

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 31 August 1956		2. LOCATION Worthington, Ohio		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Probably Spotlight Reflection</u>	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>31/</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 unknown		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE N to S	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One darkish yellow object, the size of a half dollar at arm's length. Obj was moving north to south slowly. Sighting was visual only.				11. COMMENTS Concur w/reporting officer that cause of sighting was probably the reflection from a spotlight at the Ohio State Fair. Due to sketchy information in the original message, this sighting falls in to category of "probably;"	

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BT

/U N C L A S/ BFODO 0007 PD IAW AFR 200-2 THE FOL RJPT IS SUB PD

1 A UNK

B HALF DOLLAR

C DARKISH YELLOW

D NONE

E N/A

F NONE

G NONE

NONE H

I MOVING NORTH TO SOUTH SLOWLY

2 A UNK

B UNK

C UNK

D MOVING NORTH TO SOUTH SLOWLY

3 A GROUND VISUAL

B NONE

C N/A

4 A 31 AUG 56

B NIGHT

5 HL 2407

4 SEP 56 13 56

2/4ET
34220
EWO

Sunday
immediate
to 4/6/56
WP-4/6/56

SEP 4
00:30

MR. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
NORTHINGTON OHIO

7 CLINT

11 TNR. 13 NONE

11 [REDACTED] 1/LT USAF INTELLIGENCE OFF. OBJECT BELIEVED TO BE
REFLECTION FROM SPOT LIGHT AT OHIL STATE FAIR

12 NONE

BT

31/1818Z AUG RJEDFL

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Note: NO CASE. INFORMATION ONLY.

Letter recieved by Dr Hynek from [redacted]

[redacted] 2d hand report of observation in 1956 or 1957.

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Sincerely

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No Case (Information Only)

21 August 1956
Ft Lauderdale, Florida

Case 197, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Aug. 21, 1956—For twenty minutes, six vacationers watched three strange objects cavorting over the Atlantic Ocean. First in view, as seen from the beach, were two brilliant white lights which, according to one witness, seemed to be playing

tag. Un-aircraft-like maneuvers included dipping in and out of the ocean. Later a third object appeared on the scene. It was larger, round and red and became stationary. None of the objects made sound.³

No Case (Information Only)

21 August 1956
Los Angeles, California

Case 196, Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 21, 1956—A letter from Viviane Machu relates: "My father saw a ball of fire traveling across the sky at about 8:15 p.m., in a straight horizontal course. After his report, my cousin and I went out on balcony to look, and in 45 minutes, having seen nothing we went to bed. Five minutes later we saw a fireball and rushing outside we were in time to see it completely reverse direction without turning or stopping. It was heading north one moment, and the next, it was heading south. It accelerated more going south and went over a plane that was coming in. It passed the plane, changed directions again and got over the plane. The next moment, both the ball of fire and the plane vanished. I noticed that a much smaller ball of fire followed the plane, and two others were underneath it. My cousin said she didn't notice this."

Ed: The L.A. *Times* reported "other flying stuff" for the same evening. Police reports said folks saw an orange-red object close to the edge of the moon about 9:30 p.m. Others saw an associated object of elongated shape, which appeared to be bathed in the glare of spotlights and to be going up and down like an elevator. Valley Division police reported a flurry of calls concerning a "missile" seen cruising across San Fernando Valley skies. Of concern to the writer is what Viviane meant when she said the plane vanished. Our guess is that it disappeared into horizon rather than into the fireball.

No Case (Information Only)

23 August 1956
New Orleans, Louisiana

Case 198, New Orleans, La., 8:35 p.m., Aug. 23, 1956—
Richard Hall writes: "We have been on sky watch for several nights because of increase in UFO reports, and to view Mars and the moon with a 4" reflector telescope. We had seen several meteors and were familiarizing ourselves with the appearance of planes at night, too high to be heard. Earlier, we had seen two or three such planes, so we were not startled to see an orange dot of light exactly resembling a plane moving overhead. I raised the binoculars and commented that I could see no wing lights. I noted the object in relation to a bright star and continued to watch from my comfortable lawn chair. Abruptly, the object made a 180 degree turn which brought me out of my chair. Then it made another 180 degree turn, with no apparent color change and continued to the NE. It proceeded about 20 degrees across the sky, then suddenly began a series of violent maneuvers, impossible to reconstruct. At this point, the object repeatedly blacked out or disappeared, returning momentarily as a flash of green light. It zigzagged and flitted here and there in impossible changes of direction. Gradually, the field of motion diminished and the object was nearly stationary in a thin haze layer toward the NE. I lost sight of it when I tried to locate it in the finder scope of the telescope, and we didn't see it again. Using the star it passed, and the landmark above which it was last seen, I estimated that it traversed a minimum of 45° to 50° of arc. The sighting lasted 25 seconds or more."

Case 199, Torrance, Cal., Aug. 23, 1956—Headlined the Torrance Press: "15 Guardsmen See Flying Saucer". The men are members of Torrance's Nat'l Guard unit. Their convoy was just returning from maneuvers. Among those who observed the UFO was Capt. Douglas Horlander, C.O. of Co. E, 132nd Armored Engineer Battalion. Said Capt. Horlander, "It was 6:10 p.m. Our convoy was about six miles north of Santa Barbara at Goleta. We were going about 25 mph. I was sitting in the front seat of the jeep, half asleep. Suddenly, M/Sgt. William Lyons tapped me on the shoulder. 'Hey, Cap', he said, 'I've been watching this thing.' I looked up, and there I saw this round object standing perfectly still at about 1000 ft. elevation. It was round and shiny like the top of a tin can. It looked like the sun, only the sun was coming from another direction. First I thought it was a blimp. It was at a 45 degree angle from us, toward the left. All at once it zoomed sideways and then instantly up to about 5000 ft. at a right angle, like the beam of a flashlight. Then I thought it was a weather balloon, but suddenly it came down again to a 2000 ft. elevation. We saw the object for about eight minutes before it disappeared. This happened just as it was time to halt the convoy. Some of the men had seen the object, too. To look at them, you'd think they'd seen a ghost." Added the Captain, "We spotted the thing close to Pt. Mugu, the Naval Guided Missile Testing Station. I think the flying saucer belongs to us." Said Sgt. Lyons, "... I think it was possibly from outer space. I don't think we have anything like it."

Case 201, Tiburon, Cal., Aug. 26, 1956—By letter James Geer tells of his experience as follows: 'About 7:30 this evening, while driving home, I noticed what appeared to be a flock of nine small birds flying northward. They were dark against the blue sky and were all about the same size, although, being able to watch them only in glances, I can not estimate their size or shape. They flew in a clump, without rigid formation, moving freely among themselves like birds, although their general course seemed straight. I believed they were birds until they passed behind a nearby hill. Measuring with my car speedometer, I found the distance between the point of observation and a point closely approximating the top of the hill to be one mile. They made the arc of about 60 degrees in about five seconds. Allowing for an error of 100% on the distance of the objects and another error of 100% on the angle, these objects, in order to pass just behind the hill, had to be traveling at least 90 mph. If my estimates are more nearly correct, however, and the objects were not just behind the hill but over the bay at, say two miles distance, they were traveling well over 1000 mph. There is no chance that the objects passed in front of the hill. The objects were quite dark and the hill a bright amber.'

Sometimes an observer identifies such objects correctly, but later begins to doubt his own judgment. About 7:30 in the evening of August 26, 1956, a man driving along a highway in California noticed a flock of about nine small birds flying northward, dark against the blue sky. In a random group, they moved freely among themselves as birds do but continued in a northern direction. The witness watched the birds as carefully as possible, but the intermittent glimpses possible when a man is driving a car did not allow him to make good estimates of their size or height. Nevertheless, he guessed at their distance and calculated that they covered an arc of 60 degrees in five seconds, which would mean a speed of about 1000 miles an hour.

Instead of questioning the accuracy of his estimate, for some reason he doubted his first identification. If the objects could fly 1000 miles an hour, he reasoned, then they were not birds after all, and must be flying saucers! [13]

Information Only

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Canadian Rockies

23 Aug, 1956

RCAF JET PILOT REPORT

A former RCAF jet pilot, now Aviation Editor of the Toronto Telegram, has notified NICAP of a UFO sighting he had in 1956, while setting a cross-Canada speed record.

Sqdn. Ldr. Robert J. Childerhose also submitted a black-and-white print of a color slide he took of the object, while cruising seven miles over the Canadian Rockies. The picture is being analyzed by a NICAP photographic advisor, and will be reported on later.

The incident occurred on Aug. 23, 1956, when Squadron Ldr. Childerhose and Flt. Lt. Ralph Annis were speeding westward. The UFO appears as a very bright, oblong shape with fuzzy outline in the picture, but is described as having been "sharply defined to the naked eye."

A second picture, taken a few minutes later from above storm clouds at 47,000 feet, showed that the UFO had remained stationary.

No Case (Information Only)

27 August 1956
Fairhaven, Massachusetts

Case 202, Fairhaven, Mass., Aug. 27, 1956—Miss Norma Mello tells of an observation made by her aunt and uncle. She writes: "At about 3:25 a.m., Mrs. F. W. Bence was startled by a brilliant light coming through the east window. The light had not been there 25 minutes earlier when Mr. Bence had awakened. The object, which was motionless, appeared to be about the size of a grapefruit and was quite low on the horizon. Mr. Bence went outdoors to watch the object and saw a small reddish light to the right of it. There was no sound. Mr. and Mrs. Bence continued watching it until it faded away about one-half hour later. Twenty-five minutes later, Mrs. Bence looked again and the object was back, although not as bright. At this time it began to move horizontally back and forth in the same area. About 5 a.m., it faded away as if into a mist."

No Case (Information Only)

30 August 1956
Eureka, California

Case 203, Eureka, Cal., Aug. 30, 1956—The New Orleans *Times-Picayune* reported, three persons saw a "meteor" early Thursday as they drove toward Eureka. One observer said it was the biggest fireball he had ever seen, and that it lit the highway as bright as day.¹¹

No Case (Information Only)

30 August 1956
Williamstown, Kentucky

Case 204, Williamstown, Ky., 11:30 p.m., Aug. 30, 1956—Driving south toward Williamstown, the Research Director of a Cincinnati manufacturer saw a large brilliant ovoid suddenly zip from west to east across the horizon. "It was so low," she said, "it looked as though it were going to hit the ground." The object, oval-shaped and as large as a dime held at arm's length, looked "green on one side and white on the other"—but she said the speed was so great that the true colors were indistinguishable. Noticeable, however, was a bright halation or glow around the object. Another witness, and a friend of the Research Director, was also driving south about a block behind when she saw the same object. Her description tallied, and she agreed that the object seemed to be slanting in toward earth.

No Case (Information Only)

30 August 1956
Cincinnati, Ohio

Case 205, Cincinnati, Ohio, 10:05 p.m., Aug. 30, 1956—
A prominent lawyer phoned the writer describing a single white light zigzagging to the north as though it were "following a heavenly saw". Its flight was jerky, he said, like a "boat being rowed in thrusts upon the water" and rhythmically it flickered off and on—making no sound. The object disappeared into infinity. . . .

No Case (Information Only)

30 August 1956
London, England

1956, Aug. 30-London, England-10pm-Radar "Blip" alerts Fighter-Command Radar Stations in London! Half-hour later, a Plane at West Malling reported an odd Light in the sky! Ground-Control saw it, too. It was at about 4 or 5,000ft.! Search-Planes flew to 6,000ft. but couldn't find the dull light...

No Case (Information Only)

31 August 1956
Cincinnati, Ohio

Case 206, Cincinnati, Ohio, 6 p.m., Aug. 31, 1956—
Harry Baston driving in heavy traffic was stopped long enough to get a good glimpse of a solid device shaped like a mushroom. He said the object was intensely white and quite large in the clear sky and was traveling in a straight line to the south. At one time the object seemed to fade out, said Baston, but reappeared still traveling south looking much smaller.

1 - 12 SEPTEMBER 1956 SIGHTINGS

DATE	LOCATION	OBSERVER	EVALUATION
1	Creston, Iowa	[REDACTED]	Balloon
1	Denver, Colorado (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Astro (STARS/PLANETS)
1	Pueblo, Colorado (CASE MISSING)	Civilian GOC	Astro (STARS)
1,2,3	Peyton, Colorado (CASE MISSING)	Military	Astro (STARS/PLANETS)
2	Dayton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Balloon
2	Suquamish, Washington	Military	Astro (MARS)
2	Denver, Colorado (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Astro (METEOR)
2-30	Hastings, Michigan	[REDACTED]	Astro (VENUS)
3	Dayton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Balloon
3	Bert, Michigan	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
3	Silver Springs, Maryland	[REDACTED]	Other (REFLECTION)
3	Washington, D. C.	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS)
3	Henderson Harbor, New York	[REDACTED]	Balloon
3	Kalispell, Montana	Multi	Astro (MARS)
4	Dayton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS)
4	Plymouth, New Hampshire	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS)
4	Vandalia, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS)
4	Parma Heights, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS)
4	Dallas, Texas	Military	UNIDENTIFIED
5	Flint, Michigan	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
5	Concord, New Hampshire	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
5	Camp Drum, New York	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS)
5	Olympia, Washington	[REDACTED]	Balloon
6	Pasadena, California	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
6	Coos Bay - Portland, Oregon	[REDACTED] (PHOTO)	Other (Photo Flaw)
6	Dorchester, Massachusetts (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Aircraft
6	Odebolt, Iowa	[REDACTED]	Astro (ARCTURUS)
7	Dayton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
9	Pasadena, California	[REDACTED]	Astro (VENUS)
9	Big Bethel, Virginia	[REDACTED]	Astro (MCCN)
10	Waldoboro, Maine	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
11	Los Angeles, California	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
12	Rossville, Georgia (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Aircraft
12	Buffalo, New York	[REDACTED]	Astro (STARS/PLANETS)

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

DATE	LOCATION	SOURCE	EVALUATION
Sep	Severall, Idaho	Newsclipping	
3	Irvington, New Jersey	Newsclipping	
3	Norwood, Ohio	Newsclipping	
4	Whenuapai, New Zealand	Newsclipping	
5	Starmont, North Ireland	Newsclipping	
5	Mainze, Germany	Newsclipping	
7	Burlington, Wisconsin	Newsclipping	
7	Twin Falls, Idaho	Newsclipping	
7	Monemore, North Ireland	Newsclipping	
7	Latavia, Ohio	Newsclipping	
8	Cincinnati, Ohio	Newsclipping	
9	Cut Bank, Montana	Newsclipping	
9	Florence, Kentucky	Newsclipping	
12	Auriri, New Zealand	Newsclipping	
12	Elsinore, California	Newsclipping	
12	New Orleans, Louisiana	Newsclipping	