

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 7 Dec 1951		2. LOCATION Sunbury, Ohio		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>UNIDENTIFIED</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>1630</u> GMT <u>07/2130Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 30 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS Multiple		9. COURSE -- --	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Group of weird shining objects at tremendous altitudes. Observed first faint specks, in north appeared to be stationary, then moved overhead. Two particles appeared from size of sphere. Object exploded, no flash. Other specks appeared in the area until at least 100 were in group. Object then travel to West where it disappeared behind a cloud bank. Observed through telescope. Total duration was 30 minutes. Report from newspaper.				11. COMMENTS UNIDENTIFIED <i>See Val Laker Folder For POSSIBLE EXPLANATION OF THIS OBSERVATION</i>	

Weird Sphere, Odd Lights, Cloud Seen by Farmer with Telescope



CARL LOAR WITH HIS TELESCOPE

By PAUL GAPP

A group of weird, shining objects which appeared at a tremendous altitude above the earth was reported by a Central Ohio farmer Thursday.

Carl Loar, of Rt. 2, Sunbury, told this strange story about his observation, which he swears is true:

At about 4:30 p. m. on Dec. 7, Loar was standing near the barn behind his home when he heard a jet airplane whizz by overhead.

Scanning the sky after looking at the aircraft, Loar saw another

sight which he is sure was not created by a weather balloon, orthodox airship, or normal celestial object.

What Loar saw at first was a faint, glinting speck high in the heavens. He rushed into his house to get a powerful telescope, then returned outside for a closer look.

There, to the north, he could plainly see a shining, silvery sphere. It first appeared to be stationary, but then began moving to a point over Loar's head.

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Loar wrote to True Magazine in New York, telling the publication's editor about the strange sight. He has received a reply asking for full information on the story.

Not long ago, True ran a number of articles on the so-called "flying saucers," reportedly sighted all over the U. S. and in other parts of the world.

There really isn't much more to tell about Carl Loar's story.

There might have been if an astronomer had been in the observatory when the farmer made his telephone call.

One thing is certain. Loar will never forget what he saw. Not the type of man to be prone to flights of imagination, he can't help wincing when his neighbors laugh at the whole idea.

He can only say "I saw it . . . I'm certain, positive I saw the whole thing."



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While Loar kept his 'scope trained on the sky, even more amazing things happened, he said. Two tiny particles of light appeared, first on one side of the main sphere, then on the other.

Then Loar witnessed "a kind of explosion, although there was no flash." Following this, other bright specks of light appeared in the area of the mystery sphere. A dark cloud was somehow produced, Loar said, and the sphere rapidly moved away from it.

More specks of light kept coming into view until, the farmer estimates, there were at least 100 in the group.

During the half hour that he observed the phenomenon, the sphere moved from the north to an overhead point, then traveled into the west, where it was finally hidden from view by a cloudbank.

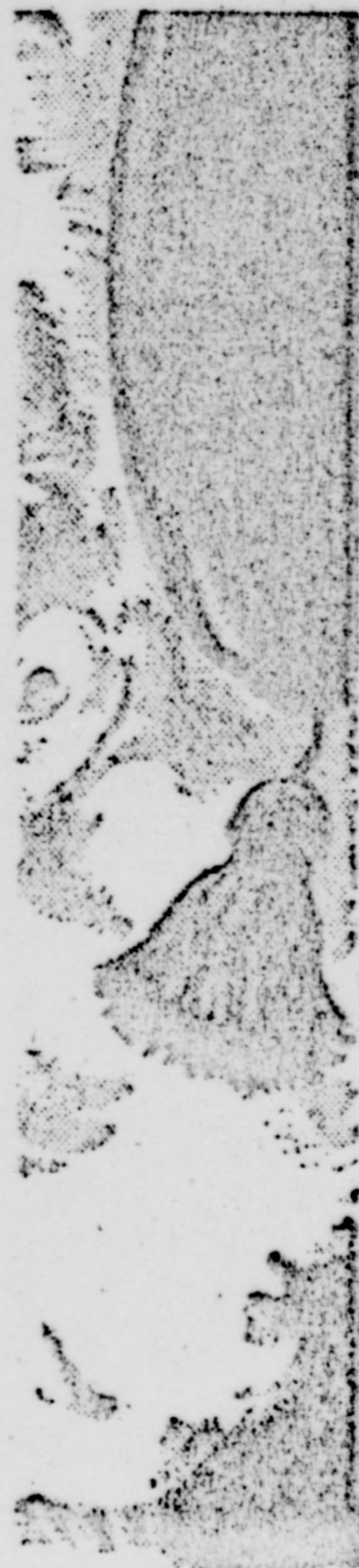
Loar's wife, Frances, saw the sphere faintly without the aid of the telescope, which she could not manipulate.

The farmer told a few neighbors about his observation, but could find no listeners who could keep a straight face when they heard his story.

Afraid of being further ridiculed, Loar hesitated in telling newsmen about the event. But he's positive he saw the mystery sphere, the cloud and the weird points of light.

The 49-year-old farmer, who is also a professional violinist, honestly theorizes that the sphere may have come from outer space.

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EXTRACT FROM STATUS REPORT # 2

DATE: 7 Dec 51

TIME (Local): 1630

LOCATION: Sunbury, Ohio

LENGTH OF TIME OBSERVED: Half an hour

SOUND: None

SPEED: High

ALTITUDE: High

HEADING: N to W

SOURCE: Civilian

ACTION OR COMMENTS: No investigation. No conclusions.

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT: Shiny, silvery sphere seen through telescope.