

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 11 November 1951		2. LOCATION South Wales, New York		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>CONTRAILS</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>1030</u> GMT <u>11/1530Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☐ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☐ No		6. SOURCE			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 Seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Observer noted at sudden streak of vapor trail across sky moving generally from SW to NE. Object could not be seen. Observer thought he saw a brief reflection on the object, however, no shape or size could be ascertained. Object was continuous, white in color, & with definite horizontal axis noted when first sighted. Vapor trail widened as though dispersed by the wind after the object passed from sight. No associated with the object and the fact that the object could not be seen indicates the flight path was at an extreme altitude.				11. COMMENTS Probable vapor trail from a/c, since weather condition indicate trail forming below 45,000. Also trail was white and indication were that no dispersion was noted.	

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HEADQUARTERS
136TH FIGHTER-INTERCEPTOR SQUADRON
Niagara Falls Municipal Airport
Niagara Falls, New York

360.11

20 November 1951

SUBJECT: Reporting of Information on Unconventional Aircraft

TO: Commanding General
Air Materiel Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio
ATTN: NCIS

1. Under provision of ADC Letter 200-1, 11 April 1951, the following is a report by this headquarters as derived from information received during an interview with Mr. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Buffalo, New York.

2. Mr. [REDACTED] accompanied by a Mr. [REDACTED] were hunting Sunday morning, 11 November 1951, at approximate position 42 43 N 7832 W (between Strykerville and South Wales, New York) approximately 18 miles southeast of Buffalo. At approximately 1030 E, Mr. [REDACTED] noted a sudden streak of vapor trail across the sky moving generally from southwest to northeast.

3. The object itself could not be seen, thus no identification of shape or size could be ascertained. However, the witness indicated he thought he saw a brief reflection on the object. The vapor trail of the object was continuous, white in color, and with a definite horizontal axis noted when first sighted. The object was sighted for approximately 1 to 2 seconds between two clouds. As the object's vapor trail passed from view, the axis of the object's vapor trail made a slight roll toward the vertical. Altitude and distance of the object could not be determined by the observer but he estimated it was high. The vapor trail widened as though dispersed by the wind after the object passed from sight.

4. Weather conditions in the area of the sighting at that time were as follows:

a. Clouds, 3000 feet scattered, 10,000 feet scattered, 16,000 feet broken to overcast. Winds, at 15,000 feet - 300° - 45 knots, 20,000 feet - 290° - 65 knots, 25,000 feet - 280° - 60 knots, 30,000 feet - 280° - 70 knots, 35,000 - 260° - 83 knots, 45,000 feet - 270° - 65 knots.

5. No sound could be associated with the object, and the fact that the object itself could not be seen indicates the flight path was at an extreme altitude. The presence of vapor trails indicated it was probably under 45,000 feet.

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6. No meteorological condition could be accounted for the sighting nor is any physical evidence available. The AC&W station in this area noted nothing unusual in its log at the time of the sighting.

7. The witness, Mr. [REDACTED], was a former radio gunner in B-25 aircraft and saw service with the 12th Air Force during the years of World War II.

8. Reliability of witness and report contents is C-2.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 2

DATE: 11 Nov 51

TIME (Local): 1030

LOCATION: 42° 43'N - 78° 32'W (Buffalo, NY)

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: Unknown

SOUND: None

SPEED: Unknown

ALTITUDE: High

HEADING: Unknown

SOURCE: Civilian

ACTION OR COMMENTS: No conclusions

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Object not seen. Only vapor trail.