don't think it took it more than two minutes to travel to the same position over the West horizon. At this time it flew into the clouds and did not reappear. It progressed in a precisely straight line during its visability from here.

One of the first thing I noticed about it was that there was no audible sound. This might be all right--it could have been too high or too far for the sound to reach here (assuming it was an airplane). The other thing I noticed was that it produced no visible contrail. Now, it would seem to me that, at such a height, it should have left some sort of vapor trail. That is, if it was not a "UFO".

Was this an Force plane? Or was it a scheduled plane other than that of the Air Force? Or was it a weather balloon? (going against the wind) Or was it some sort of temperature inversion or other naturally explained illusion? Have you received other reports on this? Was it sighted by rader?

I would appreciate, if possible, any answers that you might have to give. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

[redacted]

AFCIN-1E2x

UFO Sighting ([redacted])

SAFOI-2d (L/Col Tacker)

It is suggested that ATIC Form #154 (UFO Questionnaire) be forwarded to Mr Tyfe for his completion. His complete address is as follows:

Mr [redacted]
Troy, Ohio

FOR THE COMMANDER:

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

SAFOI-3d/Mrs Burnard/72291

16 January 1961

Dear Mr. [redacted]

Your letter reporting the sighting of an unidentified flying object contained insufficient information for a valid conclusion.

Inclosed is an Air Force Questionnaire which we ask you to complete in as much detail as possible and forward the completed document to the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, Attention: AFCIN-4E2x for their analysis and/or evaluation.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Inclosure

Mr. [redacted]
Troy, Ohio

Comeback OI-3d
Reader OI-1

U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U.S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes, and will be regarded as confidential material. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that, if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

23	1	1961
Day	Month	Year

2. Time of day: 23 Hour 45 Minutes

(Circle One): A.M. or (P.M.)

3. Time Zone: (Circle One): (a. Eastern)
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
(b. Standard)

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

TROY	TROY	OHIO
Nearest Postal Address	City or Town	State or Country

Additional remarks: _____

5. How long was object in sight? _____ Hours 2 Minutes 0 Seconds

5.1 How was time in sight determined?

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain
c. Not very sure
(d. Just a guess)

6. What was the condition of the sky?

DAY	NIGHT
a. Bright	a. Bright
(b. Cloudy)	b. Cloudy

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you
b. In back of you
c. To your right
(d. To your left)
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS *(Circle One)*:

a. None
b. A few
c. Many
d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON *(Circle One)*:

a. Bright moonlight
b. Dull moonlight
c. No moonlight — pitch dark
d. Don't remember

9. The object appeared:

(Circle One): a. As a light (b. Shiny) c. Dark d. Don't remember

10. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars?

11. Did the object: *(Circle One for each question)*

a. Appear to stand still at any time?	Yes	(No)	Don't Know
b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?	Yes	(No)	Don't Know
c. Break up into parts or explode?	Yes	(No)	Don't Know
d. Give off smoke?	Yes	(No)	Don't Know
e. Change brightness?	Yes	(No)	Don't Know
f. Change shape?	Yes	(No)	Don't Know
g. Flash or flicker?	Yes	(No)	Don't Know
h. Disappear and reappear ?	Yes	(No)	Don't Know

12. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes (No) Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: _____

13. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): (Yes) No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what in front of: moved in front of a high cloud cover that was moving in from the west at high altitude.

14. Did the object appear: *(Circle One)*: (a. Solid) b. Transparent c. Vapor d. Don't Know

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

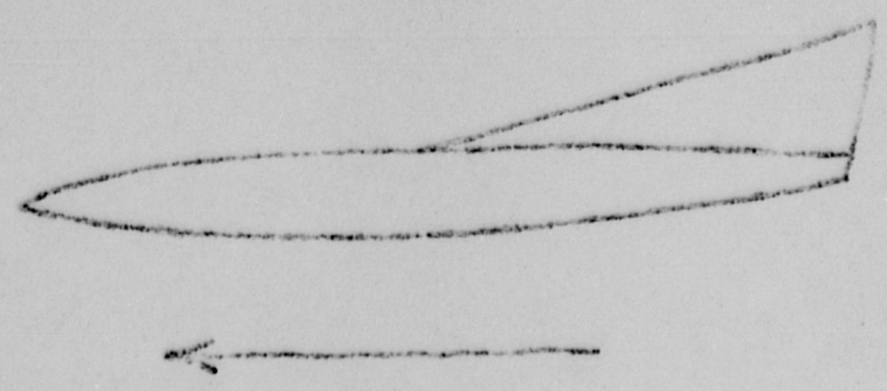
a. Eyeglasses	(Yes)	No	e. Binoculars	Yes	(No)
b. Sun glasses	Yes	(No)	f. Telescope	Yes	(No)
c. Windshield	Yes	(No)	g. Theodolite	Yes	(No)
d. Window glass	Yes	(No)	h. Other _____		

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound no sound at all as far as I could ascertain

b. Color bright, shiny white

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



18. The edges of the object were:

(Circle One): a. Fuzzy or blurred
b. Like a bright star
c. Sharply outlined
d. Don't remember
e. Other _____

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? _____
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.

I don't think I can appropriately picture its flight. It first went from east to west starting at about 45° above east horizon and disappearing at the same elevation above the west horizon. Flight was smooth, fast, and straight. There was no deviation from this. I lost it because of high clouds coming in from the west.

21. How large did the object appear to you as compared to an object with which you are familiar? It was of the ~~same~~ size a jet, high enough to produce a vapor trail, would be.

22. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head? All of it would have been covered.

23. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how? Yes. Because of the type of cloud (mackeral, I think) it appeared to be ~~swallowed~~ swallowed up in these clouds.

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw. It was similar to a high-flying jet. However, it had no wings that I could see. Had it been a jet, I know I would have seen its wings because I saw it from ~~the side~~ its side and up from the bottom. From this angle (as it was between me and the north horizon and about 75-80 degrees up from this horizon) wings of a plane would be discernable.

25. Where were you located when you saw the object? *(Circle One):*

a. Inside a building
b. In a car
(c. Outdoors)
d. In an airplane (type)
e. At sea
f. Other_____

26. Were you *(Circle One)*

a. In the business section of a city?
(b. In the residential section of a city?)
c. In open countryside?
d. Near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other_____

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

I was walking home from school at the time. I had turned around for a second because I thought I had heard someone call me. I don't know why I looked up – I just did.

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1 What direction were you moving? *(Circle One)*

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest

28.2 How fast were you moving?_____miles per hour.

28.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? *(Circle One)*

a. North
(b. Northeast)
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
h. Northwest
i. Overhead

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? *(Circle One)*

a. North
b. Northeast
c. East
d. Southeast
e. South
f. Southwest
g. West
(h. Northwest)
i. Overhead

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North (thru east) and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

31.1 When it first appeared:

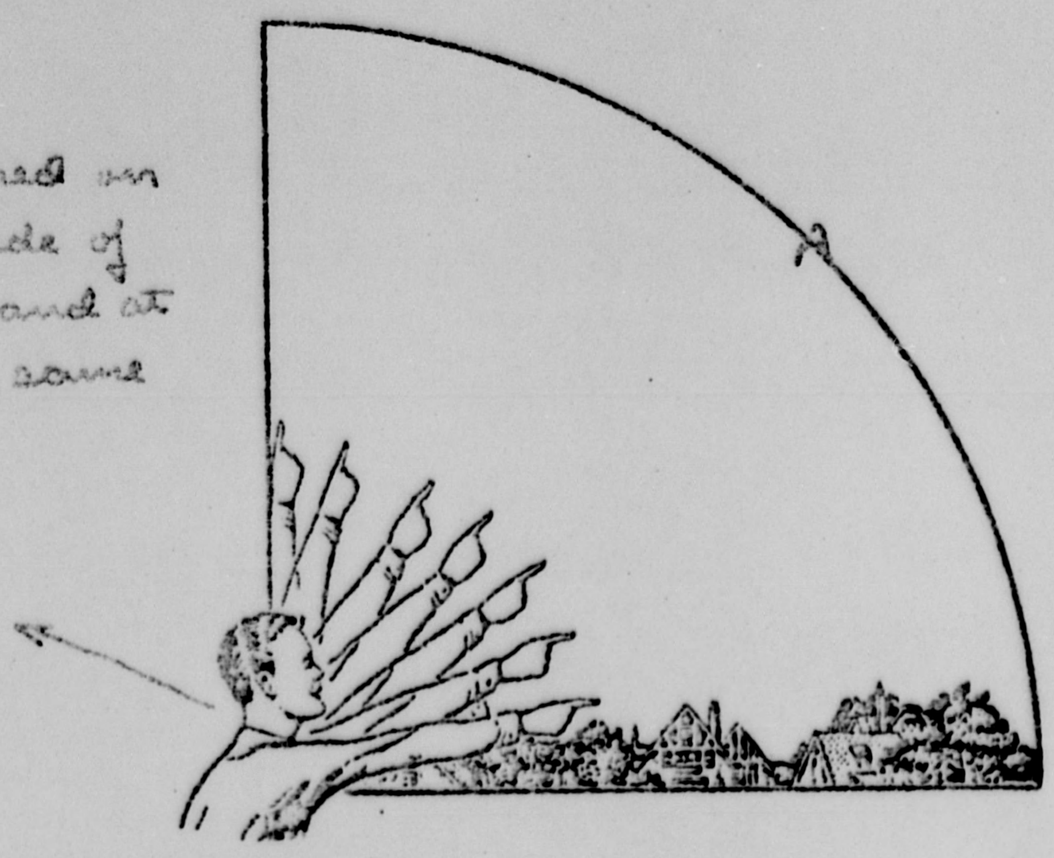
a. From true North_____degrees.
b. From horizon_____degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

a. From true North_____degrees.
b. From horizon_____degrees.

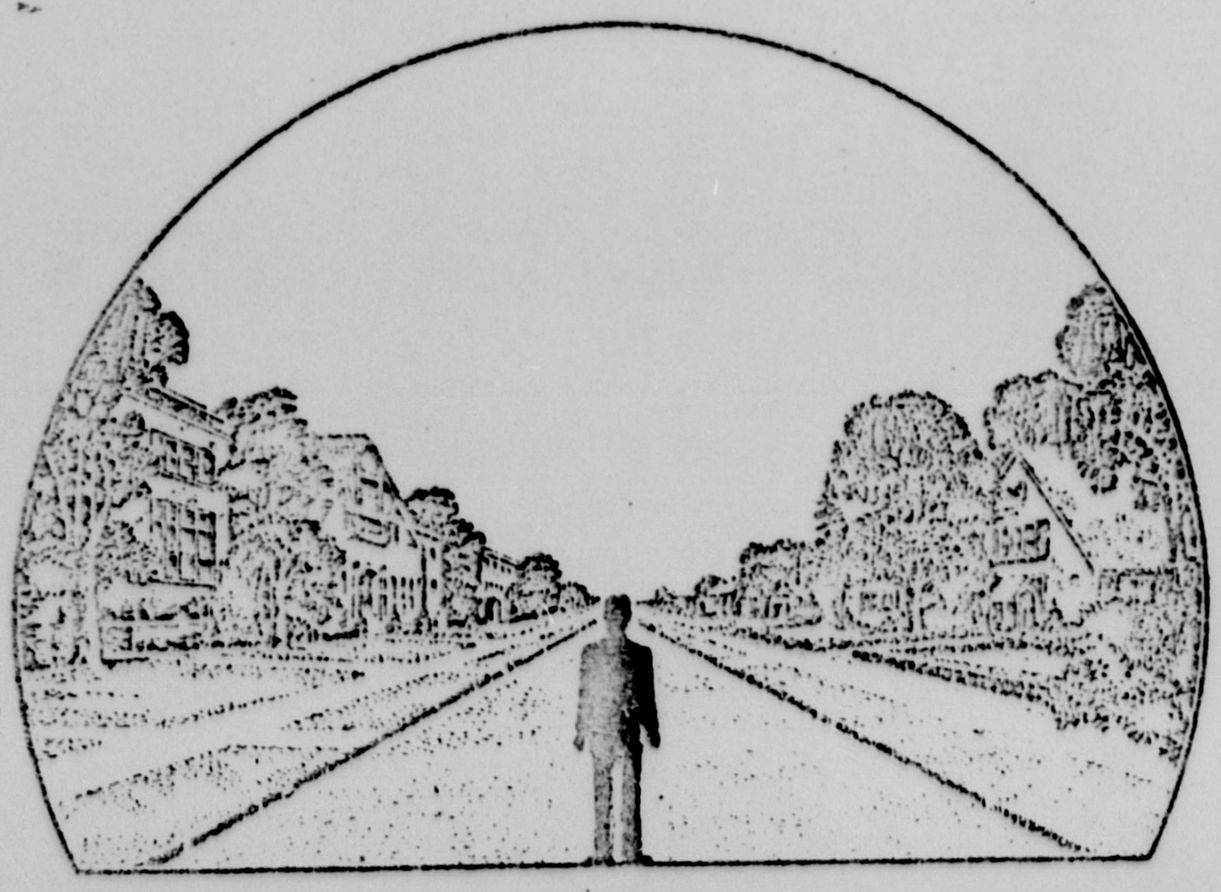
32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the *same* curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw it.

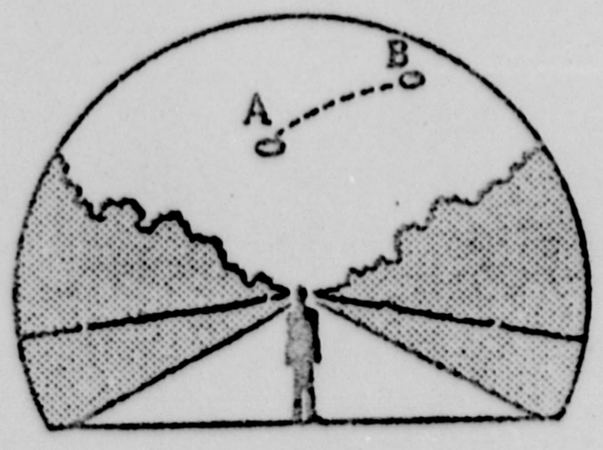
it disappeared on the other side of this room and at about the same angle.



33. In the following larger sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you *first* saw it, and a "B" at its position when you *last* saw it. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.

I don't think I can utilize this drawing.





34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS (Circle One)

a. Clear sky
b. Hazy
c. Scattered clouds
d. Thick or heavy clouds covering all of western sky

WEATHER (Circle One)

a. Dry
b. Fog, mist, or light rain
c. Moderate or heavy rain
d. Snow
e. Don't remember

35. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object? to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio

4	1	1961
Day	Month	Year

36. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

36.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One) Yes No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle One) Yes No

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it? I don't think it was an airplane - at least, not like ~~something~~ one I've ever seen before. It was traveling too fast for that. Also, no sound was discernable and no vapor trail followed it. I just think it was something different. I don't want to state flatly "flying saucer" but unless I do I want to say it was a plane or balloon or weather phenomenon.

39. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One) Yes (No)

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? _____

40. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) Yes (No)

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? _____

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME [redacted] (Last Name) [redacted] (First Name) [redacted] (Middle Name)

ADDRESS [redacted] (Street) TROY (City) _____ (Zone) OHIO (State)

TELEPHONE NUMBER [redacted]

Age 18 Sex MALE

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any education, which might be pertinent.

None, that I can think of.

42. Date you completed this questionnaire: 23 (Day) 1 (Month) 1961 (Year)

U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

(SUMMARY DATA)

In order that your information may be filed and coded as accurately as possible, please use the following space to write out a short description of the event that you observed. You may repeat information that you have already given in the questionnaire, and add any further comments, statements, or sketches that you believe are important. Try to present the details of the observation in the order in which they occurred. Additional pages of the same size paper may be attached if they are needed.

NAME [redacted]
(Please Print)

SIGNATURE [redacted]

DATE 1-23-'61

(Do Not Write in This Space)
CODE:

First, I think I should express more clearly several answers to these questions. Question #1 - I am only fairly certain of this date. A check of my original letter should clear this up. I know, however, that on this day a high, solid cloud cover was coming in from the west. The previous day was cloudless. I can't remember what the weather was like on the day after my indicated date. Question #6 - It was not completely cloudy nor completely bright, but half and half. From the western horizon to almost 60° was cloudy. From 60° up to the eastern horizon it was bright. Question #7 - The sun was actually behind me and to the left as I was facing north. Question #15 - I know the glasses did not cause a reflection - I took them off and could still see the thing, though not very clearly. Question #29 and #31 - The direction was more to the north-east. When I first saw it, therefore, it would be at about 60° from the north to the east. When it disappeared, it was at about 60° from the north to the west. Question #40 - A check of weather information on this date would fill the approximate altitude. It seemed to me that it was going just under the incoming clouds. Question #39 - Its speed was

probably be ascertained now by using other information - its altitude and time seen (2 minutes) and distance seen. All I can say is that it went a fairly fast.

Time elapsed was short so I didn't see it for too long. I was walking home from school at 3:45 in the afternoon. I thought I heard someone call my name, so I turned around (to the west). I saw no one and started to turn back. This is when I saw it. It was coming from the east very fast. It held my attention mostly because of its high speed, distinctly different shape, and lack of any sort of vapor trail. It went from its east-north-east position to a like position on the west-north-west side. Because of the mottled or mackerel cloud formation, I lost it. With such a background, it was hard to follow. No one else that I know of saw it.

All I can say concerning this whole thing is that I've never before seen anything like it. I know it could not have been a balloon because it was going against the prevailing winds. I doubt very much that it was due to weather or atmospheric conditions. It was too distinct to be anything like that. And it was not a plane; I've already said why.