

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE DR 9 Jun 64		2. LOCATION Westfield, Wisconsin		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 _____ GMT n/a		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☒ Other <u>natural copper</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No phys spec		6. SOURCE civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION n/a		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE found on ground	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Physical specimen thought to be meteorite sent to Northwestern for evaluation. Report indicated that the object was not a meteor but a rare example in that portion of the country of a chunk of native copper.				11. COMMENTS	

3 August, 1964

Mrs. [REDACTED]
Route 1
Westfield, Wisconsin

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

We have the analysis of your "conversation piece" back sooner than I had expected. It is definitely not a meteorite. It is, however, a rather rare example (in your part of the country) of a chunk of native copper. This native copper occurs much farther north than you are, but this was undoubtedly brought down to your area by a glacier.

Native copper is closely tied up with the history of northern Michigan and Wisconsin, as it was the presence of native copper that really opened up the territory.

I am sorry that I can't say that you have a meteorite, but you still do have a good conversation piece.

Sincerely yours,

J. Allen Hynek
Director

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c.c: Major Hector Quintanilla

Westfield Wis
Jan 28. 1964

Dept. of Defense
Washington D.C.

We have found what we are sure
is a piece of a fallen meteor. One
of the newspapers not long ago
published an article about the
defense department being interested
in them, and about prices
being paid for them. This
one seems to be almost solid
copper and it is very heavy
for its size. We have cut
a small piece from it and
could send it to who ever would
be interested in it. I think
it would weigh about 8 pounds
and is about 6 inch wide - 10 inches
long and varied thickness. It is
a flat - "splash" shape.

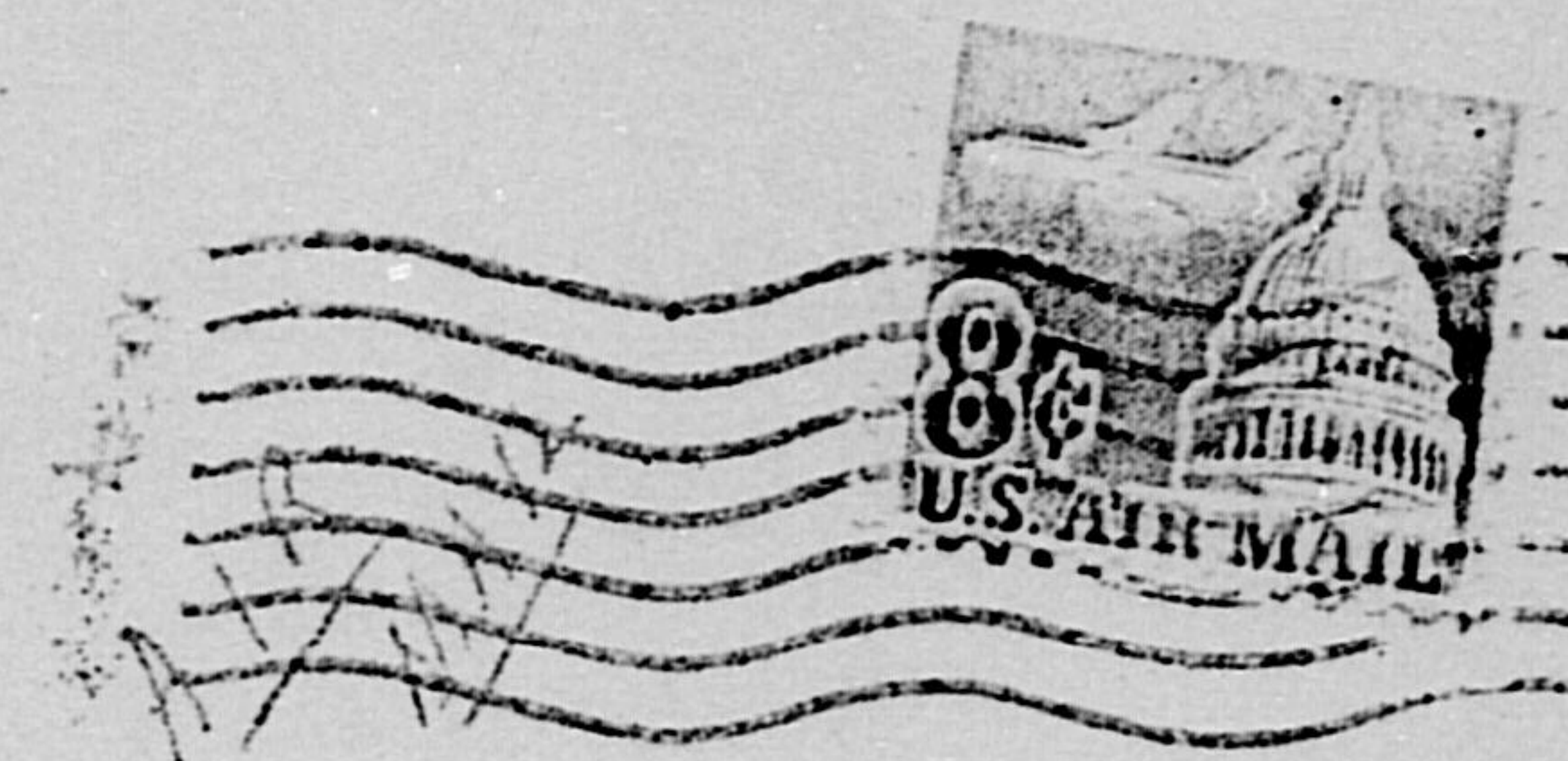
Sincerely

Mrs. [redacted]

Mrs. M. [redacted]
Route 1
Westfield, Wis. 53964

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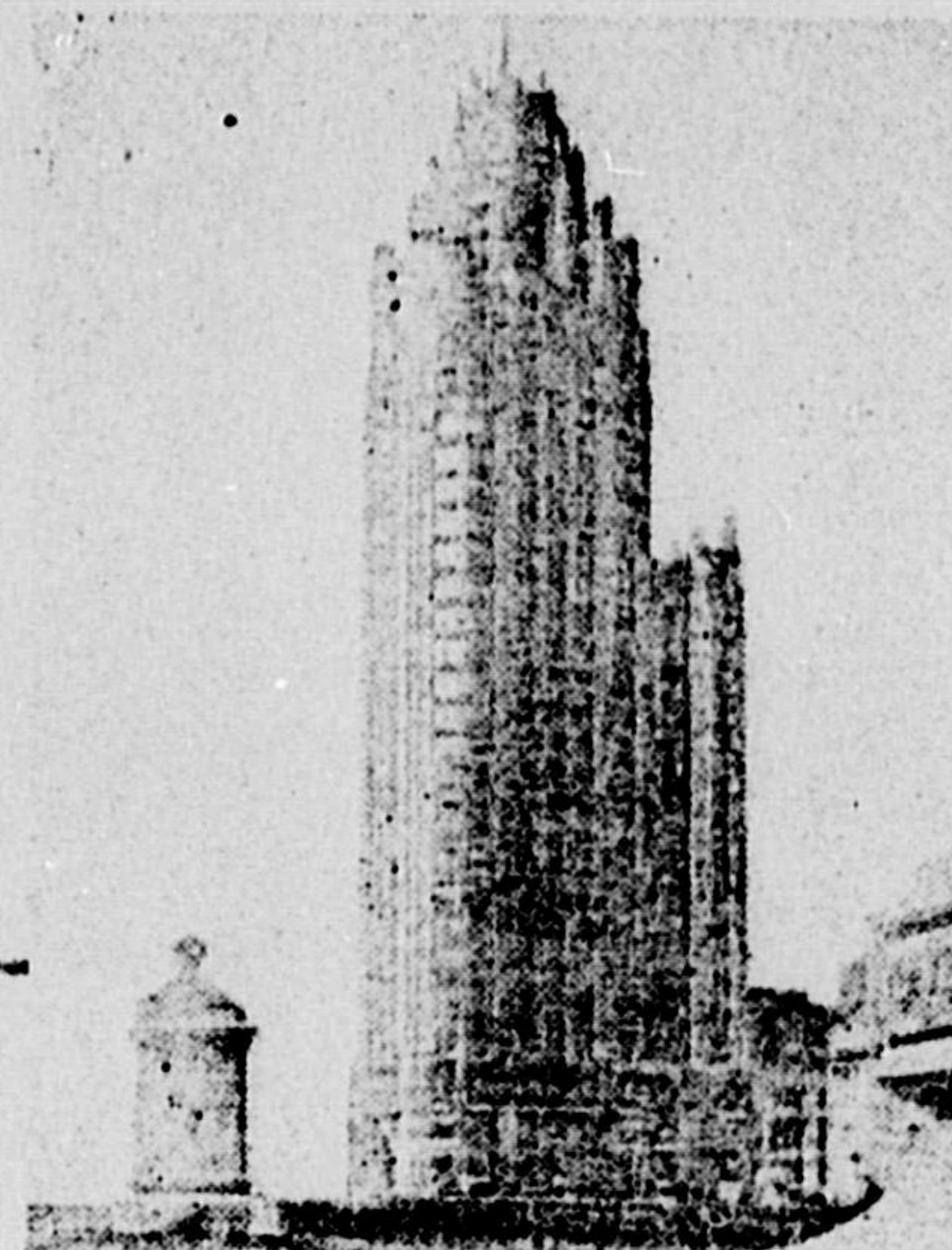
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The Department of the Air Force,
Department of Defense Building,
The Pentagon,
Washington, D.C. 20330.

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PUBLIC SERVICE OFFICE
33 West Madison Street
General Information Bureau
Phone 222-3042

June 9, 1964

Mrs. M. [REDACTED]
Route 1
Westfield, Wisconsin 53964

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]:

In reply to your recent inquiry regarding government agencies that are interested in obtaining pieces of falling meteors, we suggest you write to the Department of the Air Force, Department of Defense Building, the Pentagon, Washington, D. C. 20330. This office will forward your information to the proper source.

We appreciate and thank you for your kind interest in the Chicago Tribune."

Sincerely,

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Walter J. Malins

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General Information Bureau

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