

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 12 September 1956		2. LOCATION Buffalo, New York		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical star/planet ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 13/0225Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION one hour		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE bobbing up and down	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING One object round, larger than a star. Color yellow. Object was bobbing up and down, was quite low. One a/c scrambled negative results.				11. COMMENTS Positional data not included object stationary. A/C scrambled for identification. No object in area. Sighting characteristic of astro body. Such as star or planet.	

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- (1) A. ROUND
B. BIGGER THEN A STAR
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I. BOBBING UP & DOWN

- (2) A. N/A
B. QUITE LOW
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D. ONE MILE WEST OF NIAGARA FALLS, NY
E. N/A
F. ONE HOUR

- (3) A. GROUND VISUAL
B. TELESCOPE
C. N/A

- (4) A. 131225Z SEP 56
B. NIGHT

- (5) A. 112 WHITNEY ST. BUFFALO, NY

- (6) A. MR. [REDACTED], AGE 31, [REDACTED] ST., BUFFALO, N.Y.

B. N/A

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(7) A. N/A

B. SSE 7KNTS

C. 1000 FEET BROKEN

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(8) A. NONE

(9) A. BUCKET 14 T-33 A/E AT TIME, COULD NOT FIND ANYTHING.

(10) A. NONE

(11) A. 1/LT ROBERT S. BRANDT, AO 3009669

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No Case (Information Only)

September 1956
Severall, Idaho

And another Texas paper, the Fort Worth Sunday News Texan (11/10) printed for the first time a photograph taken with a telenhotc lens in September, 1956 by Officer William Van Dyke of the Idaho State Police, at Severall, Idaho (on the Utah border). It shows two distinct disc-shaped objects; and according to reports, they were taken over a spot where an automobile accident had taken place at the same time. The victims of the accident told State Police that they had been forced off the road by a "saucer." Their car was covered with a peculiar white substance, and an investigation was supposed to have been made. (We are checking this and hope to report more fully later.)

1956, Sept. 3-New Jersey-9pmEST-A huge, reddish-orange disk & a tiny, white disc seen by four boys out to watch Mars with their Telescope. The tiny disc moved steadily to the west, where it grew very red before disappearing!...The large disc hovered over a Factory, 10 min. later...Then it flew swiftly south in a blaze of light!... (Thanx RM)

Case 207, Irvington, N.J., Sept. 3, 1956—Said the Newark *Star-Ledger*: Thomas Gann, private pilot, and Joseph Malenowski, both employees of RCA, reported seeing two mysterious objects while driving. Said Gann, "We saw a Piper cub at about 3000 feet altitude, coming in for a landing. Then we noticed two shimmering discs, hovering about 4000 feet higher than the plane. After a moment, they both shot with incredible speed into space."¹²

No Case (Information Only)

3 September 1956
Norwood, Ohio

Case 208, Norwood, Ohio, Sept. 3, 1956—Eugene Kingman, flight radio operator in the Air Force during World War II, was coming down a ladder outside his home. Looking up he saw the sun and to his surprise, another object, colored orange which was stationary. Shortly, another object, bluish white came into view and passed near the orange object. With Kingman were two other observers, one a former skeptic of saucers. Together they watched the skies, then suddenly three more objects appeared all bluish white. These were joined in a triangular formation—the two in rear less intense in luminosity than the leader and according to Kingman, flew away from the motionless orange object, which was larger than the others. After innumerable minutes a stranger passed by and joined in watching the spectacle

and immediately pointed out two more luminous objects, looking like spinning balls. Said Kingman, the oddest feature about these two objects was the "streak of lightning" which seemed to connect them in their flight. The large orange object remained in view for about 20 minutes, during which time, no sound was heard.

1956, Sept. 3-Whenuapai, New Zealand-6:42pm-A glowing UFO with a white nose flashed across the sky as a Squadron-Leader was landing his Hastings-Aircraft. Another Pilot saw it, too!....

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REPORT FROM NEW ZEALAND

The majority of Americans are no longer skeptical about UFO's. Not so observers on the other side of the world. The following reports reached us from New Zealand via John H. Andrews of Paradise, Pa. They aren't new; they occurred on September 4, 1956.

The sightings began at 6:42 p.m. when Squadron-Leader K. B. Smith, commanding officer of No. 40 Squadron, was coming in to land at Hastings, near Auckland. N. Z. Squadron-Leader Smith, incidentally, was a member of the Queen's Flight during the Royal tour.

He saw a glowing object with a white nose flash across the sky heading northward from Devonport.

"I was at 500 feet when I saw it," Squadron-Leader Smith said. "I kept it in sight until I landed."

"At first I thought it was a jet, but then I realized it was not. The thing was travelling a horizontal line, at a fantastic speed."

Squadron-Leader G. Seipel also saw the object.

Reports came in from all over the area.

A gang of longshoremen (they call 'em "wateriders" in New Zealand) was loading the Matara at Queen's Wharf in Auckland. They

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said they saw an object with "about four windows in the side" traveling west across the harbor from Devonport. They said it was cigar-shaped with blue flame shooting from the rear.

Other observers mostly agreed the object was flying very low—maybe only 500 to 1,000 feet high, had a white light in front and a reddish or pinkish or orangeish tail. Everyone agreed that it was flying straight and level.

One of the most detailed descriptions came from Bert Thomson, a farmer of Kaponga, near New Plymouth. Thomson estimated the object to be 70 feet long, 30 feet wide and to be flying at 300 to 400 m. p. h. at around 1,500 feet. He said it passed over his farm about 1:30 A. M., when he got up to administer to a sick animal. He heard a hissing sound, and saw a white light followed by a blue light.

As the noise and lights came closer, Thomson said, he was able to make out the outline of the object. He said it had a turretlike "glass" nose, from which the white light came, delta-like rounded wings, a larger glass turret on the middle of the main body, from which the blue light came, and a tapering tail that he could not see.

If Mr. Thomson's object was the same as that reported by Squadron-Leader K. B. Smith, then he had one of the closest views of a UFO ever reported. He could see no wheels or markings on the object and claims he has "two perfectly good eyes."

Whatever the object may have been, there was no doubt about its identity in the mind of R. A. McIntosh, president of the Auckland Astronomical Society. You know what Mr. McIntosh said it was! He said it was "obviously a meteor."—Curtis Fuller

1956, Sept. 4-Hokitika, New Zealand-about 10pm-A bright, cigar-shaped object hanging vertically in the sky with a number of smaller objects of same shape at lower-end. It was over the Sea to the west. Top-end of big UFO was rounded, bottom tapered

No Case (Information Only)

5 September 1956
Stormont, North Ireland

1956, Sept. 5—Stormont, North Ireland—Evening—Irregularly-shaped UFO observed in a misty sky, by several. Moved fast AND slow, hovered over Parliment buildings for two hours. Man to first see it went outside to escape persistent barking of his dog! (Said to be a cloud by Meteorological Officials).

No Case (Information Only)

6 September 1956
Mainz, Germany

1956, Sept. 6 - Mainz, Germany - 10:34pm (Central European Time) - A Bell-shaped saucer seen crossing sky from Cassiopeia to Mars and there diminishing in size and vanishing! It glowed a dark-red, changing to orange. It was half the size of Mars. Viewed for about 50 seconds, by Herr & Frau Koenig...

No Case (Information Only)

7 September 1956
Burlington, Wisconsin

Case 211, Burlington, Wisc., Sept. 7, 1956—Several residents called the sheriff's office Friday afternoon after they saw a UFO traveling eastward at a high rate of speed. Coast Guard observers at the Wind Point Station also saw the object. They tentatively identified it as a weather balloon, but said they knew of no agencies in the area which launched such balloons.¹⁵

No Case (Information Only)

7 September 1956
Twin Falls, Idaho

Case 212, Twin Falls, Idaho, Sept. 7, 1956—Said the Idaho Falls Post Register: "A Twin Falls attorney reported that a flying saucer swooped down on his ranch and apparently made off with a 400 pound steer. E. L. Rayburn reported this story to the sheriff's office: 'I was at my ranch about 40 miles south of here when I saw a strange object about 200 feet in diameter flying overhead. It had a whirling effect on top and gave off an orange glow. It came in fast overhead and swooped to the ground near a spot where a 400-pound whitefaced steer was standing. Then the object sped off like a streak of light and the steer was gone.' Rayburn said two employes on the ranch, Joe and Dick Parker, also saw the object. He said no trace has been found of the steer."¹⁶

FLAMING RED SAUCER

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A Saucerer's Apprentice

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1956, Sept. Early-Ireland-A Farmer says he almost captured a red, egg-shaped Object that landed near his backyard. It SPUN out of his grip. (I read the REPORT on this, and it sounds like a "Monitor" device.)...hb. (Grey Barker)

Couldn't Hold It--So Flyin' Saucer Got Away!

MONEYMORE, Northern Ireland, Sept. 8 (AP).—A "level-headed, God-fearing" Irish farmer says he was running to the police station with a captured flying saucer in his arms, but it escaped.

"I had difficulty in holding it down," Thomas Hutchinson explained today.

A Royal Air Force officer said what Hutchinson picked up must have been a weather balloon—but police preferred the farmer's version.

Thomas Hutchinson is "not the sort of man who would imagine he seized a flying saucer if, in fact, he didn't have one," the desk sergeant at Moneymore said.

SAW IT DROP

Hutchinson said he and his wife Maud saw a flying saucer drop into a bog 200 yards from his front door.

It was egg-shaped, about three feet high and 18 inches in diameter. Colored bright red

and had a saucer-shaper base, she said.

When he got down for a closer look, he went on, it began to spin. So he put a hammer lock on it.

He and his wife started for the police station but he put it down for a moment to negotiate a hedge. Mrs. Hutchinson continued the story:

"Then all of a sudden the monster rose and it nearly pulled my husband off his feet."

The Hutchinson farm is located in a bleak land near Loch Neagh, where Leprechauns have been sighted through the ages.

Sing Sing Reports Slump

Sing Sing attaches disclosed today that 117 offenders were booked at the prison during August and that this is the smallest monthly influx in some years. It was 43 less than received in July.

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8 September 1956
Batavia, Ohio

Case 213, Batavia, Ohio, Sept. 8, 1956—Driving over Highway 132 at 9:30 a.m., Mrs. Harold Thomas, watched a round, tailless, wingless object, its color a dull silver. She did not stop her car but had the impression that it was motionless. No sound was audible, save that of her car's engine.

No Case (Information Only)

8 September 1956
Cincinnati, Ohio

Case 214, Cincinnati, Ohio, Sept. 8, 1956—A steady orange light, "brighter than Arcturus" was seen by a lone observer at 9:40 p.m., traversing 90 degrees of sky in about a minute. It was traveling north parallel to the observer's horizon. No sound.

Ed: Cases 212 and 214 are interesting in respect to the International Flying Saucer Sighting Day program which set aside the dates, June 30 and Sept. 8 for special observation. All sightings will be correlated by the editors of the British magazine *Flying Saucer Review*. See letter by Derek Dempster, June 1956 *Orbit*.

No Case (Information Only)

9 September 1956
Cut Bank, Montana

Case 215, Cut Bank, Montana, Sept. 9, 1956—The Great Falls *Tribune* reported that a motorist, Don Le Grande, saw a "bright blue light which went straight up, then down, then circled toward Great Falls." He said it moved at "tremendous speed". The Helena Filter Center said a Malmstrom AFB jet was dispatched to the Cut Bank area to identify "mysterious objects" in the sky.¹⁷

9 September 1956
Florence, Kentucky

Case 216, Florence, Ky., Sept. 9, 1956—Jack Juelg and two witnesses, while parked in a drive-in theatre, observed an "extremely bright light" following another light, the latter of which was quickly identified as an aircraft. Curious, the trio watched the strange light, and to their surprise, when the aircraft circled, the light followed—then with a burst of speed shot straight away and disappeared. Soon another plane, easily identified, came into view—but, to the astonishment of everyone, it was also being followed by the mysterious light! During this incident, the plane continued on a straight course, while the UFO, suddenly accelerating, cut off to the right. Then making a gradual circle, the unknown pursuer disappeared. Said Juelg, "The most unusual thing I've ever seen."

No Case (Information Only)

12 September 1956
Aburiri, New Zealand

1956, Sept. 12 - Aburiri, New Zealand - Three UFOs high in the sky. First Object was slow, small & white, and hovered occasionally. 1/2 hour after first Object was sighted, 2 more discs were seen by several, speeding southward!... (Monitered Report.)

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each other and he wasn't sure of his time, and my source could have been off a few minutes. This object seemed to be interested in the fires as it moved along. One fire in the area was started by a butane tank explosion, but the cause of several others in the area are unknown. . . The object was around Elsinore which is southwest of Corona where I was standing. The object was near the smoke, but it was engulfed in a black oil looking smoke of its own. He said the smoke seemed to puff in and out about three times or more, like it was breathing, and there seemed to be an explosion."

On Sept. 27, Justin Hammond, Publisher of the Corona Daily Independent sent CRIFO a letter confirming the blasts. It reads in part as follows: "Dean Strawn was in the office today to ask if we had carried any publicity in the paper regarding some blasts that we heard in this vicinity recently. . . One of our reporters made inquiries to the Minnesota Mining Co., south of Corona to find out if there had been mining blast out there. The answer was negative. Calls to the local police also failed to provide any explanation. Finally it was decided, on the basis I believe of a call to someone else whom I could not identify, that the explosions had been caused by sonic blasts. Since sonic blasts occur in this neighborhood frequently we did not consider it to be of unusual news value and did not carry any story on it. However, three blasts in such quick succession is a type of noise I do not usually associate with sonic blasts. The employees here in the office were aware of the explosions also and felt the jolt that it caused. We also received a number of telephone calls inquiring as to whether or not we had any explanation for it."

Case 218, Elsinore, and Corona, California, Sept. 12, 1956—Dean Strawn, of Corona, is a trained observer and able investigator. He flew five years in fighters and scout

I in a letter to CRIFO, Fred Stone, Dir. of The Australian F. O. Research Society, says, "Over here things have been alarmingly quiet, although Harold Fulton (CSI, New Zealand) seems to have been busy. But, I put a lot of it down to the fact that it is not because saucers are not seen but because people do not report them for the usual fear of public opinion." Stone's reference to Fulton being busy is quite true. With two recent letters, Fulton sent CRIFO countess clippings describing UFO activity in New Zealand. In one letter Fulton says, "Many UFO reports to investigate, have interviewed many New Zealanders. I received 200 press clippings from New Zealand papers, dated Sept. 1-9. About 10 separate sightings. . . Looks like our forecast accurate." Thus, we can see the enormous difference in reported UFO activity of two neighboring SW Pacific countries. Perhaps the basis for each is in the people's attitude, perhaps it is a geographical-social condition, or, maybe in New Zealand the press is more people-conscious, or maybe it is because of the fact that Harold Fulton and CSI have conducted a vigorous campaign of UFO education to the public. Whatever the answer, New Zealanders are reporting UFOs, they are reporting them, and the nation's press is publishing them.

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"At 11:40 a.m. there were three sharp blasts within about a 20 second period with the time interval between the second and third blast seeming slightly longer than that between the first and second. The blasts were followed by less loud echoes like the burst of an aircraft guns. It was hard to tell whether the blast came from above the earth or not, but it seemed to come from above and to the southeast. It shook houses and rattled windows and objects seemed to jump around me. I was outside talking to my neighbor at the time. Mr. Patton, an old timer in his seventies. At the time of the blast there was no sign of aircraft by eye or ear, but at 11:53 a.m. there was much jet activity in the air by ear, but the haze prevented visual sighting because they seemed very high. No vapor trails. . . Jet sounds very active for the rest of the afternoon and into the night."

Strawn added: "Weather: Sunshiny, cloudless sky with heavy haze on the horizon making visibility limited. Off in the distance to the SE were thunder head cumulus clouds. Witnesses: Most of the population of Corona out looking into sky . . . flooded newspaper and police with phone calls."

A second letter, dated Sept. 16, was attached, in which Strawn explains, "After writing my first letter of Sept. 12, I decided to hold it for awhile and see if anything would show up to substantiate my feelings of an unusual occurrence or prove it to be a false alarm. I had talked over the blast with a friend of mine on the police force . . . and the next day he brought me the clincher. It was a clipping from a newspaper telling of a saucer sighting by Mr. Dwight Lewis. . ."

Said the Riverside Daily Enterprise: "County Schools Consultant Dwight Lewis, an erstwhile scoffer of flying saucer stories had a change of heart today when he saw a 'glittering oval-shaped aircraft' hovering above the Elsinore area forest fire. Lewis was returning to Riverside from an Elsinore Valley school call at 11:30 a.m. when he noted an explosive whirling motion of what appeared to be wind, smoke and ashes directly above the big fire site. It was such a spectacular wind commotion that Lewis pulled to the side of the freeway to observe it. While he was watching the unusual air current behavior, Lewis said, something emerged from the cloud of smoke and ashes and hovered lazily at an approximate 5000 foot elevation. For a moment he said, it looked like an enormous flock of birds flying in close oval formation. But shortly the object floated in such a way that the sun reflected from it, he said, and it appeared to be a glittering oval-shaped aircraft. While it hung in plain view, Lewis attempted unsuccessfully to flag down motorists in order to gain corroboration for what he feared would be 'an unlikely sounding story.' After the object had lingered for about five minutes, however, it suddenly 'took out in a southerly direction.' On reaching Riverside, Lewis phoned the GOC filter station in Pasadena, but learned that the object had not been reported."

We resume quoting from Strawn's letter: "I called Mr. Lewis and arranged to see him right away. We had a very interesting chat. He saw a saucer about the size of a close formation of eleven B-29's and it sort of walked down the valley with one side dark and cigar-shaped while the other had many spots that glistened like light metal. As you may notice our times are within 10 minutes of

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Locally, saucer sightings remain high, many are reported directly to CRIFO by the sighter. Unknown is the number of local sightings never reaching CRIFO—those self-silenced by observers for personal reasons; those reported to "authorities" such as the police department, the air ports, weather bureau, the FBI, the observatory and to the military. Also unknown is the number reported to the three local newspapers.

Thus, for the sake of statistics, the number of UFO's seen locally in recent weeks, are beyond estimation—but, conservatively, if we were to add just two sightings to each one known by CRIFO, the total would be astounding. Even assuming that half of these reports described explainable objects or phenomena, the balance would still show a remarkable increase in frequency in one small geographical area. In summary, the local scene is conceivably in the midst of its greatest saucer boom, or, at least a boom equal to the previous local highs witnessed in the late summer 1955, late summer 1954 and the all-time quasi high of summer 1953.

Despite the recent upswing of activity, the local newspapers have not published one local sighting. Even the goofy reports are missing. If, then, the Cincinnati case is typical of the nation and the world, perhaps we are now nearing, or, in the midst of the predicted big boom of 1956—and we can't recognize it for the reports lost forever in silence. . . .

Case 217, New Orleans, La., Sept. 12, 1956—Said the *Times-Picayune*, in part: "Jesse Rodriguez, night watchman with Commercial Solvents Corp., reported four round lights. He said they started out in a 'Y' formation, stood still five to ten minutes, formed a vertical up and down position, then scattered toward the lake. Other reports were basically similar. Sometimes it was a diamond-shaped formation, rather than the 'Y'. Some said the lights looked like stars. Others mentioned a long fiery tail." Added the *Times-Picayune*, "The air route traffic control center at New Orleans said the lights were simply aircraft from regional military bases on a routine training mission. . . ."

Richard Hall writes: About 9:55 p.m., Jim Kincaid saw three motionless lights as bright as Mars from a parked car. Elevation about 30°, below and to the left of the moon in the southwest. Observed for about a minute—objects did not move, but 'twinkled'. At about 10 p.m. while driving away, Jim heard newscast that hundreds of calls had come in about objects above downtown building. He returned to his original parking place and the objects he had seen were gone."

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"At 11:40 a.m. there were three sharp blasts within about a two second period with the time interval between the second and third blast seeming slightly longer than that between the first and second. The blasts were followed by less loud echoes like the burst of anti-aircraft guns. It was hard to tell whether the blast came from above the earth or not, but it seemed to come from above and to the southeast. It shook houses and rattled windows and objects seemed to jump around me. I was outside talking to my neighbor at the time, Mr. Patton, an old timer in his seventies. At the time of the blast there was no sign of aircraft by eye or ear, but at 11:53 a.m. there was much jet activity in the air by ear, but the haze prevented visual sighting because they seemed very high. No vapor trails. . . . Jet sounds very active for the rest of the afternoon and into the night."

Strawn added: "Weather: Sunshine, cloudless sky with heavy haze on the horizon making visibility limited. Off in the distance to the SE were thunder head cumulus clouds. Witnesses: Most of the population of Corona out looking into sky . . . flooded newspaper and police with phone calls."

A second letter, dated Sept. 16, was attached, in which Strawn explains, "After writing my first letter of Sept. 12, I decided to hold it for awhile and see if anything would show up to substantiate my feelings of an unusual occurrence or prove it to be a false alarm. I had talked over the blast with a friend of mine on the police force . . . and the next day he brought me the clincher. It was a clipping from a newspaper telling of a saucer sighting by Mr. Dwight Lewis. . . ."

Said the *Riverside Daily Enterprise*: "County Schools Consultant Dwight Lewis, an erstwhile scoffer of flying saucer stories had a change of heart today when he saw a 'glittering oval-shaped aircraft' hovering above the Elsinore area forest fire. Lewis was returning to Riverside from an Elsinore Valley school call at 11:30 a.m. when he noted an explosive whirling motion of what appeared to be wind, smoke and ashes directly above the big fire site. It was such a spectacular wind commotion that Lewis pulled to the side of the freeway to observe it. While he was watching the unusual air current behavior, Lewis said, something emerged from the cloud of smoke and ashes and hovered lazily at an approximate 5000 foot elevation. For a moment he said, it looked like an enormous

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
13	Naples, Florida	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
13	Dayton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS)
13	Stockton, California	United Airlines	Balloon
14	Highland, North Carolina	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
14	Vincennes, Indiana	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
15	Altus, Oklahoma (CASE MISSING)	Military	Astro (METEOR)
17	New Castle, Delaware	Multi	Insufficient Data
17	Bloomfield, Crane, Vincennes, Indiana	Multi	Aircraft
17	Pueblo, Colorado	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
19	East Rochester, New Hampshire	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
20	Ashford, Kent, England	Civilian	Insufficient Data
20	Long Island, New York	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
20	Brooklyn, New York	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
20	Albany, New York	[REDACTED]	Balloon
20	35N 131.15W (Pacific)	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
20-21	Brooklyn, New York	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
21	Ellwood, Pennsylvania	Multi	Balloon
22	St Petersburg, Florida	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
22	San Antonio, Texas	Multi	Insufficient Data
23	Freeport, Michigan	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
24	Dayton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Astro (VENUS)
24	Ft Collins, Colorado	[REDACTED]	Astro (STAR)
24	Pueblo, Colorado	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
25	Cincinnati, Ohio	[REDACTED] (PHYS S)	Other (RAYON RESIDUE)
25	Cumberland, Virginia	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
26	Taft, California	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
26	Hanover, Kansas (CASE MISSING)	Civilian	Insufficient Data
26	Brooks AFB, Texas	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
26	Craig, Colorado	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
27	Colorado Springs, Colorado	Multi	Astro (METEOR)
27	Hancock, Maine	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
28	Hamilton, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Astro (CAPELLA)
28	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	[REDACTED]	Balloon
29	West Palm Beach, Florida	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
29	NE Prescott, Arizona	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
30	Whitewater, Wisconsin	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
30	Dallas, Pennsylvania	[REDACTED]	Astro (MARS)

ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
Sep	El Paso, Texas	[REDACTED]	
15	Richmond, Indiana	[REDACTED]	
17	Cincinnati, Ohio	Newsclipping	
21	Birchleigh, Africa	Newsclipping	
22	Lincolnshire, England	Newsclipping	
22	St Paul, Minnesota	Newsclipping	
22	Williston, North Dakota	Newsclipping	
24	Yorkshire, England	Newsclipping	