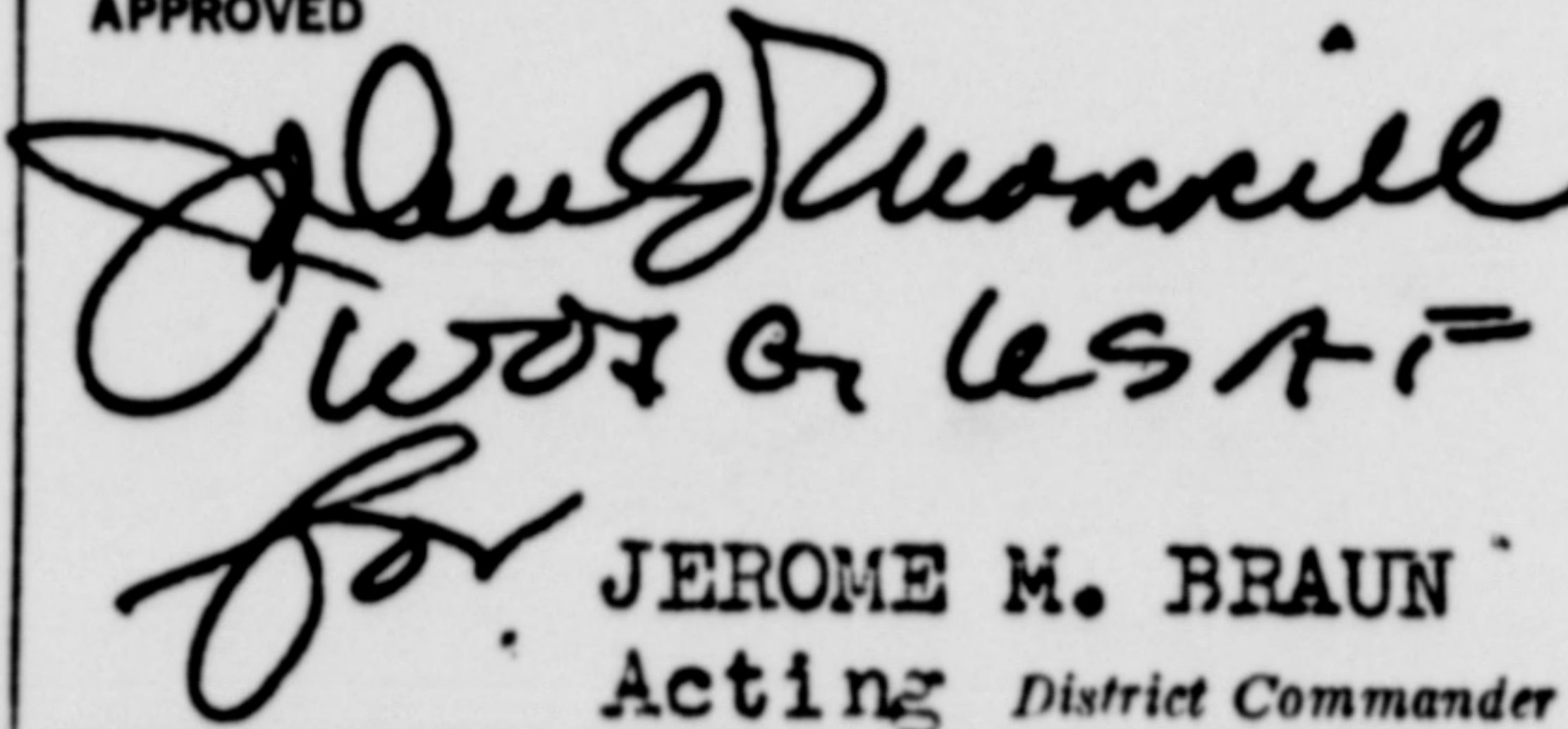


PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 25 August 1949		2. LOCATION McDonald, Ohio		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other See Below	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local Day GMT		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE CIV			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 5 ±		9. COURSE ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Obj was glittering and flopping in the sun. It then split into 4 or 5 pieces and floated upward.				11. COMMENTS EVAL: Workers of the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Plant were cleaning out an old building and burned some silver paper (trash) Flew into the air. Other (Paper in wind)	

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS REPORT OF INVESTIGATION		FILE NO. 5D 24-2100	DATE 21 September 1949
TITLE PROJECT "GRUDGE" (Incident - Niles, Ohio; reports received by [REDACTED])		REPORT MADE BY CHARLES J. HORZEN mk	
		REPORT MADE AT DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB	
		PERIOD 8 Sep 49	
		OFFICE OF ORIGIN DO #5, Wright-Patterson AFB	
		STATUS CLOSED	
CHARACTER SPECIAL INQUIRY			
REFERENCE None, this is an initial report.			
SYNOPSIS An interview with Mr. [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Niles, Ohio, disclosed that the aerial phenomena of McDonald, Ohio, was attributed to the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Plant cleaning out an old building whereby some silver paper that was being burned as trash flew into the air and drew the attention of a young fellow who in turn reported it to Mr. [REDACTED].			
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DETAILS:

AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

1. Mr. [REDACTED], [REDACTED], Niles, Ohio, was interviewed. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that after notifying the U.S. Air Force, he found out what the aerial phenomena was, for the following day he put an article in the paper which is more or less self-explanatory. When asked if he actually thought the incident was attributed to "flying saucers", he stated that he was doubtful but that it was a good thing to write an article on. A copy of the article is attached to this report.

INCLOSURE

FOR CG, AMC, ATTN: MCIAXS

1 cy of clipping (newspaper)

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Chicago Daily Times - 27 May 49

McDonald 'Saucers' Turn Out To Be Bits of Silver Paper

The latest rumors of "flying saucers"—this time in our own backyard—have been squelched.

Thursday several McDonald Citizens were startled to behold high in the sky, several shiny objects

which seemed to be going up. It was difficult to make out size or shape of the "things".

According to Tom Luarde, 14, of Marshall Rd., who was probably the first resident to view the spectacle, he noticed a shiny mass of something moving through the air and ran to the Goodwill Club where he spread the news.

Tom said that soon after he saw the object, glittering and flopping in the sun, it split up into four or five pieces, and all headed for the ceiling. They disappeared from sight and a few minutes later began to fall toward the earth.

Several persons, including Frank Roseman of Margaret Ave., saw the shiny "saucers" but had no idea as to what they were or even the shape of them.

As the McDonald residents watched, one "saucer" looked as though it might land a few miles away and several boys took off on their bicycles to investigate.

The secret of the "saucers" wasn't known until yesterday afternoon and after special investigators of the Air Force had been called in. An Air Force man was to come here today to look into the matter.

It was found that employees of the Carnegie-Illinois plant had cleaned out an old building. They were burning trash, some of which was a kind of silver paper. One of the pieces of paper took a jaunt into the stratosphere—hence, "flying saucers" or a reasonable facsimile.

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, USAF
5TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, DAYTON, OHIO

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21 September 1949

SUBJECT: PROJECT GRUDGE
SPECIAL INQUIRY

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
Attn: MCIAXS

1. Reference is made to request for investigation, your office, dated 25 August 1949.
2. Inclosed for your information is a report of investigation of Special Agent CHARLES J. HORZEN, of this office, dated 21 September 1949.
3. Due to the logical explanation of the unidentified flying objects, no further investigative action is being taken, and the files of this office are being closed in instant investigation.

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R/I dtd 21 Sep 49 (dup)
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for [Signature]
JEROME M. BRAUN
Acting District Commander

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