

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 9-10 September 1957		2. LOCATION Philadelphia, Pennsylvania		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Chaff</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT - - -		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes Physical ☒ No Specimens		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not rptd		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS multiple		9. COURSE falling	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Letter to FBI requesting information regarding metal foil objects observed falling from the sky.				11. COMMENTS Evaluated as chaff used in jamming radar.	

AFCIN-4E4

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Avenue
Metuchin, New Jersey

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

Your letter of 10 September to Mr. Edgar Hoover, Federal Bureau of Investigation, regarding some metallic objects found falling from the sky, has been referred to the Air Force for review.

Please be advised that the metal foil is a well known material used for electronic jamming by bombers and fighters to render among radar useless or less effective, and referred to as "chaff".

Metuchin is located adjacent to some of the heaviest air traffic and air units in the U.S. This may be confirmed by a review of Aero Chart Nr. 310, which can be obtained for the sum of twenty-five cents from the U.S. Department of Commerce. The material was undoubtedly dropped from aircraft during training flights or simulated radar exercises.

With regard to the theories, opinions and allegations advanced by you, we have established a rule not to become involved in, or comment on speculative discussions.

Your interest in this matter is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Encl.

**AIR TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO**

22 OCT 1957

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SUBJECT: (U) Copies to Replies to Messrs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

TO: Secretary of the Air Force
Headquarters, USAF
ATTN: Major Tacker
Washington 25, D. C.

1. Attached are copies of reply correspondence to subject persons who contacted the Department of the Army and the FBI regarding UFO incidents.
2. Copy of your forwarding letter also attached.

FOR THE COMMANDER

3 Incls

1. Cy ltr to Mr. [REDACTED]
2. Cy ltr to Mr. [REDACTED]
3. Cy ltr fr SAFIS

Wallace W. Elwood
WALLACE W. ELWOOD
Captain, USAF
Assistant Adjutant

2 October 1957

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Your letter of 10 September 1957 addressed to the Federal Bureau of Investigation concerning aerial phenomena in the Philadelphia area on 9 and 10 September 1957, has been referred to the Air Technical Intelligence Center, Dayton, Ohio for evaluation.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Major, USAF
Executive Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information Services

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Avenue
Metuchen, New Jersey

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

8 October 1957

Dear Captain [REDACTED]

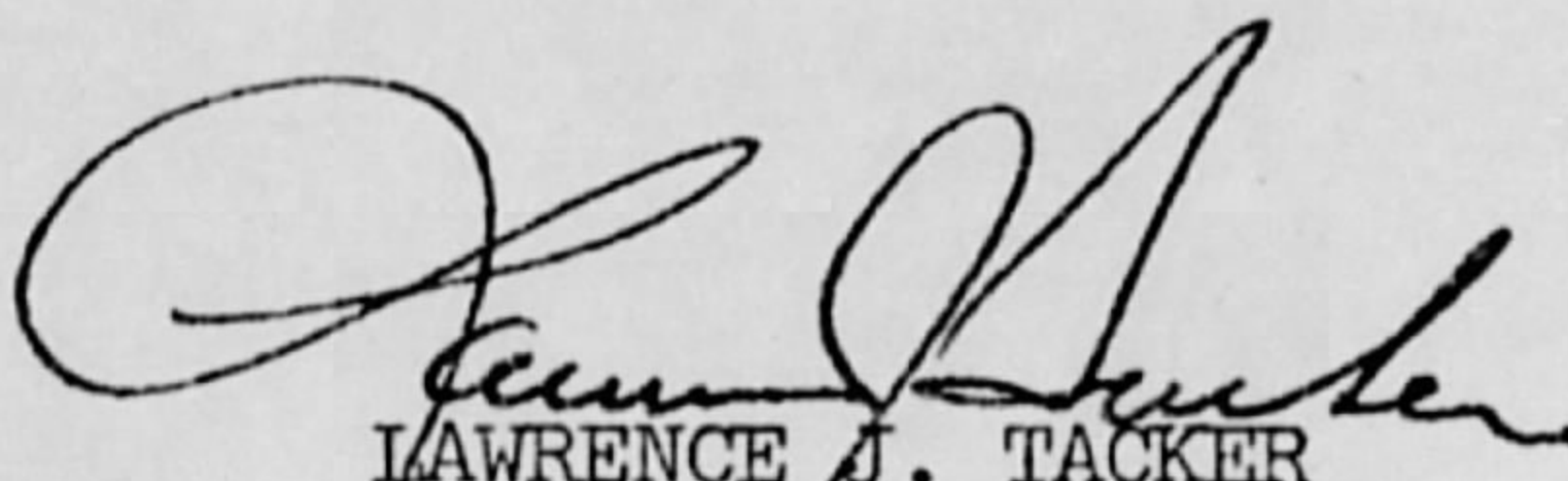
Inclosed, please find letter from Mr. [REDACTED] ✓
regarding unexplained aerial phenomena in the Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania area, on 9 and 10 September 1957.

Mr. [REDACTED] has been advised of this referral.

Also inclosed is a letter from Mr. [REDACTED] ✓
of Bakersfield, California reporting a sighting of an Unidentified
Flying Object.

These letters are forwarded to your Headquarters for
possible investigation and/or evaluation.

Sincerely,



LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Major, USAF
Executive Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information Services

2 Inclosures

1. ltr fr Mr. [REDACTED]
2. ltr fr Mr. [REDACTED]

Captain Wallace W. Elwood, USAF
Assistant Adjutant
Air Technical Intelligence Center
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

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*17/55 ✓ above answered. See "Inclosures
file"*