

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 20 May 64		2. LOCATION Lansing, Michigan		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
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Preliminary Investigation of UFO Reports, May 17 - 22, 1964.

William T. Powers, Systems Engineer, Dearborn Observatory

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HARTFORD CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT 317 - 348-3730

Officer Robert Meradith saw orange light *also others.*



A.M. 05:10 May 13

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TIPTON POLICE DEPARTMENT, TIPTON, INDIANA

TIPTON COUNTY(SHERIFF'S)POLICE Sightings Sunday through Tuesday, May 17-19.

INDIANA STATE POLICE

LANSING, MICHIGAN POLICE DEPARTMENT : 517 - IV 5-7165

Sgt. Reif Snyder, desk. Gave following names: *more available,*

✓ [REDACTED] Drive, Lansing

✓ [REDACTED] Rd., Lansing

✓ [REDACTED] St., Holt (This one far from emergency run)

✓ Mrs. [REDACTED] Rd. (this one near [REDACTED] residence?)

✓ Mrs. [REDACTED], Lansing

✓ Mrs. [REDACTED], Lansing

✓ Mrs. [REDACTED], Lansing ( [REDACTED] )

✓ Tony [REDACTED], Lansing

✓ Mrs. [REDACTED] Lansing

✓ [REDACTED], Lansing ( Emergency run was down [REDACTED] )

MASON, MICHIGAN: INGHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S POLICE ( originators of emergency run )  
517 - OR 7-9661

~~For information of the Michigan State Police, the following information was received from the Ingham County Sheriff's Office on May 17, 1951:~~

Lansing: MICHIGAN STATE POLICE: 517 - ED 2-2521

Investigated call from farmer about saucer landing.

OFFICER Bassett at desk.

LANSING MICHIGAN: Mr. [REDACTED]

Saw blue light descend.

Lansing, MICHIGAN: Mr. [REDACTED]

Saw same blue light.

LANSING, michigan: Mrs [REDACTED] d., Lansing ( Near [REDACTED] st )

Informant: D [REDACTED] of Lansing State-Journal, reporter.



PRELIMINARY WEATHER REPORT: temperatures in area on Wed, May 20, and Thursday May 21  
(night) in mid-thirties - high probability of inversion layer. UPI reporter<sup>(LANSING)</sup> volunteered  
information that he received 14 television channels Wed.<sup>night.</sup>

Mrs.

Rd.



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## REPORT ON UFO ACTIVITY, MAY-JUNE, 1964

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(Summary on Page 19)

On June 13-14, 1964, this correspondent and T. Sgt. David Moody, USAF, visited Lansing, Michigan to investigate various reports of UFO activity and apparently related phenomena which were received by local and state police during the period starting on the night of 20 May 1964 and ending 13 June, the last night of the investigation.

1. The Siren. At 0300 EST, 21 May 1964, the Lansing police department began to receive a series of calls concerning a strange noise. Those who called in described the noise as "wierd" and "loud," and insisted that it was like nothing they had ever heard before. The names are listed in the police log - owing to the explanation which was found, and the existence of these names in the correspondence files, they are omitted (more than a dozen names are recorded, and police say that after this many had called, they stopped logging further calls, of which there were many).

The Ingham County Sheriff's Police department reports that at 0300 on the date of the reports, a police car made an emergency run along Miller Road (E-W) and then north to a Lansing hospital, with its blue flasher going and operating its new "warbler" siren. This new siren employs a very loud tone which rises and falls both in pitch and intensity at a rapid rate - two to three times per second. The resulting noise is quite sufficient to account for both the number of calls and the conviction on the part of the callers that something extraordinary was occurring. One woman, a Mrs. [REDACTED], reported a blue object "looping" or "travelling in loops" as it went by her house accompanied by the strange noise. It appears most likely that she was seeing the beam from the police-car's rotating flasher



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as it swept around in circles over trees (and possibly played on a haze layer, as the temperature was in the low thirties following a hot day, a condition conducive to an inversion layer. A UPI reporter advised that he received 14 television channels that night).

The locations from which the calls came were all close to the route of the police car. In this investigator's opinion, all the calls at or around 0300 on 21 May may be attributed to the police-run.

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1. The Siren. Reports of strange noises, looping blue light. Almost certainly result of emergency police car run at same time, 0300, 21 May 1964, Lansing.



EXTRACT LANSING CITY POLICE LOG

The following reports of UFO's were extracted from the Lansing City Police Log by TSgt David N Moody and William Powers on 13 June 1964.

1. 21 May 64, at 0302 am, [REDACTED] report of Landing. Heard noise from elephants in Logan Shopping Center. ([REDACTED])
2. 21 May 64, at 955 pm, [REDACTED], 15 yrs old saw Flying Saucer at Prospect and Clifford. Bright with 15 foot diameter.
3. 23 May 64, Saturday at 0300 am, [REDACTED], etc. . .
4. 23 May 64, Saturday at 1238 am, [REDACTED] - [REDACTED] reported UFO.



## Was it Martians?

### Odd Sound Linked to Sky Object

By DICK FRAZIER  
Journal Staff Writer

The clock in Mrs. Elizabeth Hoxey's living room struck three as she was awakened by a strange noise Thursday morning.

Others reported hearing the sound on the city's south side during the next few minutes.

Mrs. Hoxey, of 6035 Hilliard St., called city police to report she had heard a noise "like something from outer space."

About the same time, Mrs. Edward Cole, 4623 Hughes Road, and her daughter, Wanda, 10, were awakened by a noise she later described as a high-pitched "whirling sound."

"It was terrible and it lasted for more than five minutes," she said. "It was a very loud, very shrill sound, steady for quite a while and then it drifted away."

The story, of course, has to have an elephant angle — and city police, investigating a similar report of a screeching noise at 1008 W. Dunlap St.—at first believed the noise was coming from a trumpeting elephant at the Logan Shopping Center circus.

#### NO ELEPHANT

But one elephant couldn't make all the noise — and keep it up steady for five minutes—like police were hearing about Thursday from at least half a dozen residents living as far away as Depot Street in Holt.

Elmer Speer, 1008 Dunlap St., said he had just gotten home from work at Oldsmobile when he heard the noise. It was exactly 3 a.m., he said.

"I know it sounds like I'm crazy, or something," Speer said, "but it sounded just like the theme music and noises on 'Twilight Zone.'"

"And I'd swear the darned thing landed over south of my place somewhere. The revolu-

tions sort of slacked off, like a motor that has been turned off, and then it revved up for just a second and then quit."

Speer said he had seen a shooting star a few minutes before, but that was before he heard the noise.

Mrs. Cole was the only person who reported seeing anything connected with the noise.

"I was too scared to go to the window at first," she said, "but after I got my daughter settled down, I looked out toward Holt (to the southeast of her home) and saw this light-colored shiny, silver-metal thing. It looked like a great, huge bowl, sort of spinning. It was just over the tops of the trees and it kept moving away, not straight away like you'd think, but turning in loops as it disappeared."

#### OBJECT GLOWED

She said the object had a glow but no other markings or lights. Neither her husband or son got up to look at the object, Mrs. Cole said, although her husband did hear the screeching noise.

Capt. Donald R. Knutson of 836 Sandlyn Ave. said the noise woke him up about 3 a.m.

An army officer, Knutson is working on his master's degree in accounting at Michigan State University.

"At first I thought it was my furnace acting up again. Then I realized it sounded like a helicopter but it was more compressed and sounded like a smoother running engine."

"I thought it was trucks on Cedar Street then I realized it lasted too long for them. I did not look out so I saw nothing."

"When I looked at the clock it was 3:01 a.m. and the sound lasted for a few minutes longer and then quit. It sounds kookie, I know, but that is what happened," he said.

The Ingham County Sheriff's Department had several phone calls this morning asking about a muffled booming sound.



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City News Desk 222-6600  
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All Other Calls 222-6400

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# Detroit Free Press

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## Whining Object in Sky Mystifies L

Special to the Free Press

LANSING—An "Unidentified Flying Object" reamed across Lansing early Thursday, setting nerves on edge and prompting police to compare the high-pitched whine to an elephant's trumpeting.

The bluish, circular object was described as "a great, huge bowl, sort of spinning" and a "light-colored, shiny, never metal thing."

Witnesses began phoning reports to Lansing police and radio and television stations shortly after the first sightings at 12:10 a.m.

Many of the sightings were in an area near the Jolly Shopping Center at Jolly and Logan, on Lansing's southwest side.

A 16-year-old elephant named Tulsa is on display at the shopping center, and police told the first callers at the sound they heard might be Tulsa trumpeting. They changed their minds as calls poured in.

Don Weigandt, 30, a television newscaster in Jackson, first saw the object while driving to his East Lansing home along College Road.

"It was very blue, too blue to be a falling star," he said. "It was round, like a basketball, and was falling very fast. But I went to the spot where it disappeared, there was nothing."

Stanley Brauer, 40, and his wife, Blanche, were on their way home from the Lansing restaurant he owns. They first saw the object along Pennsylvania Ave.

"Its speed was terrific," Brauer said. "We tried to follow it but it was going so fast that it was gone, phfft! just like that. It looked like it fell in Scott's Woods (to the east)."

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517 - OR 7-9661

~~xxx As per informant information from [REDACTED] Lansing Michigan~~

Lansing: MICHIGAN STATE POLICE: 517 - ED 2-2521

Investigated call from farmer about saucer landing.

OFFICER Bassett at desk.

LANSING MICHIGAN: Mr. [REDACTED]

Saw blue light descend.

Lansing, MICHIGAN: Mr. [REDACTED]

Saw same blue light.

LANSING, michigan: Mrs. [REDACTED] Rd., Lansing ( Near [REDACTED] )

Informant: Dick Frazier, of Lansing State-Journal, reporter.



PRELIMINARY WEATHER REPORT: temperatures in area on Wed, May 20, and Thursday May 21  
(night) in mid-thirties - high probability of inversion layer. UPI reporter/volunteer  
information that he received 14 television channels Wed. <sup>at 11:00 PM</sup> night.



# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 22 May 64		2. LOCATION Lansing, Michigan		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Meteor <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 22/0510Z		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 two seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE NE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Two observers. Light believed to be a/c crashing by both observers at different locations about 3 miles apart. Thought a/c was crashing not more than 3 - 4 miles away and made attempt to get to location. Obj was traveling to NE in downward arc. No change in brightness.  See Lansing Case file also.				11. COMMENTS METEOR observation	



[redacted] announcer at television station WILX, Jackson, Michigan, and [redacted] proprietor of [redacted]

[redacted] Lansing, were both driving home at 0010 to 0015, Friday, 22 May. Each saw a brilliant blue light to the northeast, travelling straight down at constant speed and brightness. Each said that the object landed 3-4 miles away, and each thought of an airplane in distress. Both immediately began driving toward the place where the object had seemed to come down. The object was essentially a point-source, left no trail, and was in sight about ten seconds maximum.

[redacted] described the object as having landed in [redacted] Woods, and [redacted] described it as having landed to the northeast. At the time the two men were about three miles apart on a line bearing about 100°. When their lines of sight are drawn on a map of Lansing, they are parallel within the limits of estimate, and cannot be made to converge closer than about ten miles away, without making either of the observers change his description of the direction substantially.

It is concluded that this sighting was of a fireball of unusual color, with a slight possibility that a blue light was seen descending to the ground, but at a much greater distance than either witness estimated. The fact that the object remained bright until it reached the horizon indicates the possibility that it was seen along a path bearing approximately 030° from Lansing.

The fact that the brightness remained constant may be taken as evidence that the object was remaining at approximately a constant distance (and hence, actually travelling straight down) or that the object was moving rapidly away and becoming brighter fast enough to overcome increasing atmospheric absorption and inverse-square law dimming. Since the object was described as "brilliant" from the very start, "the brightest thing I've ever seen," it must have become quite spectacular to observers along its path as its brightness increased enough to give the impression of constancy to the two original observers - the chances, therefore, of its having been observed farther northwest, assuming it was a fireball, should be excellent. Lack of such observations may be given some weight as evidence against the meteor hypothesis, if none are reported.

4. [redacted] 0010-0015 EST, 22 May 1964. Observers, three miles apart, saw brilliant blue light, constant intensity, moving straight down, apparently landed a few miles away. Both saw to northeast. Possible meteor, with exception of constant intensity maintained over entire flight path. Lansing - East Lansing.



EXTRACT FROM SGT MOODY'S TRIP REPORT

The sound occurred after she had heard a siren going down the street. The sound lasted less than 5 minutes. She had the impression that it disappeared by going up rather than away. The sound gradually faded out. Her husband was asleep and did not hear the noise. When he awoke at 2030 pm, she informed him of this event. She seemed certain that the sound came from up in the air and described it as like a top wound up. She also "felt" like someone was watching her. She could feel the sound more than hear it. Information regarding the sample of leaves revealed that at 1715 on the following day as she took out rubbish to the incinerator she noticed charred leaves in the garage doorway. A roof extends above this location. An alley permitting only one car passes this door. No foliage surrounding the area was charred. No ashes or any indications of a fire or burned area were near the charred leaves. Trees and foliage completely cover the area. It is therefore assumed that the charred leaves were dropped or carried to this spot by wind from a source not near the garage. It is possible that the noise heard by Mrs. [REDACTED] is the noise heard by [REDACTED] and other witnesses in the area during this period. The leaf sample contains no radioactive or unusual substance.

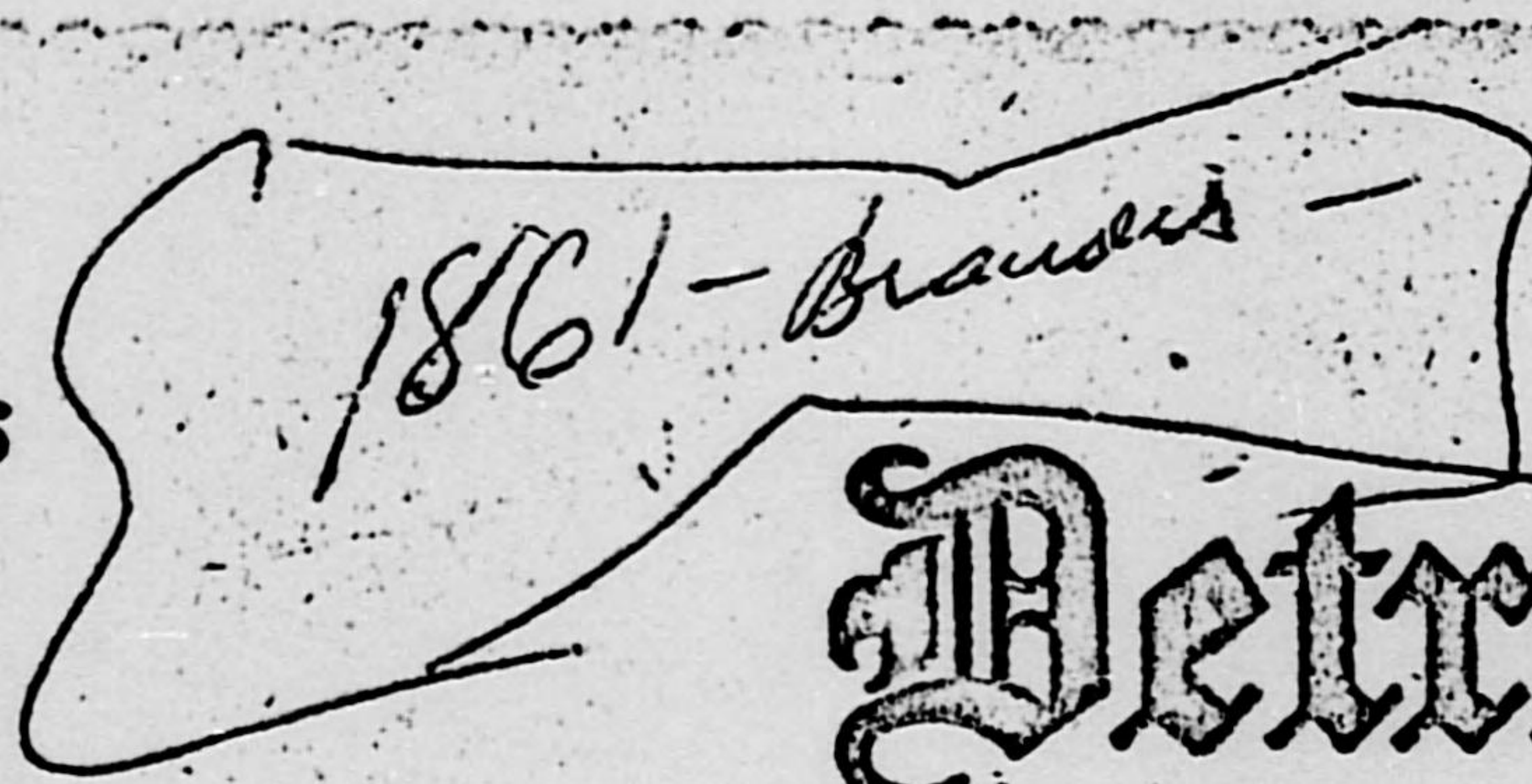
SIGHTING OF [REDACTED] AT [REDACTED]

From the [REDACTED] residence Sgt Moody proceeded to contact Mr. [REDACTED] at his restaurant, the [REDACTED], and rejoined Mr. [REDACTED]. It was determined that Mr. [REDACTED] and his wife had observed a meteor. The duration of two seconds and a description that the object looked like an aircraft in flames crashing are in accord with this analysis. Mr. [REDACTED] had also observed the object at the same time. A check of a local map and the direction that both reported the object indicates that their line of sight was parallel to the NE, indicating that the meteor was a considerable distance away.



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To Place Want Ad	222-6800
City News Desk	222-6600
Sports (after 2 p.m.)	222-6660
Insurance Dept.	222-6470
All Other Calls	222-6400



# Detroit Free Press

Friday, May 22, 1964

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## Whining Object in Sky Mystifies Lan

Special to the Free Press

LANSING—An "Unidentified Flying Object" screamed across Lansing early Thursday, setting nerves on edge and prompting police to compare the high-pitched whine to an elephant's trumpeting.

The bluish, circular object was described as "a great, huge bowl, sort of spinning" and a "light-colored, shiny, silver metal thing."

Witnesses began phoning reports to Lansing police and radio and television stations shortly after the first sightings at 12:10 a.m.

Many of the sightings were in an area near the Logan Shopping Center at Jolly and Logan, on Lansing's southwest side.

A 16-year-old elephant named Tulsa is on display at the shopping center, and police told the first callers that the sound they heard might be Tulsa trumpeting. They changed their minds as calls poured in.

Don Weigandt, 30, a television newscaster in Jackson, first saw the object while driving to his East Lansing home along College Road.

"It was very blue, too blue to be a falling star," he said. "It was round, like a basketball, and was falling very fast. But I went to the spot where it disappeared, there was nothing."

Stanley Brauer, 40, and his wife, Blanche, were on their way home from the Lansing restaurant he owns. They first saw the object along Pennsylvania Ave.

"Its speed was terrific," Brauer said. "We tried to follow it but it was going so fast that it was gone, phfft! just like that. It looked like it fell in Scott's Woods (to the east)."

Mrs. Edward Cole, 50, of Lansing, said, "It looked like a great, huge bowl. It kept moving away, turning in loops as it disappeared. It was a terrible, very shrill sound that lasted about five minutes."

Elmer Speer, of 1008 W. Dunlap, Lansing, said, "I know it sounds crazy (but) I'd swear the thing landed south of my place."

"The revolutions sort of slackened off, like a motor that has been turned off. It revved up again for a second, then quit."

Speer said the sound was a "whirring noise that started low and got so loud and high-pitched it scared me."

Army Capt. Donald Knutson, a graduate student at Michigan State University, said, "I thought it was a furnace acting up again. Then I realized it sounded like a helicopter (or) trucks on Cedar St. But it lasted too long for that."

One unidentified woman said she saw the UFO land, then take off again.



Preliminary Investigation of UFO Reports, May 17 - 22, 1964.

William T. Powers, Systems Engineer, Dearborn Observatory

On Friday night, May 22-23, I made a brief telephone survey in response to a request by J. A. Hynek, Director of Dearborn Observatory, following his appraisal of a UPI report of sightings in Lansing, Michigan.

My first call was to UPI in Chicago; a report of a UFO sighting had come in, but from Marion, Indiana. A subsequent call to UPI in Lansing established that reports were coming independently from both locations.

I contacted the Police Department in ~~Marion~~ Marion, and was informed that police officers in the Marion force and in police departments of surrounding towns ( Tipton, Hartford, Tipton County Sheriff's office, <sup>stat. Police</sup> ~~and~~ had <sup>during the past three nights</sup> witnessed ~~either~~ single lights or groups of lights, both stationary and moving, which struck witnesses as unusual enough to report. Calls to several of the other departments in the area did not add much information, as the witnesses were on patrol or were not on duty at the time. In every case I was assured that the witnesses would be available if a complete investigation were carried out; in most cases the sightings were logged, or else the force is small enough that the individuals involved will be easy to find.

I did succeed in locating one witness who saw an orange light low in the northwest sky, apparently "200 - 500 feet high, three to six miles away", having driven to the west end of town ( Hartford City )/ after hearing over his police car radio comments about other sightings in progress. ~~He was not available for an interview.~~ The officer, Robert Meredith, reports that the Blackford county ~~man~~ and another man name ~~also~~ also saw the orange light. It seems clear that the object was Venus, just prior to setting.

The other reports may involve more definite motion, and some involve multiple objects ( at least one observation through binoculars ), so the Venus explanation cannot readily be extended without further information.

Having established that enough information could be obtained through the Marion police department for a future investigation, I turned to the Lansing reports.



The first Lansing call was to the Lansing Police Department, where I spoke with Sgt. <sup>R.</sup>~~Ruff~~/Snyder. A series of calls had been received from residents of Southern Lansing for several days, starting at 3 AM on ~~Thursday~~ <sup>Wednesday</sup> morning, May 20. A list of names was obtained from the log of Wednesday, all from people who complained of a "wierd noise." This noise was described approximately as ~~rumbling~~ a "whirring" noise, starting low and going high, then stopping. In a subsequent call to the Ingham County Sheriff's office, I was informed that at 3AM Wednesday morning a police car had made an emergency run down Miller street, employing a new "warbling" siren, which the desk/~~sergeant~~ <sup>sergeant</sup> described as sounding "wierd." When I read him the list of addresses of the complainants, he identified ~~some~~ most, but not all, of them as being close to the route of the emergency run.

It was also found that an elephant was tethered all night in a shopping center nearby, part of a promotion stunt.

The reports of 3 AM Wednesday, therefore, may tentatively be connected with the known emergency run, at least those definitely concerned with noises, which I understand is true in all cases.

Reports from Thursday and Friday night, however, cannot be connected with the siren, as objects were seen. There appear to be several independent sightings of different objects.

One object, a bright blue or blue-green light, was seen descending "to the ground" ( that is, going out of sight following a downward course) by two people, Mr.  and Mr. . Each was in his own car on the way home when he caught sight of the object. Both were impressed sufficiently to attempt to drive to where the object disappeared, and both seem to have thought it might be an aircraft in trouble. The men met subsequently, while  was acting in his capacity of television annoumer ( for WILX) at a remote broadcast from  restaurant  in Lansing, and here they each learned that the other had seen the light. Unfortunately, it appears that they have already compared their stories, as both reported to me in phone calls Saturday morning that



A.M. 05:10 May 11

the sighting took place at "12:10 to 12:15". Both men have agreed to cooperate in any detailed investigation.

One of the calls associated with the night of the emergency run previously mentioned was from a farmer in Grand Ledge, who called the ~~Michigan County Sheriff's~~ <sup>Indiana State Police</sup> department with a report that he had seen a flying <sup>a</sup>ucer land and take off again. A police car 5 miles from the scene was dispatched, but before it arrived the farmer, whose name was not obtained, said that the object was gone; the investigating patrol reported sighting nothing unusual, so the sighting was not logged: the name (shining) of the farmer may be difficult to discover. The farmer said the object was blue/and roared and was 15 feet in diameter. The police officer clearly believes the man to be "mistaken".

There are several more reports which need to be straightened out better than I could do over the telephone. One involves two men coming home from the night shift (apparently) at Oldsmobile, ~~and~~ and a ~~house~~. The two men were in a car parked in front of ~~house~~ <sup>they</sup> when/heard a weird noise ( apparently not the siren - time is wrong) and saw an object that looked like a shooting star going behind the house. It made ( or something made) a sufficiently impressive noise that ~~wife~~ wife jumped out of bed, terrified, the sound having awakened her.

Between phone calls to ~~and~~ on Saturday morning, I received an unsolicited call from a reporter, Dick Frazier of the Lansing State-Journal, who was trying to find out if my calls of the night before were legitimate, and who had another report which came in just after I had ceased operations Friday night. A Mrs. ~~, Lansing,~~ saw three objects at 9:00, 9:45, and 11:00 PM on the 20th, at least one of which showed shape ( outline, not point source) and which was observed through binoculars. Mrs. ~~husband~~ husband also saw the object and the <sup>couple</sup> called some neighbors who also ~~were~~ were witnesses. One object was described as roughly circular with many little white lights on its underside. Mrs. ~~did~~ did not report until she heard of other reports, for fear she would be called crazy. Frazier says she is willing to talk to scientists from Northwestern ( Frazier informed her of our investigations). Mrs. ~~address~~ address is described as being "near







INDIANA STATE POLICE

Sgt. Reif Snyder, desk. Gave following names: *more available.*

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Molt (This one far from emergency run)

✓ Mrs. [REDACTED] (this one near [REDACTED] residence?)

✓ Mrs. [REDACTED] Lansing

✓ Mrs. [REDACTED], Lansing

✓ Mrs. [REDACTED] k, Lansing ([REDACTED])

~~REDACTED~~, Lansing

✓ Mr. [REDACTED] ne, Lansing

✓ [REDACTED] Ad., Lansing ( Emergency run was down [REDACTED] r

MASON, MICHIGAN: INGHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S POLICE ( originators of emergency run)  
517 - OR 7-9661

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Lansing: MICHIGAN STATE POLICE: 517 - ED 2-2521

Investigated call from farmer about saucer landing.

OFFICER Bassett at desk.

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# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 2131, 2330, 2345 GMT 27/0230Z		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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <del>Unreliable</del> <del>Not</del> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not reported		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1, 2, 10		9. COURSE East, West, West	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Witness referred to as publicity seeker saw and reported a UFO to FAA and press. UFO in flight to East. Two hours later he saw 2 UFO's heading West and later reported 10 UFO's heading West. Reported all this to Police headquarters East Lansing (State Police)				11. COMMENTS Witness regarded as a publicity seeker	



Michigan State Police  
COMPLAINT REPORTCounty Ingom  
Township \_\_\_\_\_  
Village \_\_\_\_\_  
City E. LANSINGComplaint No. 11-1591-64  
File Class No. 5-1  
Message No. \_\_\_\_\_Post, District, \_\_\_\_\_  
Bureau or Division East Lansing 11 Date May 27, 1964  
(Name) (Number)

This is an original report, complete this box.

Complainant \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_, Lansing, Michigan Time Rec'd. 10:00 AM AM  
Received by Cpl. Richard Abbott Investigated by Cpl. Richard Abbott PM

This is a supplementary report, complete this box.

Date of original investigation \_\_\_\_\_  
Investigating Officers \_\_\_\_\_

This report concludes complaint, complete this box.

☐ Complaint Unfounded ☐ Complaint Closed by Arrest ☐ Service Rendered ☐ Other Disposition  
☐ Complaint Closed by Arrest(s) involving person(s) under 18  
Date of Final Disposition \_\_\_\_\_ Post of Final Disposition \_\_\_\_\_ (Number)

## NATURE OF COMPLAINT

Reports sighting an Unidentified Flying Object.

## REPORT

## DETAILS:

Complainant called the post and stated that at about 9:30 PM on 5-26-64 while at his home he saw an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) going east. He reported this to the local newspaper, and the airport. The airport stated they were going to send up two planes to check; he later saw two planes flying around, but could not see the UFO at this time. He later had to pick up his father from work; (11:30 PM) he then saw two UFO's headed west, after returning home he and his father saw ten UFOs going west. The complainant gave his age as 23 yrs. the time of the last sighting was 11:45 PM.

## OTHER SIGHTINGS:

Shaw Hall MSU, East Lansing ( ) and ( )  
Shaw Hall, MSU, ( ) reported to Tpr. Chappell at 10:20 PM on 5-26-64 that they had seen a UFO at about 9:30 PM on 5-26-64 while riding their bikes on Mich. Ave. in E. Lansing. They stated that the UFO was a blue silver disk flying at a 45 deg. angle, very large, facing south, after a very short time they saw a white flash and then lost sight of the object.

## REPORTED:

The undersigned officer after clearing with Operations made a person to person collect call to ( ) Evanston Ill, ( ) and reported the above.

## REMARKS:

It was learned from News Reporter ( ) of the Journal that DICK ( ) has been quite a publicity seeker in the past.

## COMMENT:

Open pending further sightings.

Respectfully Submitted  
Richard H. Abbott Cpl.  
East Lansing Post #11



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5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 45 minutes still there		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE West	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Observer reported that for 45 minutes she had been observing an obj flashing or rotating red light directly West of her home. Motion toward and away from one star to it's Noth. Obj stationary for a couple of seconds and then moved either up or down and then toward that Star. Far away and high.				11. COMMENTS VENUS at 6.40h w/decl of +18. This place obj at about 290 az 15 deg elev at time of sighting. Motion along ecliptic to North and setting slowly (2230). Star toward which obj moved was Capella, at 320 az 20 deg elev.	



Michigan State Police

## CASE SUPERVISION SHEET

Complaint No. 11-1591-64File Class No. 5.1Date of Original Complaint 5-27-64Nature of Complaint UFO

DATE	OFFICER	ACTION
5-27-64	1. <u>Swartz</u>	<u>[REDACTED]</u> , <u>[REDACTED]</u> Michigan Rd. (M-99) Eaton Rapids (one mile North of E. Rapids) <u>[REDACTED]</u> . Called at 9:34 PM reported that for the past 45 minutes she had watched a flashing or rotating red light directly west of her home. It seemed to move from one star north, then back toward this one star. It would be stationary for a couple of seconds, move either up or down then north and back toward that one star. Was far away and high. No sound.
6-5-64	Olmstead	A man by name of <u>[REDACTED]</u> , <u>[REDACTED]</u> reports seeing an object appeared about size of large star only much brighter and traveling extremely fast. Appeared to be a couple of miles East of his home and traveling in NW direction. Visible about 1 minute approx. 9:42 PM. Disappeared as though someone turned lights off. Sky clear, no clouds. Searchlights in the area but this was much higher. Traveled much faster than an airplane.
6-13-64	10:40P	<u>[REDACTED]</u> OF <u>[REDACTED]</u> OAKWOOD <u>[REDACTED]</u> , AND <u>[REDACTED]</u> SCOTT, <u>[REDACTED]</u> SAW A <u>[REDACTED]</u> AT 10:15P DATE ON <u>[REDACTED]</u> JUST OFF SAGINAW LARGE - BRIGHT, FLASHING LIGHT ON TOP - <u>[REDACTED]</u> (See)

LANSING, MICH.

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AT 10.29 PM JUNE.01 SOUTH OF CITY, 45 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING  
 AT 09.16 PM JUNE.02 SOUTH OF CITY, 73 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING  
 AT 10.08 PM JUNE.03 SOUTH OF CITY, 33 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING  
 AT 08.55 PM JUNE.04 SOUTH OF CITY, 66 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING  
 AT 09.47 PM JUNE.05 SOUTH OF CITY, 31 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING  
 AT 08.34 PM JUNE.06 SOUTH OF CITY, 58 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING  
 AT 09.26 PM JUNE.07 SOUTH OF CITY, 25 DEGREES ABOVE HORIZON MOVING