

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 26 Feb 54		2. LOCATION Columbus, Ohio		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>night</u> GMT _____		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 - 7 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE Manuvered	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Description fits plane, appeared still, then moved nearer and descended to 500 ft going away.				11. COMMENTS 1. Acft approaching tends to stand still. 2. Rapid descent and added speed.	

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File
3. Atg-2
4. R. file

FM D/I 26TH SR WG LOCKBOURNE AFB OHIO

TO JEDEN/COMDR ADC ENT AFB COLORADO SPRINGS COLO

JEDWP/COMDR ATIC WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB OHIO

JEPHQ/D/I USAF WASHDC

JEDMH/COMDR SAC OFFUTT AFB NEBR

32. UFOP-(1)(A) THE OBJECT APPEARED CIRCULAR AT FIRST, AS IT APPROACHED IT BECAME MORE CYLINDRICAL LIKE THE FUSELAGE OF AN AIRCRAFT. (B) ESTIMATED THE SIZE TO BE THAT OF A MEDIUM SIZED AIRCRAFT C-54 OR KC-97 FUSELAGE. (C) AT FIRST IT APPEARED A ROUND WHITE LIGHT WITH A LIGHT GREEN HALO. HOWEVER, AS IT APPROACHED IT APPEARED TO HAVE TWO RED LIGHTS UNDERNEATH WHICH TENDED TO FORM A V; THERE WERE WHITE-ORANGE COLORED LIGHTS WHICH WERE JUDGED TO BE INTERIOR LIGHTS. THE ENTIRE OBJECT WAS SURROUNDED BY A LIGHT GREEN HALO EFFECT. (D) ONE (E) N/A (F) THE RED LIGHTS UNDERNEATH TENDED TO FORM A V WHICH GAVE THE APPEARANCE OF A MAIN BODY WITH A CONDOLA OF SOME KIND

UNDERNEATH (G) NONE (H) NONE (I) NONE (2) (A) SOURCES WIFE HAPPENED TO BE LOOKING OUT OF A WINDOW IN THEIR LIVINGROOM AND CALLED HIS ATTENTION TO WHAT SHE INITIALLY THOUGHT WAS AN UNUSUAL STAR. APPROXIMATELY THREE MINUTES AFTER THE FIRST SIGHTING SHE NOTICED THAT THE OBJECT WAS MOVING AND HAD COME CONSIDERABLY CLOSER AND SHE INSISTED THAT SOURCE LOOK. WHEN SOURCE FIRST SIGHTED THE OBJECT HIS FIRST THOUGHT WAS THAT IT WAS MOST LIKELY A WEATHER BALLOON BEING RELEASED AT PORT COLUMBUS. HOWEVER, AFTER CLOSER EXAMINATION THIS WAS RULED OUT AND HE AND HIS WIFE DECIDED TO GO OUTSIDE TO GET A BETTER LOOK IN AN EFFORT TO DETERMINE WHAT THE OBJECT WAS (B) APPROXIMATELY 15 DEG, 340 DEG. (C) APPROXIMATELY 20 DEG, 240 DEG. (D) WHEN FIRST OBSERVED THE OBJECT APPEARED TO BE ALMOST STATIONARY AT ABOUT 1500 FEET ABOVE THE GROUND. THEN IT ASCENDED VERTICALLY AT A VERY SLOW RATE TO WHAT THE SOURCE JUDGED TO BE 3000 FEET. THEN IT STARTED ACCELERATING IN ALMOST LEVEL FLIGHT TOWARD THE SOUTH-WEST AT AN EVER INCREASING RATE. (E) WHEN LAST SEEN IT WAS AT AN ALTITUDE OF APPROXIMATELY 500 FEET. GOING AWAY FROM SOURCE AT EXTREMELY HIGH SPEED AND DISAPPEARED (F) THE ENTIRE OBSERVATION FROM THE TIME FIRST SIGHTED UNTIL IT DISAPPEARED WAS FROM FIVE TO SEVEN MINUTES. AFTER THE OBJECT DISAPPEARED SOURCE AND WIFE RE-ENTERED THE HOUSE TO DRAW CONCLUSIONS OF SIGHTING.

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26 FEBRUARY 1954, COLUMBUS, OHIO

On the night of 26 February 1954, an unidentified flying object was sighted near Columbus, Ohio, by civilian observers. The object appeared to be stationary and closely resembled a star in size and color. Shortly after the first observation, the object seemed to ascend vertically at a slow rate for some distance, then accelerated at a rapid rate in another direction, disappearing at a low altitude. The entire observation lasted from five to seven minutes.

This case is concluded to have been an aircraft due to its characteristics and reported air activity in the area.

Aircraft when at a distance and approaching head-on often appear to be stationary. Ascent might appear to be verticle for the same reason. After a turn is made, giving a new perspective, their acceleration is noticeable.

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