

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 7 Jun 60	2. LOCATION Champaign, Illinois		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical Meteor ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 07/2055Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS ☒ Yes ☐ No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION n/a	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE not given	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Film strip forwarded to ATIC which showed an unidentified object on several frames. Source was filming a silhouette of a statue and the object was not seen until the film was being previewed. See: Film 7-3745-448 (Photo in Physical Specimen File)		11. COMMENTS Upon analysis by ATIC it was determined that the object was a light source of considerable intensity which moved thru the camera's field of view in 1 1/4 sec. The extremely high velocity and brightness indicates that the object was probably a meteor of the "fireball" class.	

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UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE
OHIO



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AFCIN-4E2

SUBJECT: UFO Film (██████████)

1 JUL 1960

TO: SAFOI-3d (L/Col Tacker)

1. Mr. ██████████, photographer for ██████████ of Champaign, Illinois forwarded a film strip to the U. S. Air Force which showed a UFO on several frames.
2. Mr. ██████████ was filming a routine silhouette of a statue in the city owned West Side Park in Champaign, Illinois. The filming took place at 2055Z on 7 June 1960.
3. The film was analyzed by ATIC and the following concluded:
 - a. The object on the film is a genuine photographic image.
 - b. The object was a light source of considerable intensity, due to its being entirely visible within eight degrees of the sun.
 - c. The object was traveling at a very high velocity as evidenced by the fact that it moved through the camera's field of view in $1\frac{1}{4}$ seconds.
4. Image motion during exposure precludes any analysis of object configuration; however, its extremely high velocity and brightness indicates that the object was probably a meteor of the "fireball" class.
5. ██████████ has not given any publicity to this sighting, but Mr. ██████████ did request notification of the result of the Air Force analysis.
6. Mr. ██████████ home and business addresses are as follows:

Home ██████████ ██████████ ██████████, Illinois	Business ██████████ ██████████ ██████████, Illinois
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7. The film strip is being retained at ATIC as a part of the case file for this sighting, and will not be returned unless Mr. ██████████ makes this specific request.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

Nicholas Post
NICHOLAS POST
Acting Deputy
Science and Components

Film

June 7, 1960

Champaign, Ill.

Observer ~~REDACTED~~

File # 1003554

In custody of Audio-Visual Division

1925

This case includes ten (10) 10" x 6 "
photographs.

≡ FILM in separate FOLDER

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AFCIN-4E2

SUBJECT: Request for Photoanalysis

14 June 1960

TO: AFCIN-4D4a

1. Request the attached film and photographs be analyzed, and the results forwarded to this office.
2. Attached is a copy of the cover letter containing camera, exposure, and film data to aid in your analysis.

Richard R. Shoop
RICHARD R. SHOOP
Colonel, USAF
AFCIN-4E2

1 Atch:
Cy ltr 10 June 60 fr ATC
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Ltr AFCIN-4E2, 14 June 1960, Request for Photoanalysis

1st Ind (AFCIN-4D4a)

27 June 1960

TO: AFCIN-4E2 (Col R. R. Shoop)

1. The attached film has been analyzed and the following conclusions reached:

a. If the data accompanying the photography is true and correct, some very intense light source moved through the camera's field of view in $1\frac{1}{4}$ seconds. The intensity of the light source is indicated by the fact that it is entirely visible when within eight degrees of the sun.

b. The information given regarding camera tilt is verified by the sun angle at the stated time of photography.

c. Image motion during exposure precludes any analysis of object configuration.

d. The photography and exposure data give no clue as to size, speed or distance of the object, however, the camera data indicates that if the object was moving in a horizontal plane its velocity was approximately one mile per hour for every foot of altitude above the camera station, ie, 500mph if at 500 ft. altitude, 1000mph at 1000 ft. altitude, etc.

e. If the photography is faked, it was probably accomplished by a double exposure in which a light source was moved across the camera's field of view at a uniform velocity.

COPY TO OF HYPER

HEADQUARTERS
CHANUTE TECHNICAL TRAINING CENTER (ATC)
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
CHANUTE AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS

REPLY TO
ATTN OF: OSD

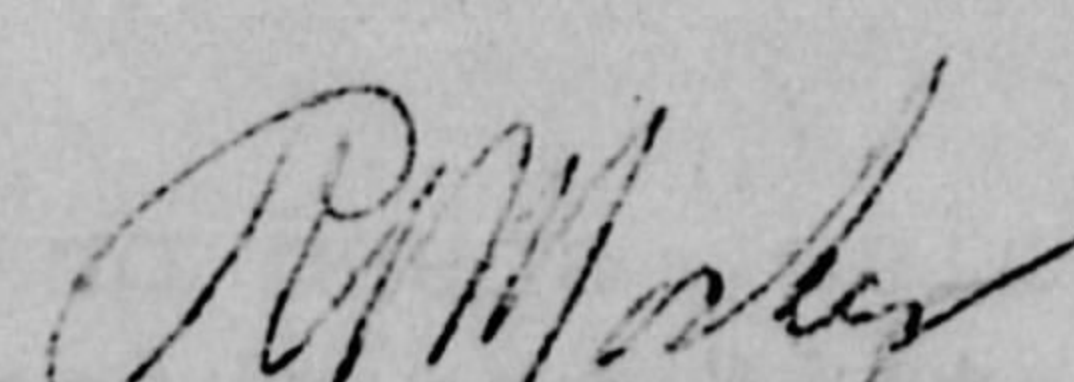
10 JUN 1960

SUBJECT: UFO Sighting

TO: ATIC
Wright-Patterson AFB
Ohio

1. This is a combination preliminary report and report of investigation submitted in accordance with AFR 200-2.
2. The UFO sighting occurred at Champaign, Illinois fourteen (14) miles south of Chanute Air Force Base at 2055Z, 7 June 1960.
3. Inclosed is a film that was taken by Mr. [REDACTED] of Champaign, Illinois. The filming of the object was accidental. The object was not seen or discovered until the film was previewed at the [REDACTED]. Mr. [REDACTED] home address [REDACTED] Champaign and his phone number is [REDACTED]. The address [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] and the phone number is [REDACTED].
4. Photographer [REDACTED] was filming a routine silhouette shot of a statue in the center of the city owned West Side Park. The camera was mounted on a tripod at an approximate forty-five (45) degree upward angle. The camera was a 16mm Volex Reflex Camera with a 10mm wide angle lens. Estman 7276 black and white film was used with a shutter speed of one sixtieth of a second, filming twenty-four (24) frames per second. Exposure was F 22, using a K-2 yellow filter with the lens focused on infinitive.
5. Mr. [REDACTED] phoned the Information Officer at Chanute AFB to report the sighting and offered the film to the Air Force. Mr. [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] were most cooperative with Captain [REDACTED] requested that he be notified of the results of the analysis of the film strip. No publicity was given by [REDACTED] Chanute AFB on this sighting.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

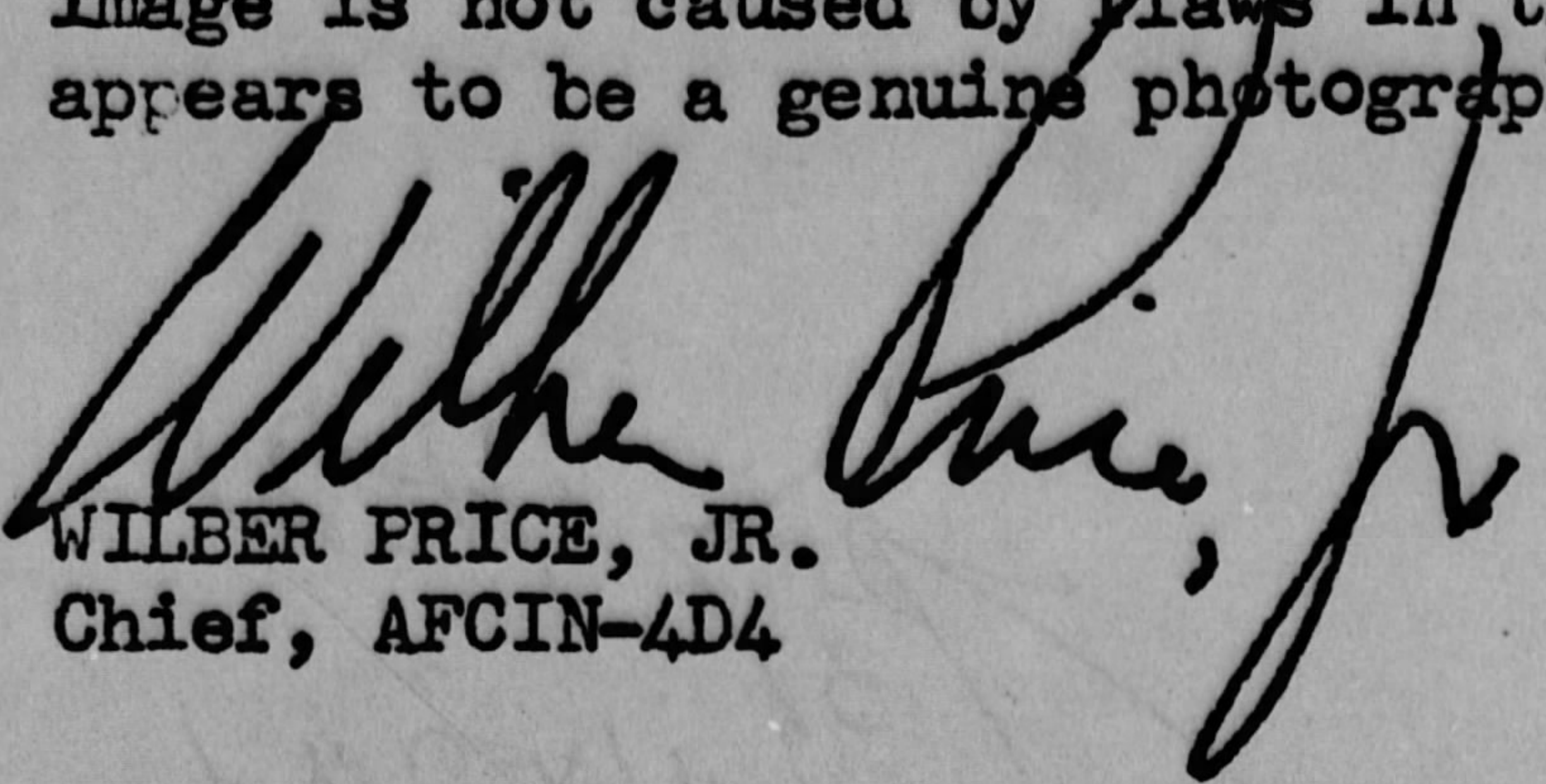

R. O. MOSHER
Colonel, USAF
Operations Officer

2 Atch
1. Film Strip
2. Set of 10 Still Photo

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Wilber Price, Jr./AFCIN-4D4/27 June 1960

f. Microscopic examination of the original film indicates that the image is not caused by flaws in the emulsion, or by mechanical means but appears to be a genuine photographic image.


WILBER PRICE, JR.
Chief, AFCIN-4D4

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TO ATIC

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UNCLAS OSD-17F

YOUR MESSAGE AFCIN-4E2-6-1794-E, 14 JUNE 1960. UFO SIGHTING
INVESTIGATION COMPLETED 11 JUNE 1960. REPORT BEING PREPARED AT THIS
TIME. WILL SUBMIT TO YOU 16 JUNE 1960.

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Friend

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8 July 1960

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This is to acknowledge your recent submission of a film strip to the Air Force which evidently showed a UFO on several frames. The filming took place on 7 June 1960 at Champaign, Illinois.

The object on the film is a genuine photographic image. It had a light source of considerable intensity, due to its being entirely visible within eight degrees of the sun. The high velocity of the object is evidenced by the fact that it moved through the camera's field of view in $1\frac{1}{4}$ seconds. Image motion precludes any analysis of object configuration. However, the high velocity and brightness indicates that the object was probably a meteor of the "fireball" class.

With your permission, the Air Force would like to retain the film strip in this case for the official file. If this is not possible please let me know and I will return the film to you immediately.

Thank you very much for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

LAWRENCE J. TACKER
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [REDACTED]

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AFCIN-4E2 /Maj Friend/amc/69216/typed 30 June 60

UFO Film (Mr. [REDACTED])

SAFOI-3d (L/Col Tacker)

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CH [REDACTED] Illinois

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COORDINATION:

AFCIN-4E2 *John H. Friend Maj 30 June 60*

AFCIN-4E2 *HVE Martin 6/30/60*

