

## PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

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| 1. DATE<br>15 Oct 59                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | 2. LOCATION<br>Terre Haute, Indiana                                                                                                                                                                              |                                   | 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 various                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar<br><input checked="" 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<br><input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical<br><input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical     |
| 7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION<br>- - -                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS<br>varied                                                                                                                                                                                   | 9. COURSE<br>- - -                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation<br><input type="checkbox"/> Unknown  |
| 10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING<br>Phone call received by Major Friend concerning several supposed sightings in Terre Haute, Indiana from Major Tacker at SAFOI-3d. Congressional inquiry initiated by Mr. [REDACTED] President of a local UFO club called Research & Education Committee on Aerial Phenomena (RECAP). Contact w/ [REDACTED] revealed that there were 4 supposed sightings. 1. [REDACTED] observed a white light almost overhead at 6:10 appearing to be about the size of Saturn. 2) About 6:45 several people saw red lights South of Terre Haute. 3) at 6:45 to 6:50 one witness saw 2 big green balls of fire approaching him from Crawfordsville, Indiana. He moved away from them, they reversed course and sped out of sight. 4) at 7:00 a pilot saw two orange balls of fire ahead of him. Seconds later he saw a white flash. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 11. COMMENTS<br>Insufficient Data |                                                                                                                                                   |

15 OCT 59

SAFLL: 105473  
SAFLL-1/Maj VanDyke/ma/29 Dec'59/57361

30 DEC 1959

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

On 13 December 1959, you inquired in behalf of Mr. [REDACTED] of Terra Haute, Indiana, concerning unidentified flying objects on 15 October 1959 in that vicinity.

The United States has no record of the Terra Haute, Indiana, sightings of 15 October 1959. These sightings have never been reported to the Air Force, and therefore, no official explanation is available.

Your continued interest in Air Force activities is appreciated. If I can be of further assistance to you, please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]

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Inclosure ... ltr fm consti to G/M dtd 4 Dec w/attach

Honorable [REDACTED]

House of Representatives

HAROLD P. SPARKS  
Colonel, USAF  
Deputy Director  
Legislative Liaison

- M/R: 4 Dec'59 - date of consti ltr  
10 Dec - date of RS fm C/M to HLO  
11 Dec - recd in SAFLL-1  
14 Dec - referred to SAFOI w/ss date of 21 Dec'59  
21 Dec - date of memo fm SAFOI, A/O Maj Tacker, 72291 signed by Maj Tacker.  
28 Dec - f/ltr prepd and fwd

## MEMO ROUTING SLIP

NEVER USE FOR APPROVALS, DISAPPROVALS,  
CONCURRENCES, OR SIMILAR ACTIONS

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|---------------------------|--------------|----------|--|------------------|
| 1 NAME OR TITLE           | Col Sheop    | INITIALS |  | CIRCULATE        |
| ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION | AFCIN-4E4    | DATE     |  | COORDINATION     |
| 2                         |              |          |  | FILE             |
|                           | 4E29         |          |  | INFORMATION      |
| 3                         | Major Friend |          |  | NECESSARY ACTION |
|                           | Bldg 263     |          |  | NOTE AND RETURN  |
| 4                         | Hangar A     |          |  | SEE ME           |
|                           |              |          |  | SIGNATURE        |

## REMARKS

Information concerning a telephone call from  
Major Tacker, SAFOI-3d, on 18 December 1959.

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| FROM NAME OR TITLE        | Major Robert J. Friend | DATE      | 18 Dec 59 |
| ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION | AFCIN-4E4g             | TELEPHONE | 69216     |

DD FORM 95 1 FEB 50 Replaces DA AGO Form 895, 1 Apr 48, and AFHQ Form 12, 10 Nov 47, which may be used. 148-16-74067-2 GPO

Congressional Inquiry of UFO by Congressman [REDACTED]

Information submitted by [REDACTED], President of Research and Education Committee on Aerial Phenomena, known as RECAP.

On 15 October 1959, at Terre Haute, Ind., at 6:10, [REDACTED] President of RECAP, saw a white light almost overhead, about the size of Saturn, and about the size of a pea at arm's length.

About 6:45 several people saw red lights south of Terre Haute.

6:45 to 6:50 [REDACTED] saw two big, green balls of fire approaching him at Crawfordsville, Ind. He maneuvered away from them, they reversed course and sped away out of sight.

At 7:00 a pilot saw two orange balls of fire ahead of him. Seconds later he saw a white flash.