

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 12 Jan 1951		2. LOCATION Elba, New York		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local Night GMT Not reported		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		☒ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft	
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian		☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical	
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION Not Reported		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1	9. COURSE Level Flight	☐ Other ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object believed to be star/planet by mother of 6 yr old observer until object moved. Followed Airline path. No blinking light. Flight straight, level and speed consistent.			11. COMMENTS Probable A/C Sighting. No info presented to indicate otherwise.		

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INSPECTOR GENERAL USAF
13TH DISTRICT OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATION
Offutt Air Force Base, Omaha, Nebraska

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6 February 1951

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SPOT INTELLIGENCE REPORT

SUBJECT: UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT
(Batavia, New York)

TO: Director of Special Investigations
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. SYNOPSIS: Mrs. [REDACTED] Byron Road, R.D. #2, Elba, New York, wrote a letter dated 23 January 1951, directed to Offutt Air Force Base, stating that on or about 12 January 1951, she and her 6 year old son had seen from a window of their home a fast moving object with a bright white light.

2. DETAILS: A letter has been received from Mrs. [REDACTED], Byron Road, R.D. #2, Elba, New York, directed to Offutt Air Force Base, which reads as follows:

Dear Sir,

Since I read the piece in the Buffalo Evening News about the Mystery Plane, I have been thinking more about it. I think it was around the 12th Jan, my 6 yr. old son looked out the window an seen that bright white light. He said, to me, mother whats that light. I said, oh its a star. He said, no, its moving fast. Then I looked. I watched it clear out of sight over Batavia by then. The American and Capital Airlines go over here all the time, but you can see there colored lights blinking. This had just that one bright white light. We live between Rochester an Batavia, around South Byron.

I don't want this in the paper, maybe I was seeing things an thought know more about it until I read it in the paper. Now I wonder.

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Mrs. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Elba, New York

Dear Madam:

Your letter of 25 January 1951, addressed to Offutt Air Force Base, has been referred to this office.

It is our desire to thank you for your interest in reporting your observation. The information contained in your letter has been reported to the proper authorities.

Very truly yours,

MATTHEW THOMPSON
Colonel, USAF
District Commander

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BASIC: Ltr to Hq OSI. 6 Feb 51, file 24-0, subject: "UNCONVENTIONAL AIRCRAFT (Batavia, New York)".

Maybe some day you will find out what kind of a plane it is and where it has been.

Yours truly

Mrs. [REDACTED]

P.S. If Batavia, N.Y. had had a large airport, I would have called there the night I seen that light. I should have called Buffalo.

3. Attached as Inclosure No. 1 is copy of letter from this office to Mrs. [REDACTED] dated 6 February 1951.

1 Incl:

Cy. ltr to [REDACTED]
6 Feb 51

MATTHEW THOMPSON
Colonel, USAF
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✓ cc (in dupl): CG, AMC, Wright-Patterson AFB,
Dayton, Ohio.
ATTN: NCIS

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