

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 14 October 1957		2. LOCATION Fairmont, West Virginia		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 1420 GMT 14/1920Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not reported		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS 2 (Each time)		9. COURSE NW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Sphere rotating laterally in flight from SE toward Cleveland or Detroit (NW), observed during bright day. Revolving was slow and sides glistened in sunlight. Followed by identical object.				11. COMMENTS Winds generally Eastward and obj's not likely to be balloons; however, characteristics of the description of a balloon sighting. Possible balloon but cannot evaluate without wind information. Case considered as insufficient data.	

REALTOR *Retired*
FAIRMONT, W. VA.

LAWLER
PHONE 1028

Neil N. McPerry
Secretary Defense
Washington, D.C.

1. Sphere,
 2. Very slow speed, revolving
 3. Daytime, sunlight
- (Possibly a balloon
(limited info.)

On Monday October 14th at 2:20 P.M.
after working in my garden and helping
Mrs. [redacted] adjusting her flower beds for winter,
I was tired and stretched out in my reclining
couch chair looking eastward and saw an
unusual object coming from the southeast. I
called Mr. [redacted] and pointed it out to her and
she saw it plainly. After it passed over we both
discovered it was revolving laterally very slow.
This was an unusually bright day and no
clouds. As it revolved we could see the sides as
it turned in the sun light. I asked Mrs. [redacted]
to see what time it was she went inside and
hollowed out it was 2:20, I was still looking
and hollowed to her there was another coming.
She came out and we both watched it. It was
more like a sphere. They came in a general
direction from Washington D.C. went over turnover
West Virginia toward Cleveland or Detroit Mich.
I tried to phone the information to one
of the local papers and to one of the Radio Stations.
We took our phone numbers and the paper said
they would have a reporter call us, but that
was the last we heard from them. I told a
neighbor Rotarian about it at our Thursday meeting
he perfectly told the acting President about it who announced
it at the meeting but it stopped there.
Do you have any information on the "future" at that time?

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COORDINATION	
AFOIN-4	
AFOIN-4X2b	
	AFCIN-424
	Mr. [REDACTED]
	[REDACTED]
AFOIN-4X2c	Fairmont, West Virginia
	Dear Mr. [REDACTED]
AFOIN-4X3	
	Your letter of 19 October 1957 addressed to the Secretary of
AFOIN-4X4	Defense has been forwarded to the Air Technical Intelligence Center
	for reply.
AFOIN-4A	
	Positive identification of your sighting has not been made as yet;
	however, the information will be used in our continuing analysis.
AFOIN-4B	
AFOIN-4C	
AFOIN-4D	
AFOIN-4E	
1	4E4 [REDACTED] 7 Nov 57
2	4E4 [REDACTED] 7 Nov 57
3	4E4 [REDACTED] 7 Nov 57
AFOIN-4F	
OTHERS	

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WA. LAWLER
IV
Poss. Balloon
(limited info)

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4E4/T/Sgt J. Bolieu/wm
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7 NOV 1957

Sincerely,

WALLACE W. ELWOOD
Captain, USAF
Assistant Adjutant

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14 OCT 1957
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90 DAYS	
INITIAL	