

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 22 May 1956		2. LOCATION Dayton, 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 2115 EST GMT 23/0215Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION unknown		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one			
		9. COURSE South			
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object round, compared in size to planet Jupiter. Object disappeared to the south.				11. COMMENTS This sighting was checked & obj was determined to be a WX balloon that was launched at Sulphur Grove weather station.	

ops - Balloons launched - 948
51202
FA6431
44620
Wind West at 20

U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

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1. When did you see the object?

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Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

9
Hour

15
Minutes

(Circle One):

A.M.

or

P.M.

3. Time zone:

(Circle One):

a. Eastern

b. Central

c. Mountain

d. Pacific

e. Other _____

(Circle One):

a. Daylight Saving

b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

[REDACTED]
Nearest Postal Address

Dorton
City or Town

Ohio
State or Country

Additional remarks: _____

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

Hours

5
Minutes

Seconds

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

a. Certain

b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure

d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One):

a. Bright daylight

b. Dull daylight

c. Bright twilight

Cloudy
d. Just a trace of daylight

e. No trace of daylight

f. Don't remember

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked the object?

(Circle One):

a. In front of you

b. In back of you

c. To your right

d. To your left

e. Overhead

f. Don't remember

8. IF you saw the object, at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

- a. None
 b. A few
 c. Many
 d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- a. Bright moonlight
 b. Dull moonlight
 c. No moonlight — pitch dark
 d. Don't remember

9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle One):

a. Yes

b. No

c. Don't remember

10. IF it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?:

(Circle One) a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?

b. Several blocks away?

c. A block away?

d. Several yards away?

e. Other

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
|---|------------|----|------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | Yes | No | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't Know |

12. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved behind: _____

13. Did the object move in front of something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved in front of: _____

14. Did the object appear: (Circle One):

a. Solid?

b. Transparent?

c. Don't Know.

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----|----|---------------|---------------------------------|----|
| a. Eyeglasses | Yes | No | e. Binoculars | Yes | No |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | No | f. Telescope | Yes | No |
| c. Windshield | Yes | No | g. Theodolite | Yes | No |
| d. Window glass | Yes | No | h. Other | <u>none</u>
<u>naked eye</u> | |

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound

510

b. Color

white

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

Round

18. The edges of the object were:

- (Circle One):
- a. Fuzzy or blurred
 - b. Like a bright star
 - c. Sharply outlined
 - d. Don't remember

e. Other

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? _____
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.

21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.
_____ feet.

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects held in the hand and at about arm's length?

(Circle One):

- a. Head of a pin
- b. Pea
- c. Dime
- d. Nickel
- e. Quarter
- f. Half dollar

- g. Silver dollar
- h. Baseball
- i. Grapefruit
- j. Basketball
- k. Other _____

22.1 (Circle One of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.

- a. Certain
- b. Fairly certain

- c. Not very sure
- d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view?

Faded out to the
South

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? Describe in your own words a common object or objects which when placed up in the sky would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

25. Where were you located when you saw the object?
(Circle One):

- a. Inside a building
- b. In a car
- c. Outdoors
- d. In an airplane
- e. At sea
- f. Other _____

26. Were you (Circle One)

- a. In the business section of a city?
- b. In the residential section of a city?
- c. In open countryside?
- d. Flying near an airfield?
- e. Flying over a city?
- f. Flying over open country?
- g. Other _____

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

Sitting on the porch

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

28.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

28.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | c. <u>East</u> | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|-----------------|--------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. <u>South</u> | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North 92° degrees.
- b. From horizon 20° degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 107° degrees.
- b. From horizon 45° degrees.

34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

34.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds
- e. Don't remember

34.2 WIND (Circle One)

- a. No wind
- b. Slight breeze
- c. Strong wind
- d. Don't remember

34.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

- a. Dry
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

34.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- a. Cold
- b. Cool
- c. Warm
- d. Hot
- e. Don't remember

35. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

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Day Month Year

36. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

36.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One) Yes No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

None

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle One) Yes No

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

39. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? _____ m.p.h.

*about from 20 to 45
in 20 seconds*

40. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) Yes No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? _____ feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

What is your present job?

Age

Sex

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school _____

e. e. Technical school _____

b. High school ☒ _____

(Type) _____

c. College _____

f. Other special training _____

d. Post graduate _____

Aviation Astronautics

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

Day

Month

Year

*appeared in Brisbane and size with
the planet jupiter at present time.*

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3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 0830 PM GMT 01/0030Z June		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE High School Student			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 5 seconds		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE SE	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object with appearance of bluish street lamps, solid appearance, no sound, shape of tear drop with short tail, size of dime, approximately ten feet long.				11. COMMENTS From description, object was probably a meteor.	

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1. When did you see the object?

31 May 1956
Day Month Year

2. Time of day:

8 30
Hour Minutes

(Circle One): A.M. or P.M.

3. Time zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern
b. Central
c. Mountain
d. Pacific
e. Other _____

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving
b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

Dayton, Ohio Dayton Ohio
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: _____

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

0 0 5
Hours Minutes Seconds

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

a. Certain
b. Fairly certain

c. Not very sure
d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One): a. Bright daylight
b. Dull daylight
c. Bright twilight

d. Just a trace of daylight
e. No trace of daylight
f. Don't remember

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you
b. In back of you
c. To your right

d. To your left
e. Overhead
f. Don't remember

Handwritten notes:
"shock"
"active" (See
"magnification" (See
"40")

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Dayton View Dayton Ohio
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

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Hours Minutes ~~Seconds~~

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(Circle One): a. In front of you
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- d. To your left
- e. Overhead
- f. Don't remember

8. IF you saw the object, at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

- a. None
 b. A few
 c. Many
 d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- a. Bright moonlight
 b. Dull moonlight
 c. No moonlight — ~~pitch dark~~
 d. Don't remember

9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle One):

a. Yes

b. No

c. Don't remember

10. IF it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?:

(Circle One) a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?

b. Several blocks away?

c. A block away?

d. Several yards away?

e. Other

*like bluish street lamps
(wiper)*

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- | | | | |
|---|------------|-----------|-------------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke? | Yes | No | <u>Don't Know</u> |
| e. Change brightness? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape? | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | <u>Yes</u> | No | Don't Know |

12. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved behind: _____

13. Did the object move in front of something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved in front of: _____

14. Did the object appear: (Circle One):

a. Solid?

b. Transparent?

c. Don't Know.

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- | | | | | | |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|----------------|-----|-----------|
| a. Eyeglasses | <u>Yes</u> | No | e. Binoculars | Yes | <u>No</u> |
| b. Sun glasses | Yes | <u>No</u> | f. Telescope | Yes | <u>No</u> |
| c. Windshield | Yes | <u>No</u> | g. Theodolite | Yes | <u>No</u> |
| d. Window glass | Yes | <u>No</u> | h. Other _____ | | |

20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.

*Disappeared below horizon
and then came back a couple of times.
Traveled from Northeast to Southwest.*

21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.
ten feet.

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects held in the hand and at about arm's length?

(Circle One):

- a. Head of a pin
b. Pea
c. Dime
d. Nickel
e. Quarter
f. Half dollar

- g. Silver dollar
h. Baseball
i. Grapefruit
j. Basketball
k. Other _____

- 22.1 (Circle One of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.)

- a. Certain
b. Fairly certain

- c. Not very sure
d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? Disappeared below the horizon.

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? Describe in your own words a common object or objects which when placed up in the sky would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

- a. Sound no sound
- b. Color a bluish color

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

looked like a comet or tear drop
with a short tail.

18. The edges of the object were:

- (Circle One): a. Fuzzy or blurred
b. Like a bright star
c. Sharply outlined
d. Don't remember

e. Other _____

appeared smooth with a rough tail

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? just one object.
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.

39. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate?

8,000 m.p.h.

40. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One) Yes No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was?

150 feet. *overhead*

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

What is your present job?

Miami Valley Golf Course as a caddy.
High School student.

Age

15

Sex

MALE

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school

e. e. Technical school

b. High school

(Type)

c. College

f. Other special training

d. Post graduate

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

Day

Month

Year

Dayton weather at 2245 hours 31 May 56
Scattered clouds visibility seven miles
winds - West Northwest at nine knots.

34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

34.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds
- e. Don't remember

34.2 WIND (Circle One)

- a. No wind
- b. Slight breeze
- c. Strong wind
- d. Don't remember

34.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

- a. Dry
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

34.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- a. Cold
- b. Cool
- c. Warm
- d. Hot
- e. Don't remember

35. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

Day

Month

Year

36. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One) Yes

No

36.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One) Yes

No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle One) Yes

No

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

Flying saucer possibly

25. Where were you located when you saw the object?
(Circle One):

- a. Inside a building
- b. In a car
- c. Outdoors
- d. In an airplane
- e. At sea
- f. Other _____

26. Were you (Circle One)

- a. In the business section of a city?
- b. In the residential section of a city?
- c. In open countryside?
- d. Flying near an airfield?
- e. Flying over a city?
- f. Flying over open country?
- g. Other _____

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

Looking at the clouds to see if it was
going to rain

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

28.2 How fast were you moving? _____ miles per hour.

28.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One) Yes No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. <u>North</u> | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? (Circle One)

- | | | | |
|---------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | c. East | e. South | g. West |
| b. <u>Northeast</u> | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North _____ degrees.
- b. From horizon 25 degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North _____ degrees.
- b. From horizon _____ degrees.

No Case (Information Only)

Mid May
El Toro Marine Air Station,
California

Mid-May (?)—El Toro Marine Air Station, Calif.—Aviation columnist Tom Towars printed letter from [redacted], Garden Grove: "While watching a jet perform over El Toro, I chanced to see a small, circular object directly overhead, traveling from west to east at an incredible speed. I would say it was in the neighborhood of 20,000 feet. The object was very brilliant and easy to keep in view. From the experience I have had around aircraft... I would say that the machine, object or what have you, was traveling somewhere around 5000 miles per hour..." (Los Angeles Examiner, 5/27.)

**SAUCER DESCENDS ON DARK STREET,
SCARES YOUTHS**

Case 102, Jacksonville, Florida May 9, 1956—
This weird story first reached us by letter from Richard Scoocchera of Buffalo, N.Y. We believe the incident, being unusual, deserves full review and thus will quote from Scoocchera's comments regarding the sighter; the sighter's letter to her father (quoted by Scoocchera) and finally a letter received by CRIFO from the sighter whose name is Joan Frost, then residing in Jacksonville. A co-sighter was Miss Gertie Wynn of Jacksonville. Following is Joan's letter to her father:

"Something happened to my girl friend, Gertie, and me last night that scared me out of ten years growth. We went to a dance on the outskirts of Jacksonville by bus. We didn't like it there so we left at 10:15. We were waiting for the bus to go home on this small side street. There was no one around and not too many houses and no cars. We waited until 11:00 or later, and this is what happened. We looked up and saw two stars moving very high. They were flashing on and off following each other. They were traveling across the sky at a terrific rate of speed. We thought at first they were falling stars except they didn't fall, but went out of sight. About 15 minute later, they came back and one went up into the other. It came over towards us and dropped lower and lower until it got just over us. It was round and red and had three lights on it. I started to run down the street and Gertie just stood there with her mouth wide open. The thing didn't make a sound, no engine or motor or anything. Just then the bus came and the object rose again. The door (on the bottom) opened up and the other object came out. The two objects started moving slowly away. There were only a few people on the bus and they and the driver got out. We all watched the objects go for about ten minutes. The bus driver said they couldn't be jet planes because being so low we surely would have heard the jet engines. We knew they weren't jets. Gertie and I shook all night long. We thought we were gonners for sure. Whatever they were, they saw us standing there. After our experience, we bought two books on flying saucers and are going to study them."

Joan's father is a personal friend and co-worker of Richard Scoocchera. Comments Scoocchera: "His daughter had never shown much interest in anything pertaining to UFO's. She was a four year honor student in high school and always very serious minded. Mr. Frost has never known her to play pranks or perpetrate a hoax."

Following is Joan's letter to CRIFO, dated June 10: "I received a letter from you on May 25 inquiring about my 'saucer' experience. I am sorry I did not reply promptly but I was in the process of preparing to come home here to Buffalo. My girl friend and I did not notify the police or anyone of this incident and as far as I

know, I do not believe the newspapers recorded the sighting. I have no idea of what size the object was as it was very dark and there were no street lights in that area. It was approximately a distance of three telephone poles above us or maybe four. There was no sound and we did not smell anything. However there was a breeze and if an odor was present it very likely could have been carried from us. The door on the bottom appeared to be like a bomb bay, shaped in a long square with only three cracks visible. As it came down toward us, and while in the sky, it appeared to have three white lights which were pulsating. However, as it tipped downward and hovered above us it seemed to be surrounded by an eerie deep red mist of light. That is why at first we thought it was a red hot falling star, but then realized that even though it was descending at a terrific speed, a star or meteor would drop even faster. I do not know any way of contacting the passengers on the bus or their names. The only way you might be able to locate the bus driver is by writing to the Jacksonville Coach Co., and this driver was operating the Lake Shore or number "22" bus at 11:00 on May 9th. You also asked me what kind of object came out of the parent object. This I do not know because when it did drop out both were very high and looked identical. We didn't say anything to anyone because we are young and felt people would just say we were crazy or making up a nice big story. I did write to my dad though because he knows that I am sensible and wouldn't relate anything that wasn't a reality. I didn't know there was such an organization as yours in existence but I think it is a wonderful thing."

No Case (Information Only)

9 May 1956
Glen Ellyn, Illinois

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UFO NEWS

May 9—Glen Ellyn, Ill. [redacted] went to the back porch of her home about 9:45 p.m., shortly after an electrical storm. "As I stepped out," she relates, "...there against the sky, way above the tree tops...hung a brilliantly illuminated object, larger than any plane. I stared fascinated, for I had never seen such a thing, just hovering, and making no sound. Then I called my company to come quickly. We watched it for several moments...Then it moved slowly north...and suddenly disappeared. As it did so, two other similar objects, further distant, moved north and disappeared in like fashion...They were definitely intelligently controlled...craft." (On file.)

UFO SIGHTED BY PROSPECTORS

Case 161, Salt Lake City, Utah, May 10, 1956—Even lulls are not lull-proof as witnessed by the time and geographical proximity sightings over Pueblo and the Great Salt Lake. On May 12, the *Desert News and Telegram* reported that three uranium prospectors saw a large silvery colored object "spinning or floating" in the air in the western part of Millard County, from atop Totum Knob. "We were searching with scintillators near the top when [redacted] spotted the thing," said [redacted] one of the prospectors. "I had a pair of 8x30 binoculars with me and looked at the object through them. It was no light reflection, absolutely not," he said. The object looked "like the bottom of a saucer except that it was elliptical rather than entirely round. It was the brightest silvery thing I have ever seen," said [redacted]. The object remained stationary below some light fleecy clouds for about four minutes and then rose at about a 75 degree angle and disappeared out of sight. A strong wind was blowing the clouds to the west and the object went out of sight in the opposite direction, the men reported. Said [redacted], "This makes us certain that it was not a balloon. There was nothing hanging down from the bottom either." The men reported that they were about 8,000 ft. high and that the object was about 3,000 feet above them.³

² Credit, C. H. March, Jr., Denver, Col.

³ Credit, Mrs. R. S. Richardson, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Case 159, Ottawa, Canada, May 15, 1956—We assigned this incident a number not because it arbitrarily involves a UFO, but because it may typify cases where the true facts are hidden under the wraps of white-lie security. For this we do not blame the Canadian government for the cover-up, but feel that CRIFO readers should be prodded into evaluating all reports describing obscure aerial activities. We quote for the record from the Cincinnati *Enquirer* as follows: "The defense ministry blamed a false alarm for sending up the jet plane that crashed into a nun's rest home and killed 15 persons. Ralph Campney, minister of defense, said the plane was one of two jets ordered to take off to intercept a plane spotted by radar but not immediately identified. Before the interception was carried through, the 'enemy' plane was identified through flight plans as an Air Force transport returning from the Arctic. The jets met the transport at 7000 feet. They then went up to 33,000 feet to practice interception tactics—a normal procedure to give pilots practice and to use up excess fuel that might endanger a safe landing. Campney said the plane that fell had given no indication of trouble. 'All evidence points to the likelihood it descended in a steep dive from a

very high altitude,' he said. . . ."

Ed: Says reader John Tobin of New Castle, Del., " . . . the RCAF took special pains to make it seem that the object the jet was sent up to investigate was only an airliner although it was not identified from the Arctic to lower Canada . . . there were other bases and interceptors further north."

No Case (Information Only)

18 May 1956
El Cajon Valley, California

May 18—El Cajon Valley, Calif.—El Cajon police revealed six reports of a bright UFO traveling from east to west about 7:35 p.m. [redacted] and five members of his family were the first to report "a bright ball of light. It was hard to describe, but it moved about as fast as a jet...There was no sound. It disappeared over Fletcher hills. Mrs. [redacted] said, "It came from the north and circled to the west. It disappeared, and I ran to the corner. I then saw it come from the north again and it moved rather slowly. It was a bright incandescent glow; hard to describe. It disappeared the second time north of Black Mountain." Added Francis McCormick, "I heard the commotion across the street and ran out. It came from the northeast and travelled across the Valley disappearing into the west. [redacted], an amateur astronomer, said, "The object was soundless and about as big as the moon was last night. Later I saw several jets come over the Valley and follow the same flight pattern." Mr. and Mrs. [redacted] witnessed the phenomenon. "It...gave off a light something like an arc welder," described Mr. [redacted]. "Later, while driving to town we saw the thing again. This time not more than 300 feet off the ground. It disappeared in Fletcher Hills. We went up there and talked to some small boys who saw the thing too." (El Cajon Valley News, 5/20.)

JUNE 1956 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
Jun	Lumberport, West Virginia	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
Jun-Jul	Warrenton, Virginia	[REDACTED]	Other (OLD REPORT)
1	Sibley, Iowa	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
1	Waupun, Wisconsin	[REDACTED]	Astro (VENUS)
3	Petersburg, Indiana	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
5	Birmingham, Alabama	Military ([REDACTED])	Balloon
6	Banning, California	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
6	Cornwall, New York	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
7	Baltimore, Maryland (CASE MISSING)	Unknown	Insufficient Data
7	Olmstead AFB, Pennsylvania	Unknown	Insufficient Data
9	Sapulpa, Oklahoma	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
10	Laramie, Wyoming	Military Air	Insufficient Data
10	St Louis Park, Minnesota	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
10	Dayton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
10	Winchester, California	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
13	Encanto, California	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
14	Baltimore, Maryland	[REDACTED]	Aircraft w/adverse
14	Arlington, Virginia	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
17	Columbus, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
18	Bandera, Texas	[REDACTED]	Other (SEARCHLIGHT)
20	Dallas, Texas	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
20	Waterloo, Iowa	[REDACTED]	Astro (SATURN)
21	Cincinnati, Ohio	Civil WK (RADAR)	Other (GROUND CL)
22	Ponaca, Nevada	[REDACTED] (GOC)	Aircraft
22	Terre Haute, Indiana	[REDACTED]	Balloon
24	Marshalltown, Iowa	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
24	Lutz, Florida	[REDACTED]	Astro (SATURN)
25	Kelso, Washington	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
25	Howell, Utah	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
26	Plattsburg, New York	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
26	Dallas, Texas	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
26	Portland, Oregon	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
27	Wilmington, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
27	NW Washington, D. C.	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
27	Watertown, Wisconsin	[REDACTED]	Astro (JUPITER)
28	Crescent, Iowa	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
28	Seattle, Washington	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
28	Shawnee, Kansas	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
28	Charleston, West Virginia	[REDACTED]	Other (SEARCHLIGHT)
29	Southern California (San Diego, L.A.)	Multi & RADAR	Balloon
29	Washington, Oregon (6 rpts)	Military Air	Astro (METEOR)
30	SE of Louisville, Kentucky (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Aircraft

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