

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 31 Jul 49 01/0015Z	2. LOCATION Columbus, Ohio 417
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION AIRCRAFT
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One or Two	
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS One object or two lights. The lights were round and approx the size of floodlights and gave out a brilliant light similar to white hot or molten metal. The lights were traveling slowly southward.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE Southerly	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft

2. DATE SUBMITTED

4 August 1949

3. CONTROL SYMBOL OR FILE NO.

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4. REPORT OF FINDINGS

- (1) On 1 August 1949, the following article concerning the sighting of unconventional aircraft was published in the Ohio State Journal, Columbus, Ohio:

"'Space Ship' Seen Over East Side"

"The sky over the East Side of Columbus was full of strange stuff last night, according to reports to police, who interested themselves sufficiently to start investigating.

"[redacted] visiting his wife in St. Ann's Hospital, told police he saw a silver 'space ship' with red stripes and portholes hovering overhead between 7:15 and 7:20 p.m.

"Later, [redacted] told police he had seen two 'headlights' in the sky. Pretty soon one light blinked off, then the other he said. The time? Between 7:15 and 7:20 p.m."

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- (2) On 1 August 1949, [redacted] motor oiler [redacted] Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, was interviewed, concerning a space ship which he saw in the sky, and stated in substance:

On 31 July 1949, at approximately 1915 hours, I saw an object in the sky, very high, at an altitude of about five thousand feet. The object was due west and was traveling in a westerly direction. The sky was generally clear, but there were small fleecy clouds in the vicinity of the object. The object was oval-shaped, greyish-blue in color and about five times the size of the United States Navy airplane, the "Constitution." I did not see an exhaust trail, and I heard no sounds. When I first saw the object, I called to a [redacted] who was standing on his property at [redacted] talking to his sister, [redacted] Columbus, Ohio, and asked them if they could see the object. As I pointed due west into the sky, they said that they could see the object. As they spoke, two flares appeared to drop from the object. These were circular, and their color was similar

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5. TYPED NAME AND ORGANIZATION OF SPECIAL AGENT

JAMES A. McCLUSKEY
100th CIC Detachment

6. SIGNATURE OF SPECIAL AGENT

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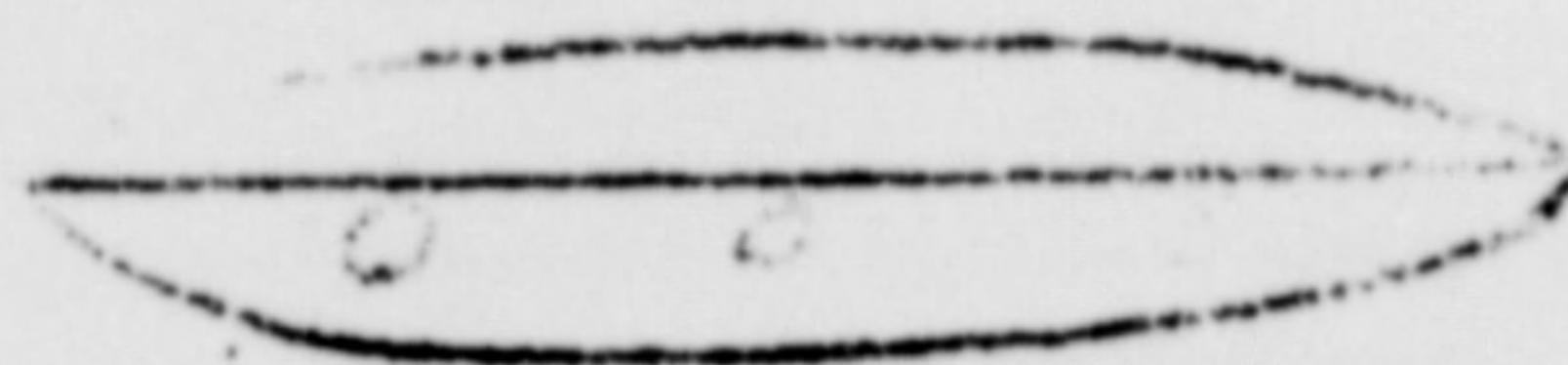
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to the white heat from a blast furnace. The flares were approximately the size of an average search or floodlight, and they were illuminated for about one minute. The flares remained stationary, one near the lower right and the other near the lower left of the object. They then turned yellow and were extinguished, first the right and then the left. While the flares had remained stationary under the object the light had formed a haze around the phenomena, making it difficult to see it clearly. When the flares were extinguished a sphere dropped from the object and settled directly underneath it. This sphere was a brilliant white and about one-fifth the size of the setting sun. The object and sphere then appeared to rise and both disappeared into the clouds. I can recall nothing further concerning this incident. (C-3)

Agent's Note: Boye drew the following sketches:

First View



Second View



Third View



Boye stated that he was misquoted by the Ohio State Journal of 1 August 1949, in that he did not say he had seen a "Space Ship." (See par 1.) [redacted] appeared to the undersigned to be extremely happy that he was being questioned by a Government employee regarding his alleged discovery of unidentified objects. He appears to be highly imaginative and while answering questions, answered in

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/s/ James A. McLuskey

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(2) (Agent's Note Continued)

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Agent's Note: Informant Walker gave his information in a sincere straightforward manner, with no apparent exaggeration. He stated that informant [redacted], who was unknown to him previously, had called at his home at 2200 hours to have [redacted] corroborate, for a police report, his [redacted] discovery of the objects earlier in the evening. While waiting for the police to arrive, [redacted] told Walker that he had studied science and astronomy as a hobby, was interested in all current events, and had read many scientific fictional and non-fictional books. [redacted] further stated to the undersigned that [redacted] appeared slightly imaginative and acted peculiarly. [redacted] had informed Walker that he had no sleep Saturday night because of worry over his wife and new-born baby.

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SUBJECT: Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft

THRU: A C of S, G-2
Headquarters Second Army
Fort George G. Meade, Maryland

TO: Director of Intelligence
General Staff
Department of the Army
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Reference is made to letter, your headquarters, File CGCID 452.1, subject: Unconventional Aircraft, dated 25 March 1948, and to your control number A-1917.

2. In compliance with paragraph 2, above-mentioned letter, inclosed herewith are CIC Agent Reports concerning the Sighting of Unconventional Aircraft.

3. A copy of attached report has been furnished the Commanding General, Air Materiel Command, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio.

Incl:
Rpt dtd 4 Aug 49,
above subject

DWIGHT I. BOYD
Captain, Inf
District Intelligence Officer

CC: AMC, Wright-Patterson AFB

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1. Date of Observation 31 July 1949 Date of Interview 1 August 1949
2. Exact Time (local) 1915
3. Place of Observation Columbus, Ohio
4. Position of observer Ground
5. What attracted attention to object
6. Number of objects 1
7. Apparent size 5-times U. S. Navy Constitution
8. Color of object Greyish-blue
9. Shape Oval
10. Altitude Very high 5,000'
11. Direction from observer West
12. Distance from observer
13. Direction of flight of object(s) Westernly
14. Time in sight
15. Speed
16. Sound and odor None
17. Trail None
18. Luminosity
19. Projections
20. Maneuvers
21. Manner of disappearance
22. Effect on Clouds
23. Additional information concerning object Object appeared to drop 2 flares.
24. Weather Conditions Generally clear, small fleecy clouds

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Name and address of observer: [REDACTED] Columbus, Ohio
[REDACTED] " "

Occupation and hobbies:

Motor oiler
Machinist

Comments of Interrogator relative to intelligence and character of observer(s):

NARRATIVE SUMMARY:

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