

MILITARY AIR

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 16 Sep 60		2. LOCATION Shreveport, Louisiana Memphis, Tennessee		12. CONCLUSIONS ☐ Was Balloon ☐ Probably Balloon ☐ Possibly Balloon ☐ Was Aircraft ☐ Probably Aircraft ☐ Possibly Aircraft ☐ Was Astronomical ☐ Probably Astronomical ☐ Possibly Astronomical ☒ Other <u>Atlas Missile</u> ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation ☐ Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>16/1000Z</u>		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION ☒ Ground-Visual ☐ Ground-Radar ☒ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS ☐ Yes ☒ No		6. SOURCE Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION not given		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE rising	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Object sighted from SAC a/c of object 100-150 miles S of position near Memphis at 1000Z. Large bright ball, 50-60 ft in diameter. Rose from ground to about 60,000 ft and disappeared. Also sighted from SAC a/c enroute from Shreveport to Lufkin, Texas of object appearing as a large explosion. Sighted in easterly direction at 1000Z.				11. COMMENTS Atlas missile was fired from Cape Canaveral at 1000Z. Director Aerospace Studies Inst ATTN: Archives Branch Maxwell AFB, Alabama RETURN TO: X-45.6013-1 16-123 Sep 1960	

U F O ANALYSIS SHEET SHREVEPORT, LADATE 16 SEPT 1960LOCATION MEMPHIS, TENNDATE TIME GROUP LOCAL 0500GMT 16/1000PHOTO YES ☐ NO ☒PHYSICAL SPECIMEN YES ☐ NO ☒SOURCE MILITARY ☒ CIVILIAN ☐TYPE OF OBSERVATION VISUALLENGTH OF OBSERVATION —NUMBER OF OBJECTS 1 COURSE —SATELLITE: ☐ IN ORBIT: ☐ VERIFY YES: ☐ NO: ☐ DECAY: ☐ASTRONOMICAL PHENOMENA —METEOR —STAR OR PLANET —OTHER —AIRCRAFT —BALLOON —INSUFFICIENT DATA —OTHER POSSIBLY MISSILEREFLECTION ☐ INVERSION PRESENT ☐ PHOTO ANALYSIS ☐SUN DOG ☐ LENTICULAR CLOUD ☐ PHYSICAL SPECIMEN ANALYSIS ☐

BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING:

UFO SIGHTED BY A SAC AIRCRAFT FROM
NEAR MEMPHIS, TENN. OBJECT 100 TO 150 MILES
SOUTH AT 1000 Z 16 SEPT 60. LARGE BRIGHT BALL
50 TO 60 FEET IN DIAMETER ROSE FROM GROUND TO
ABOUT 60,000 FEET AND DISAPPEARED.

UFO SIGHTED BY SAC B-47 FLYING FROM
SHREVEPORT, LA. TO LUFKIN, TEXAS. SIGHTED IN AN
EASTERLY DIRECTION AT 1000 Z. APPEARED LIKE
A LARGE EXPLOSION.

EVALUATION: CASE CATEGORY: PROBABLY ATLAS MISSILE FIRED FROMCONCLUSION: CAPE CANAVERAL AT 1000 Z 16 SEPT 1960

IT IS CONCLUDED THAT THE OBJECT RESPONSIBLE
FOR THIS SIGHTING WAS THE ATLAS MISSILE
FIRED FROM CAPE CANAVERAL AT 1000 Z ON
16 SEPT 1960. DUE TO THE GREAT DISTANCES THE
MISSILE APPEARED TO BE AT ONLY 60,000'.

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REPLY TO
ATTN OF: AFCIN-4X2

SUBJECT: Extract from Duty Officer's Report

16 SEP 1960

TO: AFCIN-4E2 (Major Friend)

The following, extracted from Capt Picardat's Report dated 15 Sep 60, is quoted for your information:

152130 - Received telephone call on UFO from Maj Messenger at AF Comd. Post. UFO discussed is reported in message from Ramey AFB, Cite Nr. DCOI 4377. Col. Johnson at Ramey will try to identify UFO and notify SAC Cmd Post. As of 16 Sep, 0600 no identification made, per Maj Messenger.

160030 - Received the following collect UFO call from Mr. [REDACTED] in Ironton, Ohio. Call Nr. 330-35. Individual claimed to have tried contacted interested personnel since 2230 including his local CAP, but to no avail.

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ALTAIR*

"UFO sighted at 2200 in direction of Ohio River from Ironton, Ohio at about a location of 2 o'clock in the sky. UFO looks like a bright star rotating in a clockwise direction and then in a counterclockwise motion. Occasionally will go to right or left but will return to original pattern. While in a counterclockwise rotation the UFO will increase speed tremendously and a gust of light could be seen behind it. UFO still seen at time of call. In addition, a Mr. [REDACTED] a radio announcer at station WIRO in Ironton observed the UFO with Mr. [REDACTED]"

Local checks with the following were made:

1. Patterson Field
2. AACS
3. RAPCON
4. WX Balloon Release

Nothing.

AACS reported receiving a call from Indianapolis asking about a similar UFO which was heard over a radiostation near Charleston, W. Va. (Ironton is about 50 miles away).

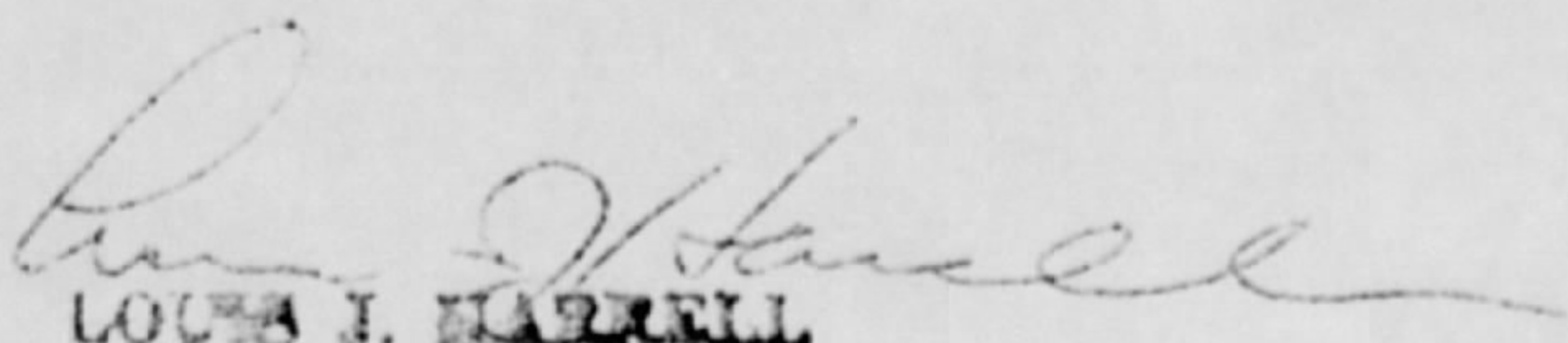
16 0600 - Received a call from AF Cmd Post on a UFO, which is as follows: UFO sighted by a SAC A/c from near Memphis, Tenn. Object 100 to 150 miles south at 1000Z 16 Sep. Large bright ball, 50 to 60 feet in dia. rose from ground to about 60,000 feet and disappeared. AF believes this to be a sighting the Atlas missile fired at 1000Z from the Cape.

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AFCIN-4X2, Extract from Duty Officer's Report, (Cont'd)

16 0710 - UFO sighted by SAC B-47 Nr. N16 Flying from Shrevport, La.
to Lufkin, Texas. Sighted in an easterly direction at 1000Z.
Appeared like a large explosion. Call from AF Comd Post.

prob ATLAS missile


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