

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>29 Apr 52</u>		2. LOCATION <u>Coldwater, Ohio</u>		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☒ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local <u>1940</u> GMT <u>30</u> / <u>0040Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE <u>civilians</u>			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>1</u>		9. COURSE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Cherry red - "Hot iron" color. Circular. "Drifted but faster than balloon" None-Possibly balloon except for size. Last scheduled launch was 2100 or 3 hours 40 minutes before sighting.				11. COMMENTS First seen directly overhead. Disappeared at 30 degrees 1/8 size of full moon.	

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Report of Sighting

At 0915 on 30 April 1952 a Mr. [REDACTED] of Coldwater, Ohio, called ATIC. He reported that at 1940 EST on 29 April he and three other people observed an unidentified aerial object.

The object was first seen directly overhead. It drifted NW and disappeared in the distance. It was at an angle at elevation of about 30° when it disappeared.

The object appeared to be disc shaped "standing on edge". It was the color of "cherry red hot iron". It appeared to be about $1/8$ the size of a full moon. The source thought that it was drifting faster than a balloon could drift.

Dayton winds were:

NE	20,000
NE	25,000
NE	35,000
NE	45,000
N	65,000

Selfridge winds were:

NE	40,000	47
N	45,000	21
N	50,000	17

Dayton balloon drifted SW - 210° . Winds shifting to S. Could have been drifting North. They were not sure of definite burst.

Selfridge last report was 67,000' but no record at W-P AFB of a definite burst.

Could have been 'piball' which are very difficult to track.

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