

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP Summer 1953 1700	2. LOCATION Mt Vernon, New York
3. SOURCE Civilian	10. CONCLUSION Astro (SATURN) Probably Saturn. In the approximate position since SATURN was observed later in the evening further West and at a higher altitude. No exact computation can be made since the date is not available and the times of both sightings were not included.
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object observed in 1953 through Telescope reported in 1965, some 12 yrs after the sighting. Object was observed for 3 seconds through the telescope and could not be relocated. Time was daylight about 5 PM. Saturn like object with ring around it. Witness tried to explain why object could NOT have been the Planet SATURN and all four reasons he gave were incorrect.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 Seconds	
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual (TX)	
7. COURSE Satationary	
8. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE ☐ Yes ☒ No	

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Director
Aerospace Studies Inst
AFM Archives Branch
McWain AFB, Alabama

RETURN TO:

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Mrs. [redacted]man/SAFOICC/72842/9 Sep 65

SEP - 9 1965

Dear Mr. [redacted]

This is in reply to your report of an aerial object which you observed in 1953.

Your report has been forwarded to Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the civilian consultant to Project Blue Book, for review.

Thank you for reporting your observation to the Air Force.

Sincerely,

JOHN P. SPAULDING
Lt Colonel, USAF
Chief, Civil Branch
Community Relations Division
Office of Information

Mr. [redacted]
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Mt. Vernon, New York

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AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TDEW

SEP 3 1985

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting, 1953, Shaker Heights, Ohio

TO: Hq USAF SAFOICC (Mrs [REDACTED])
Wash D C 20330

This office is in receipt of an unidentified flying object report from [REDACTED] of [REDACTED], Mt Vernon, New York. His interesting observation is being forwarded to Dr J Allen Hynek for review. However, we will not attempt to offer an explanation of the telescope observation as his sighting occurred in 1953.

FOR THE COMMANDER

ERIC T de JONCKHEERE
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Technology and Subsystems



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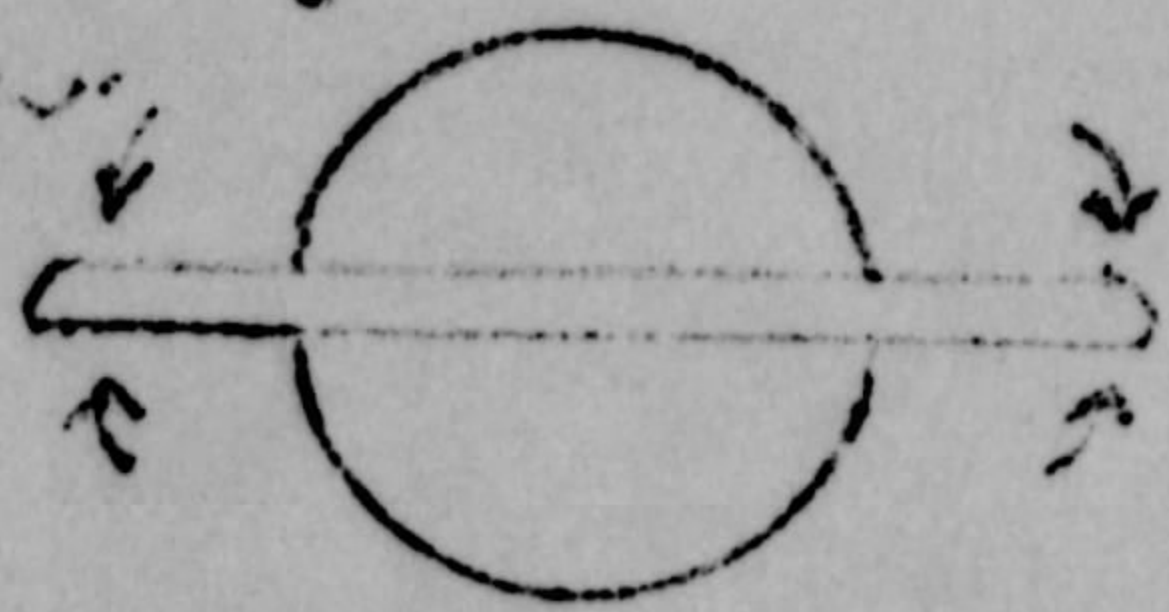
August 31, 1965

Intelligence Dept.
U.S. Army Air Force
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Because U.F.O.'s have been in the news again recently I would like to relate a sighting which I had. As best I am able to recall it was in 1953 at Shakerille, Ohio. The time was about 5 PM of a summer afternoon, the sun was shining. The sky was a bright, clear, blue and no stars were as yet visible to the naked eye.

I was using a reflecting telescope of 5 inches aperture and was amusing myself by observing terrestrial objects. Then I aimed the scope at a clear patch of bright blue sky. As I recall it was pointed toward the southern sky at about an angle of 45° . Suddenly within my scope there appeared what seemed to be a metallic ball with a rim or ring about it something like the planet Saturn only different. The object had an aluminum sheen and appeared to be revolving rapidly while slowly and slightly tipping up and down upon its axis as per the illustration.



This object was in my

scope for only about two or three seconds and then it was gone. I was unable to find it.

with the scope again nor could I see it with the naked eye, although I tried to do so for several minutes afterwards. I was able to observe the planet Saturn after dark that same evening further to the west and higher up in the sky than the point where I had seen the object. I have several good reasons for thinking why this may not have been the planet Saturn:

- 1) It appeared to be about twice as large as the image of the planet when seen through the scope.
- 2) The object had a metallic sheen whereas Saturn glows with a soft yellow light.
- 3) I don't believe that Saturn can be seen in daylight even through a telescope.
- 4) Had this been Saturn I should have been able to focus my scope upon it again or at least I should have been able to see it with the naked eye. Remember it was daylight (about 5 PM) and no stars were yet visible!

I would appreciate it if you would answer this letter and let me know what you think. An astronomer's opinion especially would be most helpful.

Very Truly yours

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Mt. Vernon, N.Y.

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Intelligence Dept.
United States Air Force
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base
Dayton, Ohio

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NEWSLETTER

April 7, 1954

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Civilian Research, Interplanetary Flying Objects

WATCH RED PLANET MARS: By July, 1954, Mars will swing to within 40 million miles of the Earth. The Air Force, not overlooking Mars as the possible source of "saucers" is getting geared for the event. Some authorities believe that Mars' proximity will produce a new rash of sightings, perhaps even surpassing the "saucer" circus of July 1952, when, according to Don Keyhoe, the Air Force was prepared for an invasion. One indication of official concern is in White Sands, New Mexico where teams of scientists are presently being schooled on UFO identification, and the use of special instrumentation to track the objects. This project is headed by astronomer, Dr. Clyde Tombaugh, the discoverer of the planet, Pluto, and Dr. Lincoln La Paz, famous authority in the study of meteoritics.

ASTRONOMERS ALERTED: Mars rather than cosmic expansion will concern astronomers this summer. Already an American team has joined others in Bloemfontein, South Africa where telescopic perception is better. Bloemfontein and other observatories in the southern hemisphere were chosen because Mars will pass almost directly overhead each night. Ostensibly interested in Martian canals, atmospheric conditions, etc., this world-wide project will observe the red planet for more cogent reasons. One school of informed opinion believes that Mars is used by some remote extra-stellar intelligence as a base of "saucer operations"; others are convinced that Mars on its own right is inhabited ... and is using "two unknown objects" as stepping stones to Earth.

THE ENIGMA OF "TWO UNKNOWN OBJECTS": What is the real significance behind these two mysterious objects? Information to this date is fragmentary and confusing. Frank Edwards, radio commentator, first reported Mr. Palomar's discovery of the objects over a year and a half ago, but this was denied. Then on September 3, 1953, Sir Edward Appleton, famous British radio-physicist, proclaimed in an address to the British Ass'n. of Advancement of Science, that British and Australian astronomers had identified radio noises in the constellation of Cygnus where earlier Mt. Palomar discovered "two unknown objects of unique character" and described them as "discoveries of great astronomical interest."

On March 12, Frank Edwards again revealed official concern over the two "objects" like moons which lie in the orbit between Earth and Mars. These objects recently confirmed by radio-telescope, according to Edward's informant, were not seen prior to 1877. Scientists in White Sands are examining the evidence. Information is sketchy, but CRIFO will pass along whatever it learns.

The following named men have accepted Associate Membership with CRIFO.

Thaddeus W. Culmer II . . . Robinson, Illinois
Dean A. Mitchell Cincinnati, Ohio
James Moseley presently in Lima, Peru

FOUR MYSTERY PHOTOS OF HOVERING OBJECT
REVIEWED BY ATIC --- THEN SILENCE!

The identification of aerial objects in photographs is sometimes difficult -- especially so when the photographer is unknown and cannot be contacted for amplification of certain undefinable details.

Such was the case recently. On Feb. 12, 1954 this writer received in the mail four photos which the anonymous sender claimed in his attached note, were taken at dawn in the summer of 1953 somewhere (near Cincinnati) in Hamilton County. Each of the four photos show the object about 200 ft. above a ridge of trees.

Picture #1 shows a blackish cloud of smoke encompassing an apparent metallic object. The tapered basal portion of the object is illumined by a bright light while at the opposite end facing skyward is another illumination. This seems less intense and is probably the glare of sunlight. The smoke behaves anomalously, which, according to the observer, "seemed to be coming from the bottom of the object and being suctioned in again at the top. The smoke drifted away, but not as smoke usually does but towards the ground and hung together in sort of an egg-shaped cloud."

Pictures # 2, 3, and 4 show the smoke having cleared. In view is a flat octagon-shaped object about 40 feet in diameter. In the center of the octagon's under surface is a bright light from which is suspended a small ovate device. The octagon swung "like a pendulum" in its curved upward course. That the object is propelled is indicated by the fact that it was moving (4 mph) against the wind whose force was shown by the sway of the treetops. The observer adds, he thought he heard a strange humming noise.

Many questions remain, but all attempts to contact the witness have failed. His note specified that he wanted "no publicity or part of the controversy", but he added, "if the photos proved of value", he could be reached through the Personal Column of the Cincinnati Enquirer. My message, however, got no results.

I next visited the Air Force Office of Special Investigations who promptly phoned ATIC in Dayton for instructions. Our meeting was friendly and chatty, but I could easily detect OSI's concern ... concern in gaining possession of the photos, and, being adequately evasive to my questions. They accomplished both!

Three weeks later the photos were returned without comment. On the surface of one photo, Lab Technicians had applied a glossy colloidal substance ... the evidence of extensive tests! Such leads one to believe that preliminary analyses were unable to resolve the object.

Summarily, the object's identity remains UNKNOWN. At first glance, this writer concluded that the octogan device constituted the framework panel of a self-disintegrating type of balloon, but a framework minus its balloon would not maneuver as though propelled, as the photos show. For elaboration I checked with a Colonel "W", Commander of ---Anti-aircraft Battalion. He averred that the device could be the framework of a "calibrating" balloon, used in conjunction with a theodolite to check the efficiency of radar scopes. He explains the black smoke in photo #1 as the burning of the balloon's fabric (neoprene rubber). But once again, what of the object's curved upward course, and its flying against the wind, minus the inflated balloon?