

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 29 July, 1960		2. LOCATION Springfield, Ohio		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☒ Was Astronomical <i>J. VIELLO</i> ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☐ Other _____ ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 29/2100Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Civilian			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 15 minutes		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One		9. COURSE ---	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Star-like object observed, size of pinhead in sky. Color white or cream. Object disappeared behind a cloud.				11. COMMENTS Information from the 1964 Almanac reveals that the witness probably saw the occultation of a star. The motion of the moon was E-W, this being due to the Earth's rotation. However, the moon was actually moving W-W and this accounts for it's moving in front of a star from the West. The witness probably saw the star at the moment the occultation occurred, or else it took place while the moon was behind a cloud. Occultation of star Virgo (Spica) <i>GAMMA</i>	

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Springfield, Ohio

Department of Defense
Office of Public Information
Washington, 25, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I have seen an object and would like to know about it. I didn't know where to send my information until about a month ago, and I didn't have the questions until about two months ago. I am not sure I sent this to the right place, but it was the only place I could send it to, for I don't have the address of the AIR FORCE. If this is not the right place, please where to send it.

I am interested in Flying Saucers. I would like more information and sightings on them. Would you send me information of different sightings and pictures if you could?

Would you send me an answer as soon as possible?

Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,
[REDACTED]

Letter

PLEASE READ

Gladys Wise/ja

19 July 1961

Dear [REDACTED]:

The information contained in your letter of July 10th about the sighting you report has been forwarded to the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center. This is the organization responsible for conducting investigations of these sightings and they will have their scientists analyze your report in an effort to ascertain what it was you saw.

In the meantime, we are enclosing a copy of the latest Department of Defense Fact Sheet, 'Air Force UFO Report,' which will give you a general summary of Air Force findings about other UFO sightings.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM T. COLEMAN, JR.
Major, USAF
UFO Project Officer
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Springfield, Ohio

U.S. AIR FORCE INFORMATION SHEET

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U.S. AIR FORCE as much information as possible on unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as possible. This information will be used for research purposes and will be regarded as confidential material. Your name will not be used with any connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that, if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

29 Friday July 1960
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 7 00
Hour Minutes

3. Time zone: (Circle One):

- a. Eastern
- b. Central
- c. Mountain
- d. Pacific
- e. Other _____

- a. Daylight Saving
- b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

Nearest Postal Address

Springfield Ohio
City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: I was in my front yard when I first noticed it.

5. Estimate how long you saw the object:

00 15 00
Hours Minutes Minutes

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to No. 5.

- a. Certain
- b. Fairly Certain
- c. Not very sure
- d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

- (Circle One):
- a. Bright daylight
 - b. Dull daylight
 - c. Bright twilight

- d. Just a trace of daylight
- e. No trace of daylight
- f. Don't remember

7. If you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the ~~sun~~ located as you looked the object? (Circle One):

- a. In back of you
- b. In front of you
- c. To your right
- d. To your left
- e. Overhead
- f. Don't remember

8. If you saw the object NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON? (Circle One for each):

8.1 STARS

- a. None
- b. A few
- c. Many
- d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON

- a. Bright moonlight
- b. Dull moonlight
- c. No moonlight - pitch dark
- d. Don't remember

9. Was the object brighter than background of the sky? (Circle One):

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Don't remember

10. IF it WAS BRIGHTER THAN the background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight? (Circle One):

- a. A mile away (a distant car)?
- b. Several blocks away?
- c. A block away?
- d. Several yards away?
- e. Other LINE 4 BRIGHT STAR

11. Did the object: (Circle One for each question):

- | | |
|---|--------------------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time? | Yes No <u>Don't know</u> |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes No <u>Don't know</u> |
| c. Break up into into parts | <u>Exploded?</u> |
| d. Explode? smoke? | Yes <u>No</u> Don't know |
| e. Give off smoke? | Yes <u>No</u> Don't know |
| f. Change brightness? | Yes <u>No</u> Don't know |
| g. Change shape? | Yes <u>No</u> Don't know |
| h. Flicker, throb, or pulsate? | Yes <u>No</u> Don't know |

12. Did the object move behind something, particularly a cloud? (Circle One):

Yes No Don't know. If you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: _____.

13. Did the object move in front of something, at any time, particularly a cloud? (Circle One): Yes No Don't know If you answered YES, than tell what it moved in front of: _____.

14. Did the object appear: (Circle One):
a. Solid? b. Transparent? c. Don't know?

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?
a. Eyeglass Yes No e. Telescope Yes No
b. Sun Glasses Yes No f. Binoculars Yes No
c. Windshield Yes No g. Theodolite Yes No
d. Window glass Yes No h. Other _____

16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object:

a. Sound No Sound.
b. Color White or Cream.

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object, or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw, such as wings, protrusions, ect., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

THROUGH 400 POWER
TELESCOPE



NAKED EYE



18. The edges of the object were: (Circle One):

a. Fluffy or blurred

e. Other _____

b. Like a bright star

c. Sharply outlined

d. Don't remember

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? _____ Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling

ONLY ONE OBJECT

20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



21. IF POSSIBLE, try to estimate or guess what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension. 10,560 feet, = 2 miles

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects held in the hand out at about arm's length? (Circle One):

a. Head of a pin

f. Half dollar

b. Peg

g. Silver dollar

c. Dime

h. Baseball

d. Nickel

i. Grapefruit

e. Quarter

j. Basketball

k. Other _____

22. Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to No. 22.

22%

a. Certain

c. Not very sure.

b. Fairly certain

d. Uncertain.

23. How did the object or objects disappear

from view? I am not sure. I was watching it through my 40 power telescope. I rushed to my friends house to get him. He lives ~~1~~ of a block away. He couldn't come. I went back. It was still there. A small cloud passed over it. It took about 30 seconds to pass over it. When it cleared away, the object was gone. I did not see it come out from behind the cloud. Nor, did I see it or the moon through the cloud.

24. In order that you can a clear a clear picture of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine you could- construct the object or objects you saw. Of what material would you make it? How large would it be, ~~an~~ and what shape would you have it? Describe in your own words a common object or objects which when placed in the sky would give the the same appearance as the object you saw.

I would construct it of the lightest metal, aluminum. It would be about 150 feet long, and about 75 feet wide. A pinhead placed in the sky would give the same appearance ~~as to the~~ object which I saw.

25. Where were you located when you saw the object? (Circle One):
a. Inside a building
b. In a car
c. Outdoors
d. In an airplane
e. At sea
f. Other

26. Where you (Circle One):
a. In the business section of a city?
b. In the residential section of a city?
c. In open countryside?
d. Flying near an airfield?
e. Flying over a city?
f. Flying over open country?
g. Other

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?
I was playing baseball with my friends in my front yard. One of them pointed it out to me. I immediately brought out my 40 power telescope.

28. If you were MOVING IN AUTOMOBILE or other

vehical at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

- | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | d. Southeast | g. West |
| b. Northeast | e. South | h. Northwest |
| c. East | f. Southwest | |

28.2 How fast were you moving? _____ Miles per hour

28.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object? (Circle One):

YES NO

29. What direction were you looking when you ~~first~~ first saw the object? (Circle One):

- | | |
|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | e. South |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| c. East | g. West |
| d. Southeast | h. Northwest |

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? (Circle One):

- | | |
|--------------|--------------|
| a. North | e. South |
| b. Northeast | f. Southwest |
| c. East | g. West |
| d. Southeast | h. Northwest |

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation):

31.1 When it first appeared:

- a. From true North _____ degrees.
b. From horizon _____ degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North _____ degrees.
b. From horizon _____ degrees.

32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when first saw it. Place a "B" on the same curve line to show how high it was above the horizon (skyline) when you last saw it.

(SEE NEXT PAGE)



33. In the larger sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you first saw it, and a "B" at its position when you last saw it. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.



34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw it? (Circle One for each group of questions):

34.1 Clouds

- a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds
- e. Don't remember

34.3 Weather

- a. Dry
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

34.2 Wind

- a. No wind
- b. Slight breeze
- c. Strong wind
- d. Don't remember

34.4 Temperature

- a. Cold
- b. Cool
- c. Warm
- d. Hot
- e. Don't remember

35. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object? (SEE NEXT PAGE)

Day Month Year
I did not, for no one would probably believe me. They would think I was making it all up. Anyway, I did not know who to report it to.

36. Was anyone else with you when you saw the object? (Circle One): Yes No

36.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object, too? (Circle One): Yes No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

Mr. [REDACTED] Springfield, Ohio

Mrs. [REDACTED] Springfield, Ohio

Toddy [REDACTED] Springfield, Ohio

37. Was this the first time you had seen an object or object or objects like this? (Circle One):
Yes No

37.1 IF you answered NO, then tell when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones.

I saw one which looked like a jet in the same place as this was before, but there was no moon. I don't remember how long before. It ejected a small dot, visible to naked eye, which disappeared after moving from the object. It moved upwards and sideways a little and disappeared.

38. In your opinion, what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

I think the object could have a number of different things. A weather balloon, a secret research project, a satellite or something circling the Moon, something moving across the Moon's surface at tremendous speed, or a Mother Ship. It had two small dots moving towards it from its Northeast side. They went behind it and didn't come, as far as I could see. It may have been two small space ships entering a big one, called a Mother Ship. I viewed all of this through my 40 power telescope.

39. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object? (Circle One): Yes No
IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? 14,000 m.p.h.

40. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was? (Circle One): Yes No
IF you answered YES, then how far away would you estimate it was? 211,200,000,000 feet;
or, 70,000,000 miles.

41. Please give us the following information about yourself:

NAME [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
Last Name First Name Middle Name

ADDRESS [REDACTED] Springfield Ohio
Street City State

TELEPHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

What is your present job? None

Age 13 Sex Boy

Please indicate any special education training that you have had.

a. Grade school _____
b. High school _____
c. College _____
d. Post graduate _____
e. Technical school _____
(Type) _____

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

Thursday July 1961
Day Month Year

UFO ANALYSIS SHEET

Location SPRINGFIELD, OHIO

Date (Local) 29 JULY 60 Hour (Local) 1500

Hour (Z Time Group) 29-2400

Satellite: (Det 5 ATIC, Ext 3279)

Astronomical Phenomena (Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc) POSSIBLY

OCCULTATION OF ~~OR~~ VIRGO (~~SPICA~~)

Radar Analysis (AFCIN-4E1) —

Natural Phenomena (Ball Lightning, etc) —

Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc —

Other —

Evaluation of Source Reliability UNKNOWN —

Analysis and Conclusions:

INFORMATION FROM THE
1960 ALMANAC REVEALS THAT MR HALE
PROBABLY OBSERVED THE OCCULTATION OF
A STAR. THE APPARENT MOTION OF
THE MOON IS EAST TO WEST, THIS
DUE TO THE EARTH'S ROTATION. HOWEVER,
THE MOON ACTUALLY REVOLVES WEST TO
EAST AND THIS ACCOUNTS FOR ITS MOVING
IN FRONT OF A STAR FROM THE WEST.
MASTER HALE POSSIBLY SAW THE STAR AT

THE MOMENT THE OCCULTATION OCCURRED
OR ELSE IT TOOK PLACE WHILE
THE MOON AND STAR WERE BEHIND
THE CLOUD.

THIS SIGHTING WAS PROBABLY
DUE TO THE OCCULTATION^y OVERLAP^y
OF THE OCCULTATION OF ~~THE~~ VIREO (~~fact~~)



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September 13, 1962

Dear [REDACTED]

Reference your recent letter requesting information on a UFO sighting you reported in 1961.

The object you sighted appeared to be in conjunction with the moon and was determined to be a near occultation of GAMMA VIRGO a third magnitude star.

Since it appears you are interested in astronomy and science as well as UFOs, we recommend you read INTRODUCTION TO ASTRONOMY by McLaughlin. Also, Dr. Menzel's new book, THE WORLD OF FLYING SAUCERS, will be out in the next few months.

Other information which might interest you is inclosed.

Your interest in this project is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Attachments

WILLIAM J. LOOKADOO
Lt. Colonel, USAF
Public Information Division
Office of Information

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Springfield, Ohio

HEADQUARTERS
FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY DIVISION
AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, OHIO



REPLY TO
ATTN OF: TD-E/Lt Col Friend

SUBJECT: Request for Information ([REDACTED])

28 August 1962

TO: Hq USAF
SAFOI-36 (Major Hart)
Wash 25 DC

1. Reference the attached letter dated 7 August 1962 from [REDACTED] requesting information on Unidentified Flying Objects. The following information is provided to assist you in answering Mr. [REDACTED]'s letter.

2. [REDACTED] is thirteen years old. In July 1961 he sent us a very detailed report concerning a sighting made in July 1960. He witnessed the object through a 40x telescope and it appeared to be in conjunction with the moon. The object was determined to be a near occultation of GAMMA VIRGO a third magnitude star.

3. Similar phenomenal visible to [REDACTED] (in Springfield, Ohio) in the near future are the following:

12 Sep	about 10:30 PM	occultation of Saturn
12 Sep	" 11:30 PM	occultation of Jupiter
19 Sep	" 6:30 AM	occultation of Aldebaran

4. Since [REDACTED] appears to be interested in astronomy and science as well as UFO's, we recommend that he be referred to INTRODUCTION TO ASTRONOMY by McLaughlin. Also, it might be well to indicate that Dr. Menzel's new book, THE WORLD OF FLYING SAUCERS, will be out in the next few months.

FOR THE COMMANDER

Robert J. Friend Lt Col
EDWARD H. WERN
Colonel, USAF
Deputy for Science
and Components

1 Atch
Ltr fm [REDACTED]

Dept. of Defense
Office of Public Affairs
Washington 25, D.C.

Springfield, Ohio

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