

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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| 1. DATE<br>19-20 May 59                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  | 2. LOCATION<br>New Madison, Ohio                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 12. CONCLUSIONS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon    |  |
| 3. DATE-TIME GROUP<br>Local _____<br>GMT 20/0350Z 20/0800Z                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  | 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br><input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar<br><input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft                    |  |
| 5. PHOTOS<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  | 6. SOURCE<br>Civilian                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Meteor<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical |  |
| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>1. few secs<br>2. 25 mins                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>1 each time                                                                                                                                                        | 9. COURSE<br>20                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Other Searchlight<br><input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown          |  |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING<br>Observer w/companion watched light for about a half mile & then got out of the car to view obj. rptd as stationary. Total sighting time a "few secs". Light faded fm view in same position. Four & one half hours later the same witness was closing her windows & saw another light. She called her husband who said it appeared to be a searchlight beam hitting on clouds, probably fm Richmond (4 miles distant). |  |                                                                                                                                                                                            | 11. COMMENTS<br>Both sightings were witnessed by the observers companion in the first case and husband in the second. Neither of the witnesses seemed concerned & both offered explanations of the sightings. The first sighting was possibly a meteor altho it seems improbable that they could view the obj for a half mile, stop the car, get out, & watch the obj fade away in a few secs. The husband's evaluation of the second sighting is accepted as logical. |                                                                                                                                                      |  |

19 May 1959

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
New Madison, Ohio

Wednesday  
May 20, 1959

Dear Sirs:

Observed in the West last night, Tuesday, May 19, 1959 at approximately 10:30 P.M., a round haze of light of no definite proportion. It was observed as Mrs. [REDACTED] and I turned onto Route 121 returning to New Madison from Arcanum, Ohio. I watched the light for nearly a half-mile after which Mrs. [REDACTED] stopped her car to view the light. It lasted only a few seconds, staying in as near a stationary position as we could discern, and faded away until we could no longer distinguish it in the sky.

I was up shortly after 3:00 A.M. to close West windows and again saw the light in the same direction. It was brighter and larger and I awakened Mr. [REDACTED] to view it. He said it appeared to be a search-light beam hitting on clouds - probably from Richmond, Indiana. However, there were no visible beams from the horizon; and at that hour, a searchlight would hardly seem probable.

My description would be that it gave appearance of a moon behind clouds - or a light filtering clouds or smoke - with no definite shape except that it seemed to change proportions by slightly elongating itself at times. The phenomena lasted approximately 25 minutes as it was twenty minutes until 4:00 A.M. when I returned to the house after viewing it.

On both occasions there seemed to be a fraction of a second when the mass seemed to have color - yellow. When the light faded, it faded as before - gradual until it was no longer distinguished in the sky. Stars were visible without haze.

I am forwarding this report in case it should be of importance and interest to you. There is probably a logical explanation for the light; however, since we do not know ourselves, it seems it should be reported to you.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mrs. [REDACTED]

New Madison,  
Ohio

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9 June 1959

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]:

Your recent reported sighting of an unidentified flying object contained insufficient data to allow a valid conclusion by the Air Technical Intelligence Center.

Therefore, I am inclosing the USAF Technical Information Sheet which you should fill out and forward direct to the Intelligence Center at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. Upon completion of their evaluation, I will forward their conclusions to you.

Sincerely,

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

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
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New  
Patterson, Ohio