PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 10 Jul 62	**2. LOCATION** Newark, New Jersey	**12. CONCLUSIONS** ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☒ Was Aircraft Advertising ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other_____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local evening GMT not given	**4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION** ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☐ No	**6. SOURCE** Civilian	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 to 6 mins	**8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS** one	**9. COURSE** NSW
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Plane w/ 3 ft sign with 2.5 electric lights flashing messages of advertising flew over state on Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday evenings. Described as small blimp w/red light on top.		**11. COMMENTS** Was advertising a/c w/sign & flashing lights.

ATIC FORM 329 (REV 26 SEP 52)

[redacted]

Avenel, New Jersey

July 13, 1962

Col. Charles Friend

Wright - Patterson AFB

Dayton, Ohio

Mr. [redacted]

On the evening of July 10, 1962, I saw a very unusual aircraft. Thinking it to be an experimental aircraft, I observed it for a period of time and then proceded with my previous activities. This morning, however, The Newark Star Ledger carried a front page story of a similar sighting the following evening in another part of New Jersey. By the description given in this article of the aircraft, it appears to me that I saw the same thing. The description given of the aircraft in the article, however, is very vague in my opinion. To add some information which might clarify this incident, I am sending you a brief resume of what I saw. I am sure this information will be of value to you.

1. I saw the flying object on July 10, 1962 at 11:20 P.M. (Eastern Daylight Saving Time).
2. The area where the sighting took place may be designated by the following:

U.S. Route 1	Fords,	New Jersey
Taras Road	"	"
Burham Drive	"	"

3. I am fairly certain that I saw the object for at least five minutes

4. Sky conditions: a. No trace of daylight
   b. Many stars visible
   c. Bright moon

5. The object was brighter than the background of the sky. The object's brightness was like automobile headlights at a distance of from one to several blocks from my vision.

6. The object, to the best of my knowledge, did the following:
   a. Remained stationary in space
   b. Accelerated at least once during the period
   c. The object changed from a well formed blur to a definite tangible object
   d. Appeared to be revolving

7. The object moved in front of or above a passenger aircraft

8. The object appeared to be solid

9. The object was seen at all times through eyeglasses and for a period through a windshield

10. To the best of my knowledge, the object made no sound; the object first appeared as well formed, off white "blur" with a characteristic form and then upon decelerating an opaque, tangible structure with definite areas of light corresponding to a color similar to yellow with a precise small area of a red light

12. There was one object

13. The object, when contrasted to the airplane which passed it, appeared to be considerably larger than the airplane, however, it was somewhat closer than the airplane.

14. When the object was closest to me, it was about the size of a basketball or larger.

15. I first sighted the object while traveling in my car along a stretch of countryside adjacent to a housing development.

16. At the time of the sighting, I was negotiating a right hand turn off of the northbound lanes of US Route 1 (Fords, New Jersey): I immediately noticed the object while traveling east off of Route 1 because of its sudden appearance, size, and brightness.

17. When I first saw the object, I was looking north; the object then traveled toward the northeast; the object was approximately 45 degrees above the horizon.

18. When I last saw the object, it was traveling due east.

19. At the time of the sighting, there was a clear sky, little wind, it was warm and dry.

20. Miss [redacted]
    Fords, New Jersey also saw the object for a short period of time.

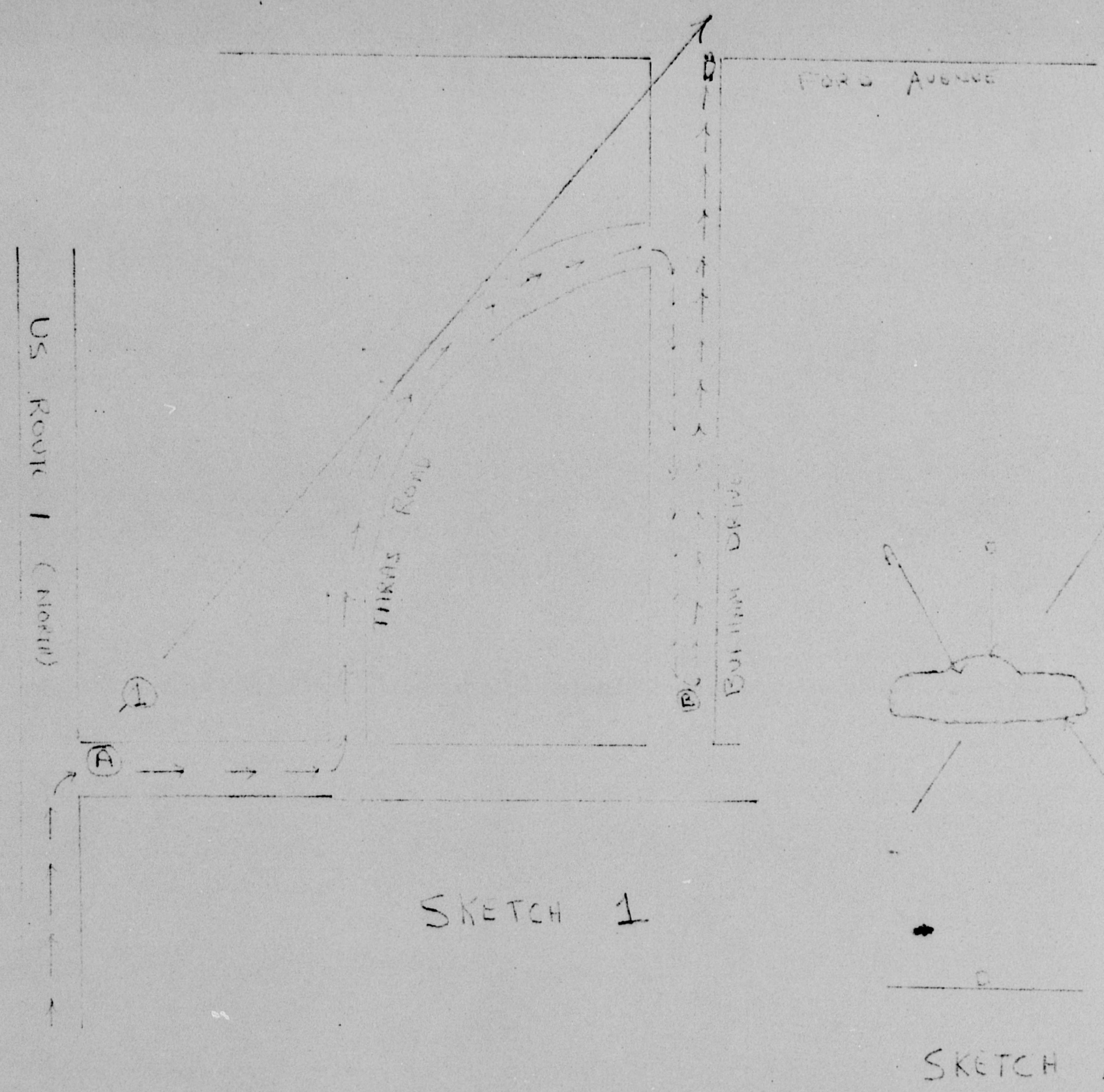
21. The object which I saw in the air possessed an amazing resemblence to plans and drawings which have recently appeared in magazines, newspapers, etc. of space stations or platforms.

22. The object was of advanced design apparently operating on a gyroscopic principle.
23. At its closest position to me the object appeared to be from 3000 - 5000 feet away from me
24. Information concerning myself:

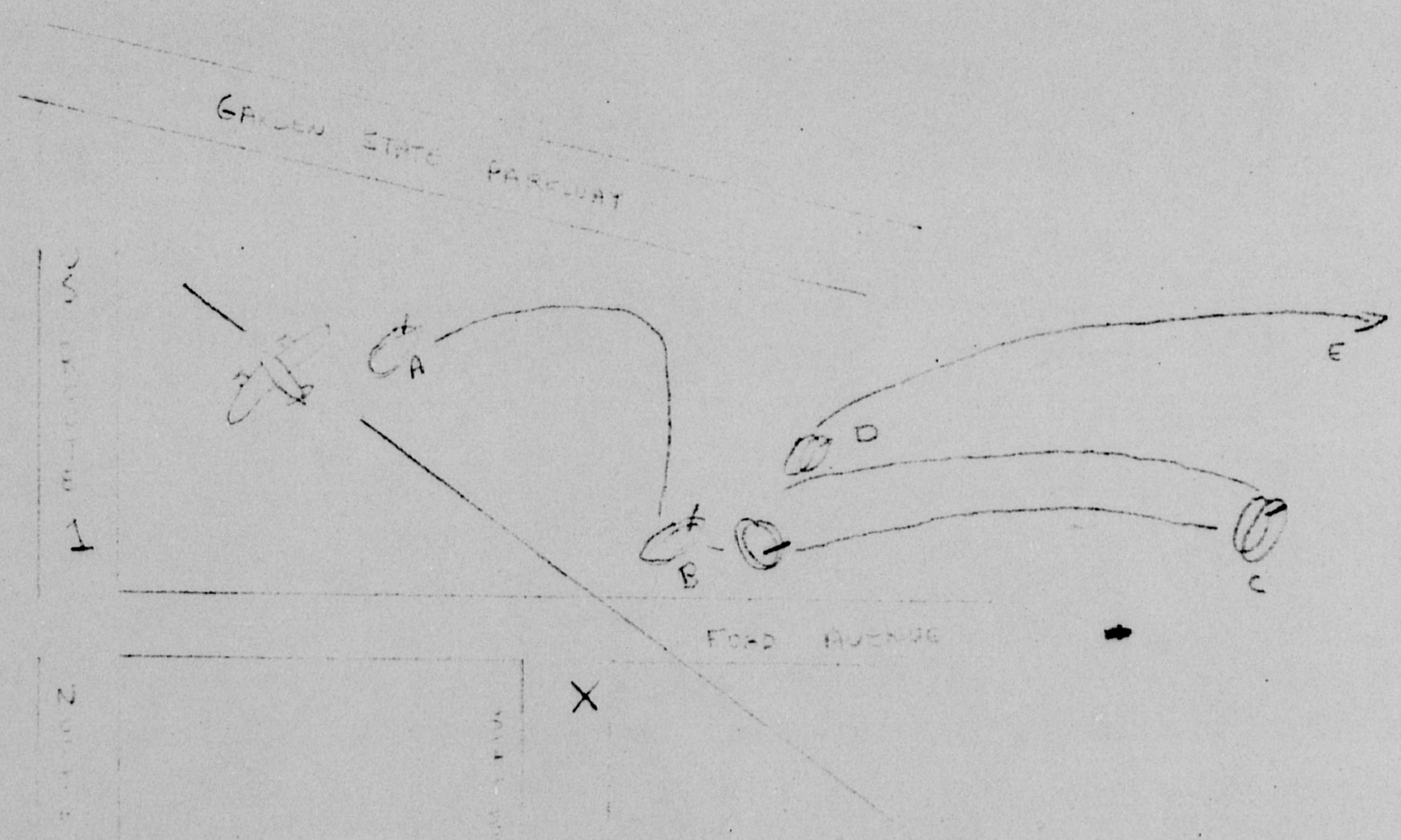
[redacted]
Avenel, New Jersey

Mercury 4, 5274
I am a male and 20 years of age
I am currently a senior at Rutgers University

The following is a more detailed statement of the sighting with sketches to elaborate on various facts:

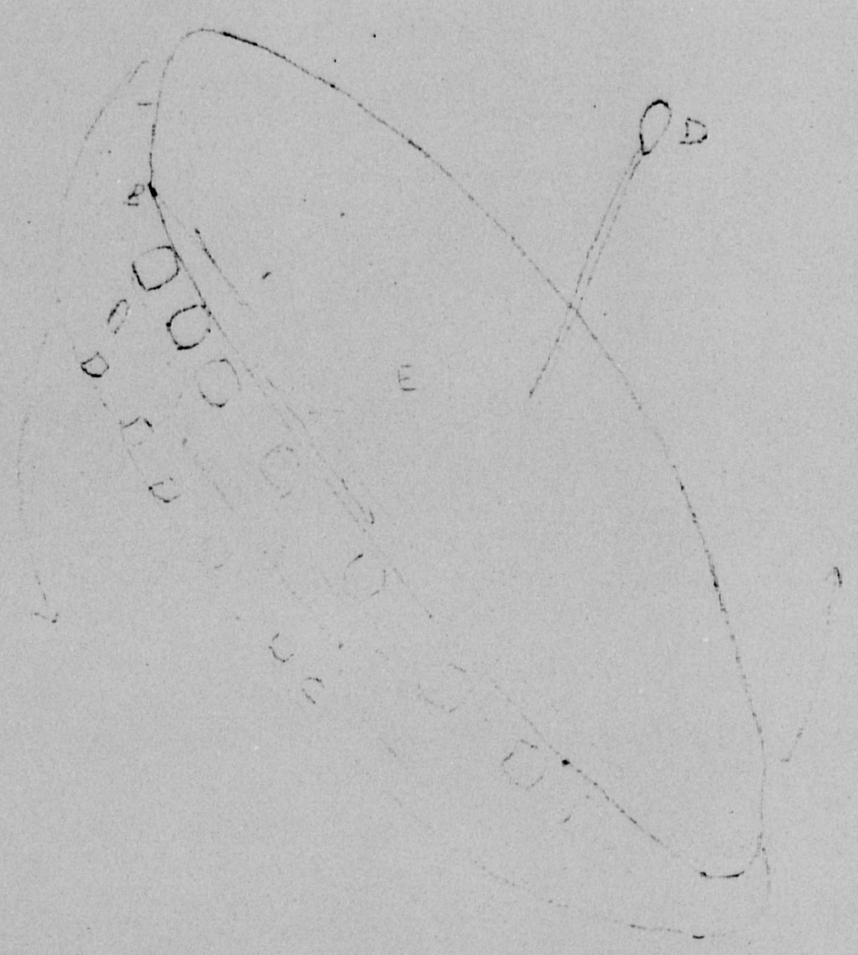


I was traveling north on US Route 1 at approximately 11:20 P.M. July 10, 1962. I negotiated a right hand turn from Route 1 at first sighted the object at point A (sketch 1) after completing the turn. I slowed down at once and saw the object that is sketch in Sketch 2. The bottom section of the object was cylindrical to circular in shape and composed about 80% of the height of the object. A very faint line of demarcation (A) seperated the top (B) from the bottom. The object appeared to be a very dense gaseous mass but its form was too distinct to be a gas or cloud. The edges of the object (such as C) were irregular (fuzzy) such as the tungsten filament in a light bulb when it is lit, but the object was not burning. The object was a bright white-gray. The object appeared from nowhere and traveled on the course, initially, indicated in sketch 1. The object was low and traveled at the speed of a passenger aircraft, however, since it was so low it speed must have been much lower than a commercial aircraft. As the object proceded along the designated course, I followed it up Taras Road. At this time I was traveling at 35-40 MPH and the object was only accelerating a little faster than I was. Upon reacing Burham Drive, I observed the object to proceed to a position directly in line with Burham Drive. At this time I went up Burham Drive to [redacted] to get her since I did not quite believe my eyes. While traveling up Burham Drive, I could see the object hovering over the area opposite Burham Drive in my side view mirror. At point B on Sketch 1, Miss Friedman joined me and we proceeded down Burham Drive.



SKETCH 3

After turning around to go down Burham Drive, I temporarily lost sight of the object. Then I saw it again but its appearance had changed. It was at position A high in the air. It now had the appearance of a large airplane but it had lights all over it (as if it was covered with windows) and a bright red light shown from above the craft. An airplane past from south east to north west passing the object at point A. I could not determine on which side the plane passed it but it appeared to be in back of or above the object. It is my opinion that someone on that plane must have seen the same thing I saw only very much closer. At this point, I compared the plane and the object and knew that the flying object could not be an ordinary craft. I parked at point X at which time I got my best look at the object. As soon as I parked the object traveled from point A to point B on Sketch 3. At this position the object was no more than 5000 feet above the ground and possible less than 3000 feet above the ground. I looked out of my front windshield at an approximate angle of 30-40 degrees to get a good view of the craft.



SKETCH 4

It appeared that areas B and C were circular ~~are~~ and were revolving counter clockwise. The "windows" in B and C were the most prominent features on the circles. The windows were all about the same size with yellow light coming out of them. I then stepped out of my car and got the best view of the object. Areas B and C were indeed rings since the areas surrounding the windows was opaque and the windows were revolving upon something which forms a perfect semi circle from where I was looking. Area A appeared to be a void between the rings but was obscure. The red light and pole designated by D were always in the same position in relation to the rest of the aircraft (always on the inner extreme right hand side). The pole and red light seemed to act as a stabilizer or axis of rotation for the revolving rings. It appeared that a very dark area designated by E led from the rings to the red light and pole in a narrow strip, but this area was to obscure to conjecture one way or the other. The important thing about the ship was its constant gyroscopic motion in one plane around the red light and pole axis. After a short period the ship accelerated to the east (C), returned to (D) and continued to (E) and into the east beyond eyesight.

I am convinced that this was an aircraft of some kind. It's design is evidently much more advanced than any I had ever seen in operation, BUT IT STRONGLY RESEMBLED RECENT DRAWINGS AND SKETCHES OF FUTURE SPACE PLATFORMS AND STATIONS. I SINCERELY DOUBT THAT THIS SHIP WAS PRODUCED BY OUR COUNTRY OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY BECAUSE OF ITS UNIQUE METHOD OF STABILIZING ITSELF IN MIDAIR SIMPLY BY GYROSCOPIC MOTION.

I hope that this information may be of help to you. I would appreciate your forwarding to me ~~of~~ any other information you may have received concerning this particular "space craft ".

Sincerely,

[redacted]

94 [redacted]
95 Newark
96 Spun pitch otoo.

[redacted]

(Sighting 11 July [redacted]
Lay a town [redacted]

Newark N Jersey

McGuire + Navy Blimp Station Lakehurst
McGuire said we had abandoned program ??
1st call P.I.O. McGuire find out what happ

Basically 6 min. Elliptical yellow white lights around perimeter. Big light in center.
Going NSW from 10th floor for
→ works for paper
Let McGuire know in Report.

Call Hospital Eye Clinic + Call Col Jones

Call Hart =
Chem Soc =

RA 4-2100 EXT 2104

94-335 McGUIRE P.I.O. SGT DOMINGUEZ
MAJ BOUCHARD

200-2 Had wife will forward report.
He called of Madison Pennsylvania and said he was on way out then to study of
how G gas escaping. Then never no Sarcoma
Reporter apparently unintelligent statement

95-335 Newark N.J. Star Ledger MI2-5900
Mr [redacted] out Mr Wadlin is Reporter.
Mr [redacted] Says NOT Hels. Called me Sat

96-335 McGuire P.I.O. Maj Bouchard
Gave him the Boston Textbook

98-335 Col Friend
[redacted]

FA 5-7209

99-335 McGuire Did a New Case Still want report
01-335 Col Friend

HEADQUARTERS
1611 AIR TRANSPORT WING (H), (MATS)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: WGIO

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Object Report 19 July 1962

TO: Air Technical Intelligence Ctr
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Ohio

1. The following report is submitted in accordance with AFR 200-2 dated 14 September 1959.

2. Through inquiry, it was disclosed that the flying object sighted was identified as an advertising aircraft which was using mirrored lights (see attached press release).

3. Reference paragraph 15, AFR 200-2, the following is submitted:

a. Description of Object

(1) Elliptical incandescent band of light.

(2) n/a

(3) n/a

(4) One

(5) n/a

(6) Looked like a small blimp with a red light on top.

(7) n/a

(8) Sound similar to jet

(9) n/a

b. Description of Course of Object

(1) Unknown

(2) About 2,000 feet (Viewed from 10th floor apartment).

(3) n/a

(4) West South West

(5) Slowly, West South West

(6) Object in view 5 1/2 to 6 minutes (Slow)

c. Manner of Observation

(1) Ground-visual

(2) n/a

(3) n/a

d. Time and Date of Sighting

(1) Time unknown

(2) Night condition

e. Location of Observer: Newark/South Orange boundary line.

f. Identifying Information on Observer

(1) Civilian - Mrs [redacted]
Newark, New Jersey. Age and occupation unknown.

(2) n/a

g. Weather and Winds

(1) - (7) n/a

James E. Bouchard
JAMES E. BOUCHARD
Major, USAF
Information Officer

JSD

NEWARK EVENING NEWS, SATURDAY, JULY 14, 1962

Flying Ad, Not Saucer

It appears that those unidentified flying objects reported by scores of central New Jersey residents earlier this week may have been nothing more than an electrified advertising sign being towed by an airplane.

At least that is the latest story as to the object which had been described by anxious persons as a flying saucer, large top or huge dome with lights spinning around it.

The 39-foot sign has 245 electric lights which flashed messages extolling the merits of an cie cream. It was towed over the state Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

The plane and sign are owned by a Wyncotte, Pa., firm.

1962

NEWS BRIEFS: Contrary to popular belief, saucer reports are not really becoming less frequent. Here in northern New Jersey, a brief "flap" occurred on July 11th. There were rather routine sightings in Clifton, the Oranges, and West New York, N. J., all of which received brief mention in the local press. The West New York sighting, in which several teenagers saw a glowing, spinning object high in the sky above a diner, was personally investigated by Mr. Robinson...